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BEING INVITATIONAL IN A COVID WORLD

The effects of COVID are felt in the church in many ways. There are limitations in our programming, financial strain on our church membership, and the inability to do adequate pastoral and church care for the sick and grieving. One of the places we are really feeling it is in the disappearance of new people visiting and joining our church. While we always have attrition in the church due to death and moves, that attrition is normally offset (at least numerically, we can never "replace" the people we love and lose in our church) by new members joining. Most of our new members end up at Wesley because someone here invites them. But how can we be invitational when many of us are not ready to be back in person because of our own situations? One way is to pass on to others a link to our online services or an invitation to an online Bible study or Sunday school class. It may be that the most comfortable place for people, who are new to church, to check us out is to watch while at home. Normally, the beginning of the school year is a time where lots of people, who have moved to our community during the summer, begin looking for a church. If you have any new neighbors or co-workers this is still a time we can introduce them to Wesley online or in person. What better place to invite someone during the COVID shutdown than to an outdoor service at Wesley Gardens. It is a safe place for families to come enjoy the dock or the playground and be a part of a worship service. So keep being invitational, people need a relationship to Christ and a faith community more than ever right now.

We also still offer a "New and Prospective Member" class each month with an in-person or Zoom option. So if you are new to Wesley and have been connecting with us online, consider joining one of these monthly classes to learn more about our church. The next one will be September 20 & 27. Call the church office to sign up, and we will get the Zoom link out to you.

Today is a communion Sunday. With our current practices of social distancing and sanitation, we are not coming to the altar like normal. But we do take communion. That also means we have been missing our communion offerings which go to missions. Today there will be an extra plate out by the door if you would like to support this month's mission offering, Mission on the Move. Mission on the Move is an amazing ministry in Mexico and Honduras that cares for children in both places.

Ben

MORNING & AFTERNOON WORSHIP

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

8:45 & 11:00 A.M. Sanctuary

5:30 P.M. Wesley Gardens Retreat

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Opening Voluntary (8:45 & 11:00) Johann Sebastian Bach
Fantasy in C Minor, BWV 537

Welcome and Announcements Ben Martin

Welcome to worship. Thank you for joining us. Please remember to silence your cell phones and refrain from flash photography during the service. We pray this hour will be a meaningful and grace-filled encounter with God through music, word, and fellowship.

Nursery & Children's Worship: *If needed, the nursery for infants to 3 years old is located on the first floor, and Children's Worship for ages 3 to 3rd Grade is located on the second floor. At Wesley Gardens Retreat, the nursery is located in the Grey Cottage and Children's Worship is held in the Main House.*

Please register your attendance: *If you are a Wesley member or regular attendee, text @wm316 to phone number 81010 to join the Worship Service Attendance thread. If you have already joined, you will receive a text message each Sunday morning reminding you to text the total number of household members worshipping and the service you are attending or if viewing online. If this is your first time using Remind, you may be asked to complete your name, phone number, and select "parent." If you are visiting, please text your name and total number of attendees to Rev. Ben Martin, 912-547-1835.*

Offering: *To tithe, text wesleymumc to 77977 or place your offering in the offering/tithe box located at the main Sanctuary entrance or at Wesley Gardens Retreat, under the Pavilion. Online giving is also available on our website, wesleymonumental.org*

Prayer Requests: *Please email your prayer requests to Rev. Ben Martin, ben@wesleymonumental.org*

Chiming of the Hour (11:00) Owen Washburn

Lighting of the Candles The Acolytes

Opening Hymn Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
Diane Davis, soprano Karen Nickles, alto
Malinda Smith, tenor Newman Smith, baritone

"Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." Ephesians 5:19 (KJV)

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

* **Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed Jennifer Thompson
I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day He rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

* **Gloria Patri** (11:00) GREATOREX

Haley Hess, chorister Jordan Hess, chorister

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Baptismal Covenant (11:00)

Eadie Carlton Eichholz
daughter of Liz & Jason Eichholz

Congregational Response:

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Eadie as a member of
God's family and Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church. By
God's grace we will do all in our power to increase her faith, confirm
her hope, and perfect her in love that she may grow into a faithful
disciple of Jesus Christ who walks in the way that leads to life.

Doxology (11:00) OLD HUNDREDTH

Haley Hess, chorister Jordan Hess, chorister

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer Jennifer Thompson

Anthem Day by Day arr. Mark Hayes

Diane Davis, soprano Karen Nickles, alto
Malinda Smith, tenor Newman Smith, baritone

Day by day, Your mercies, Lord, attend me,
bringing comfort to my anxious soul.
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, You send me
Draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,
brings to naught the burdens of my quest;
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,
where at last I'll find eternal rest.

