



Celebrating 153 Years 1868 - 2021

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GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Over these last few weeks in the life of our church, we have celebrated several of life's milestones or rites of passage. We recognized all the infants born in our church, we celebrated baptism, we had a service of confirmation for some of our youth, we welcomed new families into our church, we said to goodbye with blessings to some of our members who are moving, celebrated weddings, and finally today, we recognize our graduates who are taking one of the biggest steps in life. We mark these steps of life's journey with times of worship as a constant reminder that God is with us all along our journey. The incarnation reminds us that God is with us and the resurrection tells us that God goes ahead of us and will meet us when we get where we are going. As we journey through life, we walk in faith and not always by sight. It is so often the case that God doesn't show us the outcome, He simply shows us the way and says follow me.

Today we give thanks for the families, teachers, friends, and church that have been God's instruments of grace in the lives of these graduates, and we commit ourselves to hold them in our prayers as they follow where God leads next.

High School Graduates

Emma Kate Blessett

daughter of Randy and Chantana Blessett

Davis Evans

son of King and Kelly Evans

Jordan Lee Schooley

daughter of Richard and Carmen Schooley

College & Graduate School Graduates

Nicole Ebel

Georgia Southern University (Doctor of Physical Therapy)
daughter of Chad and Carol Ebel

Elizabeth Faulk

Georgia Institute of Technology
daughter of Will and Joanne Faulk

Taylor Faulk

Dental College of Georgia at Augusta State University
son of Will and Joanne Faulk

Anna Pridemore

University of New Haven (Master of Science in Criminal Justice)

William Hurley Ryan III

Dickinson College
son of Hurley and Meb Ryan

MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2021
8:45 & 11:00 A.M.
Seventh Sunday of Easter

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 drop off children at the Wayne Street door for temperature checks.*

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)

Sarah Cate Green

Opening Voluntary

Gavotte

Edward Elgar

Lighting of the Candles (11:00)

The Acolytes

Introit (11:00)

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord, and thus surround the throne.
We're marching to Zion, beautiful Zion;
We're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

- Isaac Watts (1707)

Youth Choir

* **Hymn No. 158** Come, Christians, Join to Sing SPANISH HYMN

* **Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed James P. Owens

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** GREATOREX

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.

Graduate Recognition James P. Owens

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer James P. Owens

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.

Voluntary (8:45) May Breezes Felix Mendelssohn

Anthem (11:00) arr. Mack Wilberg

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Youth Choir and Chancel Choir

Come, Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace.
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I come,
And I hope by Thy good pleasure safely to arrive at home.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God.
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

O to grace, how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness like a fetter bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

- Robert Robinson (1758); 1 Samuel 7:12

* **Scripture** (Pew Bible, pg. 78) Luke 15:11-32

Sermon "Life Is a Far Country" Ben Martin

* **Hymn Insert** He Keeps Me Singing

Benediction Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00) Turner

May the road rise up to meet you, May the wind blow at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face.
May the rain fall softly on your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

- Gaelic blessing

Youth Choir and Chancel Choir

Closing Voluntary Edward Elgar

Pomp and Circumstance, Op. 39

* *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 all of the church members and staff.

Congratulations

Wesley Monumental congratulates Joy Yost and Juan Lee on their marriage which took place May 8, 2021 at Wesley Gardens Retreat.

Thank You

The family of Joyce Cole would like to say thank you for all of the meals, cards, phone calls, and visits over the past few weeks. It has meant so much.

Alpha and Ivy Sunday School Curriculum

The Cokesbury quarterly Sunday school curriculum for Alpha and Ivy classes will be on the front pew on Sunday morning. If you are able, would you please pick it up and help the church save on postage. And, if you would like to hand deliver someone else's book, that would be great too! Any books still left at the church will be mailed by May 24.

Messenger Brigade

The Messenger Brigade will meet this Thursday, May 20 at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall Room 205. Extra hands are always needed to fold, seal, and label the newsletters (over 650 copies!) in preparation for mailing. If you would like to help, please email jennifer@wesleymonumental.org.

New Member Course

Today, Sunday, May 16 and next Sunday, May 23 at 10:00 a.m. Call the church office to sign up, 912-232-0191. Class will join May 23. Nursery provided.

Administrative Board Meeting

The next meeting will take place next Monday, May 24 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom. The Zoom link and additional items will be emailed to board members on Friday, May 21.

Grief Share Dates Set!

