



Celebrating 150 Years 1868 - 2018

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"FAITH YOU CAN SEE"

This morning, we continue our short stewardship series of sermons entitled, "A Faith You Can See." We are focusing on how faith manifest itself in our daily living. Because one of the daily decisions we make is how we will spend our money, and as a person of faith, it is important to ask how faith affects my use of money. The Biblical concept of the tithe began with a faith-based decision. Jacob was in a difficult place in his life. His family had fallen apart because of his actions and Jacob finds himself alone, far from home, and not knowing what the future holds for him. As he slept that night, he dreamed of a ladder going to heaven and angels descending and ascending on the ladder. Then God spoke to him and made him a promise of his presence, to prosper him, and to bring him home again one day. When he awoke, Jacob said, "surely God was in this place and I didn't even know it." Jacob then made a decision of faith. Not knowing where this journey would take him or how long it would last, he made a faith commitment to God, "If you will be with me and keep me on this way I must go of all that you give me I will sure give one-tenth to you." Our stewardship campaign each year asks you to consider a commitment of faith. Not knowing where this new year will take us, but believing God is with us, we make a commitment for our financial giving to God through the church. It is an act of trusting that God will provide for me so that I can bless others. Giving then becomes an expression of faith.

You should have received a letter and estimate of giving card in the mail by now (there are also copies in the envelopes by all the doors). We hope you will prayerfully consider what it means for you to put your faith into action through your giving next year. Please fill out the estimate of giving card and return it to church office or go online and fill it out there, wesleymonumental.org. Then be intentional about realizing God's presence in your life and the ways God provides for you along the way. It is relatively easy to believe in God as a theoretical or theological idea. It is much harder to trust God enough to act on the belief that God is with me, knows my needs, hears my voice, and provides opportunities for me to put faith into practice every day in the ways I love, serve, and give.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2020
8:45 & 11:00 A.M. Sanctuary
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Opening Voluntary Lee Hastings Bristol
Variations on Old Hundredth

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.*

Please register your attendance: *If you are a Wesley member or regular attendee, text @wmumc316 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 worshiping 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. 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) Sarah Cate Green

Lighting of the Candles (11:00) The Acolytes

Opening Hymn arr. John Purifoy

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

Camille Russo, soprano Ken Rimes, bass
Stephanie Hess, mezzo-soprano Daniel Royal, bass
Barbara Jones, mezzo-soprano

He leadeth me! O blessed thought!
O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, wheree'er I be, Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me!
He leadeth me, By His own hand He leadeth me;
His faithful foll'wer I would be, For by His hand He leadeth me.
- Joseph Gilmore (1862)

* **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, treble chorister Jordan Hess, treble 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.

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer Jennifer Thompson

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 who 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.

Anthem arr. Gerald Custer

Camille Russo, soprano Ken Rimes, bass
Stephanie Hess, mezzo-soprano Daniel Royal, bass
Barbara Jones, mezzo-soprano

My shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is His name;
In pastures fresh He makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake His ways:
He leads me for His mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, Thy presence is my stay;
a word of Thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows, Thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
Oh, may Thy house be my abode, and all my work be praise!
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
no more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.

- Isaac Watts (1719); Psalm 23

* **Scripture** Luke 10:25-37

Sermon "Faith You Can See Part 2: Faith Based Mercy"
Ben Martin

Closing Hymn arr. John Purifoy

Camille Russo, soprano Ken Rimes, bass
Stephanie Hess, mezzo-soprano Daniel Royal, bass
Barbara Jones, mezzo-soprano

And when my task on earth is done,
When by Thy grace, the vict'ry's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
since God through Jordan leadeth me.
He leadeth me, By His own hand He leadeth me;
His faithful foll'wer I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.

- Joseph Gilmore (1862)

Reception into Church Membership (11:00)

Micaela and Ryan Anderson and children, Fielding and Ford

Benediction

Ben Martin

Closing Voluntary

Caprice

Daniel Gawthrop

* *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 honor of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Lee Patton who were married on November 14, 2020.

Messenger Brigade

The Messenger Brigade will meet this Thursday, November 19 at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall.

Care and Share Needs Your Help

Wesley has a group of people we call our VSP's (Very Special Persons). These are folks who are precious to our congregation but unable to attend church at this time, or at all. In our COVID world, there are more people on this list than usual, and we are looking for people who can call or visit a VSP. Would you be willing to share a little of your time with one of our folks? If so, contact Bonnie Delvers at 912-351-0814.

Lessons and Carols

Due to limited seating because of COVID restrictions and the popularity of this service, both services are full, and we are no longer taking reservations. However, both services will be livestreamed and can be enjoyed online.

Between the two Lessons and Carols services, we will have a standard Sunday morning service from 10:00 a.m. to 10:40 a.m. in the Sanctuary. This service will include the Brass Quintet and pipe organ from Lessons and Carols, Christmas vocal music, and a sermon. We will not take reservations for this service, but if you are interested in attending or have questions, please email jennifer@wesleymonumental.org.

As we look towards Christmas Eve, we are planning to have five services that day instead of our normal three to accommodate all the people we can. We will send out more details soon.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks, Haley Herrington

Greeters: Lori Miller

Ushers: Jeff Miller

Partners in Prayer: Britt Griffin

11:00 Service

Acolyte: Julia Grabowski

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks, Haley Herrington

Greeters: TBD

Ushers: Brian West, Adam Hess, Dan Hoey, Bill Hunter

Partners in Prayer: Sue Ellis

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

He Leadeth Me

On a Wednesday evening, Joseph Gilmore was preaching at a mid-week prayer service on the topic of Psalm 23. He wrote later, "I set out to give the people an exposition of the 23rd Psalm, but I got no further than the words 'He leadeth me.' Those words took hold of me as they had never done before. I saw in them a significance and beauty of which I had never dreamed...At the close of the meeting a few of us kept on talking about the thoughts which I had emphasized; and then and there, on a back page of my sermon notes, I penciled the hymn just as it stands today, handed it to my wife, and thought no more of it...She sent it without my knowledge to the *Watchman and Reflector* magazine, and there it first appeared in print December 4, 1862." (*Psalter Hymnal Handbook*)

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Please Pray for and Give Ideas: Job Search

Young honor student set to graduate from Savannah State University next month needs full-time job. Law firm receptionist is her hope. Ideas, Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Personalized Bible— What a Meaningful Christmas Present!