Day by day, I know You will provide me
Strength to serve and wisdom to obey:
I will seek Your loving will to guide me
o'er the paths I struggle day by day.
I will fear no evil of the morrow,
I will trust in Your enduring grace.
Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow
till in glory I behold Your face.

Oh, what joy to know that You are near me
when my burdens grow too great to bear;
oh, what joy to know that You will hear me
when I come, O Lord, to You in prayer.
Day by day, no matter what betide me,
You will hold me ever in Your hand.
Savior, with Your presence here to guide me,
I will reach at last the promised land.

- Lina Sandell (1865)

* **Scripture**

Jonah 3:1-10

Sermon "Jonah Series 5: A Call for National Repentance"

Ben Martin

Holy Communion

Invitation and Confession

Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

All: Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done Your will,
we have broken Your law,
we have rebelled against Your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Pastor: Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
That proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Congregation: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to our Lord and God.

Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth...

And so, with Your people on earth, and all the company of heaven we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are You, and blessed is Your Son Jesus Christ...

On the night in which He gave himself up for us, He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to His disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over He took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
That we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by His blood.

By Your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory,
and we feast at His heavenly banquet.

Through Your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in Your holy church,
All honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done,
on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom,
And the power, and the glory; For ever.
Amen.

Breaking the Bread and Cup

*We will all take communion in our pew. If you did not receive a cup on your way in,
please raise your hand and an usher or staff member will bring one to you. Following
the service, please place your cup in the trash receptacle located in the Narthex.*

*Today's communion offering is designated for Mission on the Move. If you would like to
give a donation, please place in the communion baskets located in the sanctuary.*

Prayer After Receiving

All: Eternal God, we give You thanks for this holy mystery
in which You have given Yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of Your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Closing Hymn The Lord Bless You and Keep You Peter Lutkin

Diane Davis, soprano Karen Nickles, alto
Malinda Smith, tenor Newman Smith, baritone

The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord lift His countenance upon you, and give you peace.
The Lord be gracious unto you. Amen

Benediction

Ben Martin

Closing Voluntary (8:45 & 11:00) Johann Sebastian Bach

Fugue in C Minor, BWV 537

* *Please stand as you are able.*

Following the service, please take your bulletins, masks, and all belongings with you.

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Altar Flowers

The flowers by the altar today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Aarand Roos. His son, Taavo; daughter-in-law, Meredith; and granddaughter, Mia celebrate his life and remember him in love.

Just Born

Congratulations to Liz and Jason Eichholz on the birth of a daughter, Eadie Carlton Eichholz on May 28, 2020. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Eadie.

Congratulations

Wesley Monumental congratulates Catie Ganas and Brad Aiken on their marriage, which took place August 29, 2020.

Church Office & Eli's Place Closed

The Church Office and Eli's Place will be closed tomorrow, Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day.

Messenger Deadline

The deadline to submit announcements for the October Monumental Messenger, is Tuesday, September 8. Please email items to jennifer@wesleymonumental.org

**Communion Offering Today—
Mission on the Move**

Our international missions leader, Sharlene Monahan, led a trip to Tapachula, Mexico, last October, where she and her husband, Pat, and Mission Committee chairman, Scott Cleaveland served the orphanage there. Please make checks to Wesley, earmarked "Mission on the Move." Baskets by all doors.

Today's Anthem

Lina Sandell wrote the text for today's anthem, "Day by Day," in 1865 several years after she witnessed her father's tragic drowning. Her hymn of assurance reminds us of God's enduring grace which sees us through each moment of every day.

Merry Makers September Event

On Monday, September 14, we will meet under the tent at Wesley Gardens for lunch. Join us at 11:00 a.m. to hear Rabbi Larry and Rebbitzen Eileen Greenhouse from Keren Ohr Messianic Synagogue in Bloomingtondale as they share their story of how they are Jewish and also recognize Jesus as the Messiah. Lunch will follow and the same social distancing/mask wearing practices will be observed. To make reservations, please call the church office and tell Daphne or email Jennifer Thompson at jennifert@wesleymonumental.org by this Friday, September 11 at noon.