Our *Grief Share* group will begin soon. Please let Jennifer Thompson know if you are interested by emailing jennifert@wesleymonumental.org or calling the church office. We will have an informational meeting on Monday night, May 24 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. This will provide information about the format of our meetings and the book participants will need to purchase for the program. If you cannot attend this first meeting, please email Jennifer Thompson and she will get you the necessary information and add you to the email list which will provide you with the Zoom link. We will begin the actual group meetings on Monday night, June 7, and will continue for the 13 Monday nights through June, July, and August. Anyone can join us. You do not have to be a church member and, because we are hosting this first group via Zoom, you don't even have to live in Savannah or in the same time zone. If you have experienced grief in any way, prayerfully consider participating in *Grief Share*.

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: Mary Margaret Carroll

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks, Haley Herrington

Greeters: Kim and Mehmet Ergul

Ushers: Mehmet Ergul, Aaron Pederson, Johnny Phelps, Bobo Mullens

Partners in Prayer: Gaye Reese Holt

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

Happy Birthday Camille O'Neill

Today's closing hymn, "He Keeps Me Singing," is one of Camille O'Neill's favorite hymns. Thank you to Kathy Levitt for the idea of honoring Camille on her birthday weekend with the surprise of her favorite hymn sung in her favorite church. We rejoice that Kathy, along with Camille's family, joins her in worship today.

Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life

Who wants to go to the dinner theater?

Did we EVER think we would hear those words again?! Merry Makers will be taking a trip to the Alhambra Dinner Theater in Jacksonville, Florida on Saturday, September 11, 2021 to see *The Sound of Music*. This will be an all-day affair with the travel, lunch, and show. We will leave the church at 8:00 a.m. and return by approximately 8:00 p.m. The cost of lunch, show, and transportation is \$90. Due to the popularity of this show and the possible need to rent another van, we need to make reservations as soon as possible. *Please turn in your name and payment to the church office or to Jennifer Thompson by Monday, May 24.* Further details about the trip will follow.

Merry Makers Trip to Hofwyl-Broadfield Plantation and Lunch

Thursday, June 10, 2021. Hey, Merry Makers, let's take a day trip! Hofwyl-Broadfield Plantation is a beautiful plantation in Darien which represents the history and culture of Georgia's rice coast. While there we will visit the museum, watch a film, and tour the buildings on the plantation property. We are able to drive from the museum to the plantation site to limit the amount of walking required. When we are finished, we will eat a yummy, fresh seafood lunch at Mudcat Charlie's right on the Altamaha River in Darien, GA. If you don't eat seafood, no worries, there are plenty of options! You can check out the menu at <https://www.facebook.com/Mudcat-Charlies-1571299363129681/>

For those riding the NEW church bus (which has seats with a center aisle), we will leave from the church at 8:00 a.m. to go to the Hofwyl-Broadfield Plantation in Darien. We can accommodate 15 people on the bus. Those seats will be available to the first 15 people who let me know that they need one. Those who plan to drive can follow the bus or meet us at the plantation at 9:30 a.m. The cost of the trip is \$7 for entrance to the plantation, \$10 to help pay for gas if you ride the bus, plus the cost of lunch. Please sign up for the trip by Wednesday, June 2 by emailing Jennifer Thompson (jennifert@wesleymonumental.org) or calling the church office.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

Vacation Bible School

The week of June 14 -18 the Wesley Gardens Retreat becomes our base camp as we dig into what it means to be *treasured* by God. Be prepared for games, snacks, Bible stories, interesting experiments, crafts, team projects, music, and FUN! VBS is for children 3 years old through 5th grade. Our day begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 12 noon. Register today at www.myvbs.org/wesleymonumental (the preferred enrollment period for Wesley members ends today).



Summer Fun Daze

Summer Fun Daze registration forms were emailed to families with children in kindergarten – 3rd grade. This year's camp will be held the week of July 26 – 30 at the Wesley Gardens Retreat Center. Our theme is MISSION POSSIBLE. We'll be traveling the world to hear how amazing people are obeying Jesus' words to, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to everyone, everywhere." Email charli@wesleymonumental.org if you have questions.

James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries

Youth (Grades 6th-12th)

Youth Sunday School Teachers Needed

We are looking for one or two individuals or couples to teach Youth Sunday school on a rotational basis, teaching about twice a month. Our youth group is easy-going, fun, and full of stories ... and it's the only Sunday school class with its own rubber chicken!

Youthworks Mission Trip to Birmingham, AL, July 18-23

We are planning a mission trip with Youthworks, July 18-23, to Birmingham, AL, where we will work with needy children and families. If you have been on one of our Youthworks trips in the past, you now how great they are! Email James P. Owens, james@wesleymonumental.org for more information.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Groceries for Wesley Community Center

Most needed this week is cereal.