Sign up with Nelle to read the entire Bible chronologically in 2021. Order a chronological Bible by today, Sunday, November 15, \$33, plus an additional \$7 for your name on the front. Children, youth, and adults are welcome. Read the Bible as a family!

Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life

Merry Makers Christmas Party

Please don your holiday clothing and come celebrate Christmas at Wesley Gardens, Monday, December 14 from 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. We will be doubly treated to a festive meal of prime rib, potatoes au gratin, roasted asparagus, and individual molten lava cakes prepared by Suzanna and seasonal musical entertainment by an ensemble comprised of our own Wesley choir members! Please know that we will continue our commitment to social distancing, mask wearing, and safe meal service. RSVP to Jennifer Thompson by Thursday, December 11 at jennifert@wesleymonumental.org or by texting her at 229-726-7735. Or, you can let Daphne know in the church office.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

Nativity Pageant

Every year we look forward to the Nativity Pageant presented by our elementary children. This year the pageant will be on Wednesday, December 16.

James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries

Youth (6th-12th Grade)

Confirmation

Our 2020-2021 Confirmation class has begun! The Confirmation class is meeting once a month. Our two options for November’s class are today (11/15) and Wednesday (11/18). 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 & Youth Choir

Starting November 1, all 6th-12th graders are invited to join us for Youth Group Sunday afternoons from 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. and Youth Choir from 5:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Attendance: (11/08/20)	
8:45 AM Worship	67
11:00 AM Worship	184
Online Worship Views	146
Total Worship	397
Nursery (All 3 Svcs)	XX
Children’s Worship (All 3 Svcs)	XX
9:45 AM Sunday School	80

Finances: (11/08/20)

Total Budget for the Year	\$1,983,419.00
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$1,493,398.27
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date.....	\$1,564,588.90

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	



Follow us on social media @wesleymonumental and use our hashtag #wesleymonumental when sharing your Wesley moments!

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

Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church

November 15, 2020

Sermon Extended

Monday	Luke 10:25-28	How would I answer the lawyer's question?
Tuesday	Luke 10:29	Who is my neighbor? Who am I called to love?
Wednesday	Luke 10:30-32	Am I intentionally avoiding anyone in need?
Thursday	Luke 10:33	What moves my heart to compassion?
Friday	Luke 10:36-37	What does faith have to do with this story?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

We ask you, Lord, to give us grateful hearts. Allow us to open our eyes to see the good and the joy in our world, and help us to be thankful for our many blessings. Remind us to give you all of the glory. Thank you for loving us.

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, November 15

- 8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM New Member Class, OH
- 10:00 AM Confirmation Class
- 11:00 AM Worship Service SNC/Online
- 3:30 PM Youth Group, EB 4th Floor
- 5:00 PM Youth Choir, SNC

Monday, November 16

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 2:00 PM Courtney Gaines Circle, FH

Tuesday, November 17

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study, Zoom
- 11:00 AM Staff Mtg, OH 310
- 2:00 PM Care & Share
- 5:30 PM Finance Mtg, Zoom

Wednesday, November 18

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben
- 4:30 PM Call to Prayer, OH Parlor
- 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 Confirmation Class
- 6:00 PM Susanna Wesley Circle, OH 310
- 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, November 19

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 10:00 AM Messenger Brigade, OH 310
- 12:00 PM Downtown Bible Study, Zoom

Friday, November 20

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place

Pastor on Call This Week

Ben Martin 912-547-1835

In Our Prayers.....

Lucy Driscoll, Barbara Burnett, Ken McDuffee (son of Annelle McDuffee), Wesley Woods, Joe Cain, Joel Williams, Carol Ebel, Dallas Hunter, George Durden (brother-in-law of Gary Kornegay), Will Hamilton, Ceil Waters, Bill Gardner, Richard Wallace (son of Susan and Dick Wallace), Dave Fleiner (father of Derek Fleiner), Becky West, Virginia Davis, Kim Rahn, Bob Harman, Beth Aldrich, Liane Willard, Craig Hanson, Theresa Fields, Grace Bockes, Ella Ealy (granddaughter of Carolyn Roth), Carla Thomas, The Family of Meaghan Wylie, Joyce English (aunt of Officer Ricky Wiggins), Ellen Atkins, Stephen Oden (nephew of Cameron Schmitz), Rosemary Beasley, Claire Hayes, Vera Mobley (mother of Christina Varnedoe), Bryan Bost, Katie Bennett (cousin of Meb Ryan), Ryan Davis, Andrew Brown (great nephew of Gaye Reese), Debby Warner, Norma Day (mother of Dorie Gaskin), Louise Page, 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), Sammy Reesman, Vivian Wilson, Richard Bartels, Mandy Hawkins and Family, Cheryl Richardson and Family, Debra Chapman (daughter-in-law of Ruth and Elton Stuenckel)

At Home/Extended Care

Peggy Murphy, 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

**Wednesday Night Supper:
11/18/20**

Menu: BBQ Pork, Mac & Cheese,
Cole Slaw
Children: Chicken Nuggets &
Mac & Cheese