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Attendance: (8/30/20)	
8:45 AM Worship	63
11:00 AM Worship	107
5:30 PM Worship at WG	50
Online Worship Views	110
Total Worship	330
Nursery (All 3 Svcs)	XX
Children's Worship (All 3 Svcs)	XX
Sunday School	76

Finances: (08-30-20)

Total Budget for the Year	\$1,983,419.00
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$1,178,280.04
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date.....	\$1,200,666.93

<u>Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service</u>
Acolyte: TBD
Children's Worship: Charli Weeks, Haley Herrington
Greeter: Lori Miller
Ushers: Phillip Carter, Jeff Miller
Partners in Prayer: Carmine Cowart
<u>11:00 Service</u>
Acolyte: TBD
Children's Worship: Charli Weeks, Haley Herrington
Greeters: TBD
Ushers: Brian West, Aaron Pederson, Johnny Phelps, Bart Rhodes, Don Riddle, Willie Roberds
Partners in Prayer: Sue Ellis
<u>5:30 Service</u>
Children's Worship: Charli Weeks, Haley Herrington

Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church

September 6, 2020

Sermon Extended

Monday	Jonah 1:1-2, Psalm 51:1-5	Do I feel like my sin is “ever before God”? How does that affect me?
Tuesday	Jonah 3:1-5, Luke 3:1-9	Are we hearing a call to repentance? Where? How?
Wednesday	Jonah 3:5-8, Luke 3:10-14	What does genuine repentance look like?
Thursday	Jonah 3:10, 2 Chronicles 7:13-14	Should the Church lead a call to national repentance? If so how?
Friday	Jonah 3:10-4:2, I John 1:5-10	Pray a prayer of confession today.

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

We ask you, Lord, to be with those who have been affected by the recent hurricanes and wildfires. In Your mercy, please allow the pain experienced because of loss - of life, community, material possessions, resources, security, and so much more - to be lessened by the knowledge that You never leave or forsake us. Please cover those who have experienced such loss with Your peace and Your provision.

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, September 6

8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service SNC/Online
5:30 PM Worship Service, WG

Monday, September 7

Labor Day—Church Office & Eli's Place Closed

Tuesday, September 8

9:00 AM Eli's Place
9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study, Zoom
11:00 AM Staff Mtg, OH 310
2:00 PM Prayer Group, OH

Wednesday, September 9

9:00 AM Eli's Place
7:00 PM Small Group Choir Rehearsal, SNC

Thursday, September 10

9:00 AM Eli's Place
12:00 PM Downtown Bible Study, Zoom

Friday, September 11

9:00 AM Eli's Place
6:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal, SNC

Saturday, September 12

5:30 PM Wedding, SNC

OH = Oliver Hall EB = Education Building
SNC = Sanctuary FH = Fellowship Hall
WG = Wesley Gardens Retreat

Pastor on Call This Week

Nelle Bordeaux.....912-234-9245



**Resume
September 16!**

**See insert in today's bulletin
for pricing, programming,
and how to make your
reservation.**

In Our Prayers.....

Liane Willard, Derek Fleiner, Peggy Murphy, Craig Hanson, Theresa Fields, Grace Bockes, Esther Addis (grandmother of Leslie Shor), Ella Ealy (granddaughter of Carolyn Roth), Carla Thomas, Robert and Jane Wylie (parents of Meaghan Wylie), Nancy Barnwell, Joyce English (aunt of Officer Ricky Wiggins), Ellen Atkins, Barbie Lientz, Stephen Oden (nephew of Cameron Schmitz), Rosemary Beasley, Claire Hayes, Vera Mobley (mother of Christina Varnedoe), Bryan Bost, Sherree Luke (cousin of Dan Kurtz), Mark Case, Karen Nickles, Katie Bennett (cousin of Meb Ryan), Ryan Davis, Wesley Hudson (nephew of Leigh Connor), Betty Collins (mother of Becky Ike), Andrew Brown (great nephew of Gaye Reese), Debby Warner, Norma Day (mother of Dorie Gaskin), Louise Page, Hendrick Smock (grandson of Judy Smock), Bob Franz, David Burke, Abby (granddaughter of Toni Olds), Adam Corey, Jan Nyborg, Bourke Cannon, Diane Wells, Rev. Matt Hearn, Patsy Robinson, Rita Gietzen (sister of Joyce Cole), Kathy Delaigle, Earl Goodwin (brother of Beth Adrich), Alison White (niece of Linda Sapp), George Vail, Rev. John Martin, Sr., Spencer Davis, Caroline Moore, Martha and Erv Sloan, Fenton McEvoy (son of Kate and Brian and grandson of Ron and Judy Freeman), Jim Gietzen, Randy Warner, Janice Dukeman (daughter of Erv Sloan), Chuck Brown (brother of Gail Rountree), Grace Crosby Utomo (friend of Jean Remley), Patty James, Sammy Reesman, Vivian Wilson, Richard Bartels, Mandy Hawkins & Family, Cheryl Richardson & Family, Debra Chapman (daughter-in-law of Ruth and Elton Stuenkel)

At Home/Extended Care

Roz Evans, Harriet Bland, Ann Lott, Bill Taylor, Ann Ernst, Bella Grace Bartels, Georgia Dickerson, Lois Wooten, Michael Mamalakis

Military Serving Abroad/Stateside

Jason Childers, Austin New, Jerred Pyles, Matt and Melinda Allen, Yates Holleman, Daniel Ealy, Dan Barton, Joshua Laws, Shea Murray, Charles Smock, Chris Watson, Clint Guild

In Sympathy...

