



***Celebrating 150 Years 1868 - 2018***

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### **KEEPING YOU SAFE AT CHURCH DURING A PANDEMIC**

We are now seven months into doing church during a pandemic. None of us could have imagined all the changes we would face when the year 2020 began. From the beginning, the safety of our congregation has been at top of our list of priorities. As the virus began to spread, we made the difficult decision to stop in-person worship and activities back in March and did not resume those services until the last week in June. As we gradually reopened and restarted in-person activities, we put in place many safety protocols: sanitizing pews and high traffic areas after each service, adding touchless hand sanitizer stations, practicing social distancing, limiting our capacity, requesting the wearing of masks, removing hymnals and offering plates, and offering an option for an outdoor service. In the children's area, Charli and her team check the children's temperatures upon arrival, established the number of children each classroom can hold, wash hands frequently, and have a designated drop off and pick up area. Charli also uses an electrostatic sprayer to improve sanitation efforts on the playground.

**Last week, thanks to the anonymous generosity of a Wesley member, we added another layer of virus protection at Wesley Monumental and Eli's Place: GPS (Global Plasma Solutions) Installation! The needlepoint bipolar ionization system technology reduces airborne particles (i.e., dust, pet dander, pollen) and attacks and kills viruses, mold spores, and bacteria. GPS ionization testing results demonstrated a 99.4% reduction rate on a SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) surface strain within 30 minutes. We are so thankful to add this upgrade to all church buildings and our sanctuary.**

Our congregational safety remains our highest priority, and thanks to technology and attention to detail, we feel we can safely carry on most of our ministries. We will continue to offer various ways to participate that meet the different risk levels and vulnerability of our membership and community. We will continue all of our current safety protocols and offer in-person and online options for participation. At some point soon, we will move our outdoor evening service at Wesley Gardens back to the sanctuary. Having a third service will help us keep our numbers in any one service lower and give us the flexibility to reintroduce a small choir presence in one of our services instead of just soloist, duets, or quartets. The choir is a special part of Wesley worship and are now rehearsing in 16 person ensembles instead of a full choir. We are thankful for your participation and cooperation during this unprecedented season of church's life.

## MORNING & AFTERNOON WORSHIP

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

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

5:30 P.M. Wesley Gardens Retreat

*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Opening Voluntary** (8:45 & 11:00) Johann Pachelbel  
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

**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) Parker Hunt

**Lighting of the Candles** (11:00) The Acolytes

### Opening Hymn

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

The Church's One Foundation (8:45 & 11:00) AURELIA  
Skip Watts, bass

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is His new creation by water and the Word.  
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride;  
with His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;  
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Lord of the Dance (5:30) arr. John Rutter  
Wesley Chamber Singers



Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we  
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee

Doxology (5:30)

**Reception into Church Membership** (11:00) Nelle Bordeaux  
Megan and Joe Simpson and children,  
Benjamin, Harper, and Thomas

**Benediction** Ben Martin

**Closing Voluntary** (8:45 & 11:00) Louis Vierre  
Carillon de Westminster

\* *Please stand as you are able.*  
*Following the service, please take your bulletins, masks, and all belongings with you.*  
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### **UMC District Disaster Response**

Our United Methodist Coastal District Disaster Response Team has been called to find volunteers to help our Effingham County neighbors clean up the damage caused by heavy storms and tornadoes last Wednesday night. If you would like to volunteer your time to help with this clean up, there will be opportunities to do so over the next few weeks. The Coastal District UMCOR Coordinator, Kelly Crane, is ready to provide information regarding when and where the clean-up is taking place. Please contact her via email at: [Kelcrane@gmail.com](mailto:Kelcrane@gmail.com)

### **Christmas Greenery 2020**

The Altar Guild of Wesley Monumental is excited to offer fresh balsam greenery from Vermont for the Christmas season. Your pre-paid order will be shipped the Monday after Thanksgiving, and orders will be available for pickup in the Oliver Hall courtyard on Friday, December 4 from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Saturday, December 5 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., and the next week during the Church's normal business hours. The funds from this project are used to offset the cost of decorating the church during the Advent season. Payment is due with your order, and all orders are due by Sunday, October 11. Please make your check payable to Wesley Monumental UMC and mark it for greenery order. Drop off your form and check at the church office or mail to WMUMC, 429 Abercorn Street, Savannah, GA 31401.

