



Celebrating 153 Years 1868 - 2021

429 Abercorn Street, Savannah, GA 31401
Telephone: 912-232-0191 Fax: 912-236-4247
Website: www.wesleymonumental.org

January 17, 2021

**Happy Birthday Wesley Monumental UMC,
153 Years and Counting**

In January of 1868, at the request of the Trinity Methodist Church, the Rev. D.D. Cox was appointed to be a missionary for a new charge in Savannah. On January 19, 1868 on his third Sunday meeting, he organized Wesley Church with 54 members. He began with one small room to carry on his work and soon after Trinity offered Rev. Cox a little church on Drayton Street between Wayne and Gordon Street. In January 1874, Rev. A.M. Wynn began to cast his dream of building a new church as a "monumental edifice to commemorate John and Charles Wesley." Ground was broken on June 30, 1875 and the estimated cost of the sanctuary was \$75,000. Money was raised from Methodist from every section of the country. After much struggle and sacrifice, the congregation moved in and dedicated the building on March 30, 1890.

What is not talked about in that bit of history is that in 1868 America was barely over the Civil War, and there was still great political, racial, economic, and social division. In 1876, the Yellow Fever epidemic in Savannah took the lives of 6% of the population. In today's numbers that would be over 8,000 deaths in Savannah alone and over 16,000 in Chatham County (compare that to 251 COVID deaths). And yet in the middle of that, the founders of Wesley Monumental kept the faith and built a congregation and a church, that for 153 years now, has been sharing the love of Christ in this community and beyond.

We look at this time in our history as a very difficult one with the COVID pandemic, the country rocked by social unrest culminating in the appalling riot in Washington. We wonder where is all this going? Will we ever get a handle on this pandemic? How can we reunite our country that is so divided? But, the question for us remains, how can we continue to share the love of Christ in this community? How can we model what it means to care for the hurting and grieving? How can we model unity in our diversity and respect for each other even when we disagree? How can we be a catalyst for social justice? How can we be a witness for the love of Christ for all people? Our 154th year is our most important year, because it is the only one we have any control over. We can't change the past, but we must remember it. We can't control the future, but we must hope for it. But we can live with faith, hope, and love in the present, and that can make all the difference in the world for those whose lives we touch this year.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021

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

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Opening Voluntary

C. M. Von Weber

Allegro ma non troppo from Concerto for Bassoon, Op. 75

Noah Eastman, bassoonist

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 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. 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)

Madeleine Hall

Lighting of the Candles (11:00)

The Acolytes

Opening Hymn

arr. Dino Kartsonakis

Amazing Grace - NEW BRITAIN

Rodney Powers, pianist

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

* Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed Nelle Bordeaux

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.

Altar Flowers

If you would like to give Sunday altar flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, please contact Jennifer Brookins in the church office, 912-232-0191 or jennifer@wesleymonumental.org. The cost is \$85, and the Altar Guild will purchase and arrange the flowers for you. The following dates in January and February are available: January 24 and February 7.

Eli's Place and Church Office Closed

Eli's Place and the Church Office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, January 18 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Messenger Brigade

The Messenger Brigade will meet this Thursday, January 21 at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall Room 310.

Attention All Adults.....Don't Miss Out on Wednesday Nights!

Have you ever wanted to understand the Old Testament better? Come join Jennifer Thompson on the second floor of Oliver Hall (or via Zoom) from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. on Wednesday nights as she leads the *Epic of Eden: Understanding the Old Testament* study by Dr. Sandra Richter. This study will help you:

- Gain a rich understanding of the context in which the Old Testament was written
- Learn to make sense of all the Old Testament parts, pieces, and stories
- Discover the present-day implications of Scripture's big story.

This will be a hybrid class (both in person and on Zoom). If you would like for Jennifer to send you a Zoom "invite" for this class, please email her at jennifert@wesleymonumental.org. Jennifer will be passing out copies of the study book to those meeting in person, or she can email a copy of the PDF of the book to those planning to meet via Zoom.

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: Jan Harmon

Ushers: Jim Willis, Vin Thomas, Christian Valdez, Matt West

Partners in Prayer: Adam Kobek

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

Noah Eastman is a junior at Savannah Arts Academy. He has played bassoon for four years, and is planning on becoming a music performance major in college. Some of Noah's biggest achievements include being first chair in the 2020 GMEA All State Band and participating in the Juilliard Summer Winds.

Raymond Patricio is a life-long music educator and retired principal. He and his wife, Gretchen, are long-time Wesley members where he teaches children in choir and helps with the church's audio ministry. Raymond has been Noah's bassoon teacher the past four years.

"Sonic Spectacle"

Today, Sunday, January 17 at 5:00 p.m.

Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist in Savannah

Four of Savannah's Best Organists put the Cathedral's Noack Organ Through its Paces. The directors of music from Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church (Monica Dekle), St. John's Church (Stephen Branyon), Christ Church (Timothy Hall), and the Cathedral (Paul Thornock) are joined by the Cathedral Brass for an evening of very big music! The four organists will take turns putting the Noack organ through its paces and conducting the full ensemble in works of Strauss, Gigout, and others.

Tickets: free. Reservation required due to social-distancing requirements. For tickets, call the Cathedral office at 912-233-4709 or visit www.eventbrite.com, search for "Sonic Spectacle," and enter code WMSS20

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Family Mission Project - Desks for Urban Hope Children

Come assemble wood desks to help children learn! This Saturday, January 23 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. All ages welcome. Sign up with Nelle Bordeaux. See the prototype built by Woody Brown in the Fellowship Hall.

Amen, Handymen - Need a Minor Home Repair?