*Mary Harrell,
sister-in-law of Becky Pullin*

*Glenn McClain,
uncle of Ray McClain*

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS!

Wednesday Night Supper

Starts September 16

Payment:	Weekly	Semester	Semester (pay for 13 in advance & receive 1 Wednesday free)
Nursery (Ages 0 to 3)	Free	Free	Free
Nursery (Ages 4 to K)	\$3.00	\$39.00	\$36.00
Children (1st to 5th Grade)	\$3.00	\$39.00	\$36.00
Youth (6th to 12th Grade) & Adults	\$6.00	\$78.00	\$72.00
Family Maximum	\$18.00	\$234.00	\$216.00
College Students	Free	Free	Free

WNS To-Go Meals (5:15 PM)

If you plan to pick up your meal to eat at home, to-go plates will be ready for pick up at 5:15 p.m. at the Wayne Street door.

WNS Take-Out Meals (5:30 PM)

If you plan to stay and eat, meals will be ready for pick up at 5:30 p.m. at the Wayne Street door or the window in the Fellowship Hall. Seating will be available indoors and out. Families are encouraged to eat together.

Other than while eating, please wear your mask to keep everyone healthy.

Payment Options:

- (1) Pay in advance online, wesleymonumental.org, select "online giving" at top of page.
- (2) At door, cash or checks only

To make your reservation, email the following information to daphne@wesleymonumental.org or call the church office, 912-232-0191

- (1) Names of family members attending
- (2) Specify if you would like to be added to the Weekly List or Permanent Reservation List
Permanent Reservation List means you will attend in person or pick up a "to-go" plate every Wednesday for the semester. (Reservations for a particular week may be canceled by 5 p.m. on Mondays)
Weekly List means you will notify us each week if you will attend in person or pick up a "to-go" plate.
- (3) How many meals will you need?
If your child will be in the nursery, please specify their age, and if they will or will not be eating. (This helps us provide enough caregivers)
- (4) If you plan to attend an Adult Bible/Book Study (details on back), please let us know which one and if it will be in person or Zoom.

WNS Fall Programming Details →

WNS Fall Programming

Call to Prayer (4:45—5:15 PM)

Join the Prayer Committee each Wednesday evening for a time of prayer in the Oliver Hall Parlor.

4th/5th Grade Bible Study (5:00—5:30 PM)

Through skits, games, and drills, your kids will learn how to read their Bibles and learn skills like locating passages by book, chapter, and verse, and distinguishing different types of books of the Bible.

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Joyful Noise & Children's Choirs (6:00—7:00 PM)

Children's Music for ages three years old through fifth grade

We will follow CDC guidelines and local guidance:

- ★ Small class sizes
- ★ Children spread across church property, using largest rooms available including vast Sanctuary with plenteous space for virus to dissipate
- ★ Socially-distanced, perpetually-masked children and adults, including while singing
- ★ Older children: thirty minutes in hymn rehearsal, thirty minutes in chimes/music-reading. Younger children: musical instruments, music-reading, singing
- ★ Sanitize hands before and after each activity
- ★ Children stay with same class group
- ★ Boxed dinner available for children to eat prior to rehearsal with their family at socially-distanced tables both inside and outside
- ★ Parents pick up children in rehearsal room to eliminate congestion downstairs

Registration is required by Sunday, September 6. E-mail Monica at monica@wesleymonumental.org to register.

Youth Bible Studies (6:00—7:00 PM)

Youth Bible Studies will meet every Wednesday night following church supper.

Bible and Book Studies In Person & Via Zoom (6:00—7:00 PM)

This year we will have 3 study options for adults.

- 1) "Spiritual Formation: Following the Movements of the Spirit" by Henri Nouwen, Led by Ben Martin
- 2) "The Book of Isaiah: How Do We Understand and Apply the Words of an Eighth-Century Prophet in Jerusalem to Our Lives in the Western World Today?" Led by Jennifer Thompson
- 3) Discussion-based Book Study, Led by Sandy Hunt

Please email daphne@wesleymonumental.org to sign up for a specific Adult Bible Study and indicate whether you will be attending in person or on Zoom so that we can plan accordingly.