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### **Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service**

**Children's Worship:** Charli Weeks, Haley Herrington

**Greeters:** Lori Miller

**Ushers:** Jeff Miller

**Partners in Prayer:** Henry Whitfield

### **11:00 Service**

**Acolyte:** Andrew Wilkes

**Children's Worship:** Charli Weeks, Haley Herrington

**Greeters:** TBD

**Ushers:** Jim Willis, Joe Zichettella, Brad Aiken, Jesse Bentley,  
Randy Blessett, Jon Boothe

**Partners in Prayer:** Gail Brannen

### **5:30 Service**

**Children's Worship:** Charli Weeks, Haley Herrington

**Partners in Prayer:** Adam Kobek

### **Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist**

#### **The Church's One Foundation**

Samuel Stone's text makes important historic and theological statements about the Church in every stanza. Christ is the foundation of the church; is diverse yet unified in Christ; it experiences strife, turmoil, heresy, schisms in its struggle to carry out God's will on earth. The last stanza is a message of hope as the earthly Church is joined under the Trinity, with the saints who have gone on to their eternal rest. The tune is by Samuel Sebastian Wesley, the grandson of Charles, the hymn writer.

- The Hymns of the United Methodist Hymnal (1989)

### **Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members**

#### **Thank You**

For all your donations and hauling last week for the Y'All Haul. Thanks to our haulers, Scott Cleaveland, Derek Llamas, Dr. Keith Ellis, Peter Delters, Edmond Anderson, and Nick Hitt, for his truck and trailer. Still needed are: a set of china; two wooden chairs; a coffee maker; a china tea pot; and framed wall art. Other household items and furniture are not needed now.

#### **Amen Handymen!**

Church members in teams come to do minor home repairs for senior members. Need a high light bulb changed? Want a minor home repair? Please call Nelle Bordeaux, 912-234-9245.

#### **What's for Supper? Cereal!**

Please bring groceries for Wesley Community Center children. Most needed are cereal, pasta, rice, grits, oatmeal, and canned fruits, canned vegetables, and canned meats. Boxes by all doors.

#### **If You Build It, They Will Come**

Construct a nursery classroom for Wesley Community Center and houses for Family Promise homeless families. Please sign up, Nelle, [tbordeaux@prodigy.net](mailto:tbordeaux@prodigy.net) or Mission Committee chairman, Scott Cleaveland, 912-598-8278.

#### **Read the Entire Bible Starting in January**

Have you always wanted to read the entire Bible? Do you want to read the Bible chronologically to see how the stories fit together? Sign up with Nelle to read the whole Bible during 2021. Children, youth, and adults all are welcome.

### **Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life**

#### **October Merry Makers—*Willkommen zum Oktoberfest!***

Monday, October 12 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Wesley Gardens, Lunch \$7. We are honored to have Margarete Froelicher-Grundmann, retired Professor of German at Armstrong Atlantic State University, as our Merry Makers speaker. Margarete is a native of Germany, but has lived in the south for 41 years. She will be sharing with us about Germans and their contributions to Georgia's coastal area. We will then enjoy grilled bratwursts and German side dishes complements of Suzanna and Jimmy.

**James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries**

*Preteens (4th & 5th Grade)*

**4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Bible Study**

All 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Graders are invited to join us for Bible Study on Wednesday afternoons from 5:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. at Wesley Monumental, right before church supper. 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.

*Youth (6th-12th Grade)*

**Confirmation**

All 6<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join us for Confirmation! The Confirmation class will meet once a month beginning in September and continue through next Spring. Classes cover the basics of the Christian faith and our Methodist heritage, leading up to students making a profession of faith in front of the church. Each month, we're offering a Sunday and a Wednesday option to attend Confirmation class. See James P. Owens for more information.

**Youth Sunday School In-person or via Zoom**

Join us each Sunday morning for youth Sunday school in person or via Zoom. Email james@wesleymonumental.org for the Zoom details.