Teams of members assist seniors with a to-do list. To give or receive help, call Nelle, 912-234-9245.

Read the Bible

All are welcome, even if you're not yet sure whether you want to read the entire Bible, 9:45 a.m. Sundays, Fellowship Hall or Zoom. Sign up with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life

Grief Share

Grief can present itself in many ways for many reasons. It can catch us off guard, and it can affect our lives. Jennifer Thompson will be starting a 13-week Grief Share group for anyone who wants to obtain practical and spiritual tools to help with grief management while, at the same time, being with others who are in similar situations. Please contact Jennifer at jennifert@wesleymonumental.org if you, or someone you know, are interested in joining this group. She will then work with scheduling the group meetings which will begin on Zoom but have the potential of changing to an in-person format as the COVID numbers become safer.

Merry Makers - SAVE THE DATE

Don't miss our Merry Makers Valentines Luncheon on Monday, February 8, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the church. The cost is \$7. Come dressed in Valentines colors ready to enjoy good food, fellowship, and a great program!

James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries

Preteen (4th & 5th Grade)

4th and 5th Grade Sunday School Room Change

Attention 4th and 5th grade parents! Our Sunday school classroom has moved down the hall to Room 304.

Youth (6th-12th Grade)

Youth Choir and Youth Group

No Youth Choir today however, Youth Group will meet from 4:30 p.m.—6:00 p.m. Youth Choir will resume next Sunday, January 24 from 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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.



A Record of Our Faithfulness

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Attendance: (1/10/21) | |
| 8:45 AM Worship | XX |
| 11:00 AM Worship | 135 |
| Online Worship Views | 180 |
| Total Worship | XXX |
| Nursery (All 3 Svcs) | X |
| Children's Worship (All 3 Svcs) | XX |
| 9:45 AM Sunday School | 52 |

Finances: (1/10/21)

| | |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Total Budget for the Year | \$1,983,419.00 |
| Actual Revenues Year-to-Date | \$55,605.35 |
| Actual Expenses Year-to-Date..... | \$59,834.41 |

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

January 17, 2021

Sermon Extended

| | | |
|-----------|---------------------|---|
| Monday | Genesis 37:12-36 | Have I been deeply hurt by anyone? How has it affected me? |
| Tuesday | Genesis 45:4-8 | Has God ever redeemed a hurtful event for my good? If so how? |
| Wednesday | Romans 12:17-21 | Have I released my hurt and bitterness at someone to God? |
| Thursday | 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 | Have my hurts made me better able to help others who are hurt? |
| Friday | Luke 4:18-19 | How does this verse speak to Jesus's mission to overcome our hurts? |

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

We ask you, Lord, to grant us your peace and to realize that you are the one in control of all things.

Daily Chronological Bible Readings for 2021

Please sign up with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net, to read the entire Bible; all are welcome.

| | |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| Sunday, January 17 | Genesis 38-40 |
| Monday, January 18 | Genesis 41-43 |
| Tuesday, January 19 | Genesis 44-46 |
| Wednesday, January 20 | Genesis 47-50 |
| Thursday, January 21 | Catch-Up Day |
| Friday, January 22 | Job 1-5 |
| Saturday, January 23 | Job 6-9 |
| Sunday, January 24 | Job 10-13 |

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, January 17

- 8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 4:30 PM Youth Group, EB 4th Flr

Monday, January 18

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Eli's Place & Church Office Closed

- 2:00 PM Courtney Gaines Circle, OH Parlor
- 6:00 PM Trombone Choir

Tuesday, January 19

- 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

Wednesday, January 20

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, Zoom
- 4:30 PM Call to Prayer, OH Parlor
- 5:00 PM WNS To-Go Meals, WS Door
- 5:30 PM WNS Take-Out Meals, Pick up WS Door or FH
- 6:00 PM Joyful Noise Choir
- 6:00 PM Children's Choir
- 6:00 PM Youth Bible Study, EB 4th Flr
- 6:00 PM "Answers to the Big Questions" Study, Led by Ben Martin, FH
- 6:00 PM "The Epic of Eden" Study, Led by Jennifer Thompson, OH 2nd Floor
- 7:15 PM Wesley Chamber Singers Rehearsal, SNC

Thursday, January 21

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

Friday, January 22

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place

Saturday, January 23

- 10:00 AM Family Mission Project, Wayne Street

Pastor on Call This Week

Ben Martin 912-547-1835

| |
|--|
| <p>Wednesday Night Supper January 20, 2021</p> <p>Menu: TBD TBD TBD Children: TBD</p> |
|--|

In Sympathy....

Atiya Alvi,
grandmother of
Marvee McKenzie & Shazi Edmonds

Roney Fred Allen,
grandfather of Laura Johnson Lee

In Our Prayers....

Danielle Martin, Joe Gold, Jerry Comunate (brother-in-law of Cynthia Willett), Shannon Hollis, Grover Bell, Mario Delfiaco (brother of Cynthia Willett), Joyce Cole, Lamar Allen, Jennifer Hodges, The Family of Oscar and Donna Cook, Rodney Powers, Jack Coakley (infant son of Alice Ann and John Coakley and grandson of Anne and Jake Coakley), Jared Holt (son of Rusty Holt), Lucy Driscoll, Wesley Woods, Dean Muenckler, Barbara Burnett, Ken McDuffee (son of Annelle McDuffee), Joe Cain, Joel Williams, George Durden (brother-in-law of Gary Kornegay), Will Hamilton, Ceil Waters, Bill Gardner, Dave Fleiner (father of Derek Fleiner), 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, 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, 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

At Home/Extended Care

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

Military Serving Abroad/Stateside

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