**Youth Group at Wesley Gardens**

All 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join us for Youth Group at Wesley Gardens, Sunday afternoons from 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

**A Record of Our Faithfulness**

Attendance: (9/20/20)	
8:45 AM Worship	106
11:00 AM Worship	126
5:30 PM Worship at WG	31
Online Worship Views	120
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>383</b>
Nursery (All 3 Svcs)	X
Children's Worship (All 3 Svcs)	XX
9:45 AM Sunday School	XX

**Finances: (9/20/20)**

Total Budget for the Year .....	\$1,983,419.00
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date .....	\$1,271,818.67
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date.....	\$1,341,278.30

**CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. Ben Martin.....Senior Pastor	Tom Anderson.....Financial Manager
Rev. Nelle Bordeaux.....Outreach and New Members	Daphne Burrows.....Administrative Assistant, Reception
Rev. Jennifer Thompson.....Congregational Life	Jennifer Brookins.....Administrative Assistant to Pastoral Staff, Media Communications
Dr. Monica Dekle.....Director of Music and Organist	Suzanna King.....Director of Hospitality
Skip Watts.....Music Assistant	Nathaniel Legree.....Custodian
James P. Owens.....Director of Student Ministries	Betty Dudley..... Housekeeper
Charli Weeks.....Director of Children's Ministry	Micah Sprünger.....Wesley Gardens Property Manager
Haley Herrington.....Children's Ministry Assistant	Kenneth Hayes.....Wesley Gardens Groundskeeper/Maintenance
Jimmy Flowers.....Church Administrator	



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To assist with our website, publications and social media; please email your Wesley photos to [wesleymonumentalphotos@gmail.com](mailto:wesleymonumentalphotos@gmail.com). All photos are appreciated and do not need to be recent, "throwback" pictures encouraged!"

**Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church**

**September 27, 2020**

**Sermon Extended**

Monday	Acts 9:1-2, John 2:17	Has zeal for anything ever blinded me or consumed me?
Tuesday	Acts 9:1-9	Has any experience ever dramatically changed the way I looked at God, myself, or others?
Wednesday	Acts 9:10-19	Is there anyone who is an enemy or disagrees with me that I need to reach out to?
Thursday	Acts 9:19-25	What made Paul so effective for Jesus and what can I learn from him?
Friday	Acts 9:26-31, I Timothy 1:12-17	Why did God choose Saul? Why did God choose me?

**Sermon Notes**

**As a Praying Church...**

Lord, we pray that You would guide and bless our music ministries here at Wesley. Please bless those who teach and lead in these ministries, and bless those who learn the music so that they can lead us into deeper communion with You. Be present in their practices and in their presentations. Thank you, Lord.

**This Week at Wesley**

**Sunday, September 27**

- 8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM New Member Class, OH 205
- 11:00 AM Worship Service SNC/Online
- 3:30 PM Youth Group, WG
- 5:00 PM Youth Choir, WG Chapel
- 5:30 PM Worship Service, WG

**Monday, September 28**

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 2:00 PM Joy Circle Mtg, Zoom

**Tuesday, September 29**

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Zoom
- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study, Zoom
- 11:00 AM Staff Mtg, OH 310

**Wednesday, September 30**

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 4:30 PM Call to Prayer, OH Parlor
- 5:00 PM 4th/5th Grade Bible Study, EB 4th Flr
- 5:15 PM WNS To-Go Meals, Pick up at Wayne Street Door
- 5:30 PM WNS Take-Out Meals, Pick up at Wayne Street Door or window in Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 PM Joyful Noise Choir
- 6:00 PM Children's Choir
- 6:00 PM Youth Bible Study, EB 4th Flr
- 6:00 PM "Spiritual Formation" Study, Led by Ben Martin
- 6:00 PM "The Book of Isaiah" Study, Led by Jennifer Thompson
- 7:15 PM Wesley Chamber Singers Rehearsal, SNC

**Thursday, October 1**

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

**Friday, October 2**

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 5:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal, SNC

**Saturday, October 3**

- 6:00 PM Wedding, SNC

**Pastor on Call This Week**

Ben Martin ..... 912-547-1835

**Wednesday Night Supper:  
9/30/20**

Menu: Mexican Chicken Lasagna  
Cheesy Rice, Salad  
Children: Taquitos

**In Our Prayers.....**

Rebecca Johnson (daughter of Dan and Lynn Kurtz), Kim Rahn, Melissa Emery, Carol Ebel, Emily Davis, Bob Harman, Beth Aldrich, Liane Willard, Derek Fleiner, Peggy Murphy, Craig Hanson, Theresa Fields, Grace Bockes, Esther Ella Ealy (granddaughter of Carolyn Roth), Carla Thomas, Robert Wylie (father of Meaghan Wylie), 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 Stuenckel)

**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/Stateride**

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...*

*Judy Riddle,  
wife of Don Riddle*

*Jane Wylie,  
mother of Meaghan Wylie*

*Heather Riley,  
daughter of Linda Ferguson*

*Ellen Lynn Olson,  
mother of Hillary Edwards*