Spring Tea Honoring New Members and Shepherds

Saturday, May 22 at the home of Grace and Curtis Grund, 526 East 41st Street, 3:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. Sign up with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net or 912-232-0191.



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (5/9/21)	
8:45 AM Worship	81
11:00 AM Worship	305
Online Worship Views	125
Total Worship	511
Nursery	25
Children's Worship	34
Sunday School	82

Finances: (5/9/21)

Total Budget for the Year	\$1,983,419.00
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$743,382.36
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$699,626.15

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
Rev. James P. Owens...Director of Student Ministries	Betty Dudley..... Housekeeper
Charli Weeks.....Director of Children's Ministry	Micah Sprunger.....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. All photos are appreciated and do not need to be recent, "throwback" pictures encouraged!"

Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church

May 16, 2021

Sermon Extended

Monday	Luke 15:11-19	What happened the last time life took me somewhere new?
Tuesday	Luke 15:20-24	What does this story tell me about God?
Wednesday	Luke 15:25-32	Am I harboring resentment that holds me back?
Thursday	Luke 15:11-21	What does this story tell me about me? About my relationship to God?
Friday	Hebrews 11:8-16	Is there a step of faith I need to take?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

Please bless the construction ministry as Nick Hitt leads us in building four houses for Family Promise families' first homes and also Tiny Houses for homeless veterans, in His name, Amen.

Daily Chronological Bible Readings for 2021

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

Sunday, May 16	Psalms 108-109
Monday, May 17	1 Chronicles 23-26
Tuesday, May 18	Psalms 131; 138-139; 143-145
Wednesday, May 19	1 Chronicles 27-29; Psalm 68
Thursday, May 20	Catch-Up Day
Friday, May 21	Psalms 111-118
Saturday, May 22	1 Kings 1-2; Psalms 37; 71; 94
Sunday, May 23	Psalm 119:1-88

Guest Sign-In Form

Guests - pretty please with sugar on top - fill out form and place in offering box located by the door.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ Zip code _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, May 16

Graduate Recognition

- 8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM New Member Class, OH
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 4:30 PM Youth Group, EB 4th Flr

Monday, May 17

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place

Tuesday, May 18

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

Wednesday, May 19

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH 310/Zoom
- 7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, SNC

Thursday, May 20

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

Friday, May 21

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 11:15 AM Eli's Place Graduation, SNC

Saturday, May 22

- 3:00 PM Spring Tea for New Members & Shepherds, Grund Residence

Pastor on Call This Week

Ben Martin912-547-1835

**Sunday Night Supper & Worship
at Wesley Gardens Retreat**

Begins Sunday, June 6 with worship in the chapel at 5:30 p.m. and dinner following in the main house at 6:15 p.m. We hope to see you there!

In Our Prayers....

Olin Bockes, Butch Cremeans (father of Mathew Cremeans), Michael Mamalakis, Mark Lanier (son of Ellison Lanier), Ronald Duell (father of Melinda Sorter), Louis Burnsed (brother of Marilyn Hitt), Bob Owens (father of Kim Keaton), Frances Hughes (friend of Marilyn Holleman), Mike K. Grabowski (father of Michael Grabowski), Matthew Yost, Diane Coleman (friend of Carmine Cowart), Shirley Roberts, Carla Corn (mother of Sarah Shelby), Doug Stutzman, Brian Allen, Clif Cooper, Katherine Burton (niece of Cindy Burton), Sara Francis Thrasher (grandmother of Reanna Hamilton), Martha Mills (grand-mother of T.J. Hollis), Alyssa Jones (granddaughter of Rusty Holt), Joe Gold, Jerry Comunate (brother-in-law of Cynthia Willett), Mario Delfiaccio (brother of Cynthia Willett), Jennifer Hodges, Jared Holt (son of Rusty Holt), Barbara Burnett, Ken McDuffee (son of Annelle McDuffee), Joe Cain, Kim Rahn, Bob Harman, Ella Ealy (granddaughter of Carolyn Roth), Carla Thomas, The family of Meaghan Wylie, Claire Hayes, Bryan Bost, Ryan Davis, Andrew Brown (great nephew of Gaye Reese), Debby Warner, Adam Corey, Rita Gietzen (sister of Joyce Cole), Earl Goodwin (brother of Beth Adrich), Alison White (niece of Linda Sapp), John Martin, Sr., Martha and Erv Sloan, Fenton McEvoy, Randy Warner, Janice Dukeman (daughter of Erv Sloan), Chuck Brown (brother of Gail Rountree), Grace Crosby Utomo (friend of Jean Remley)

At Home/Extended Care

Cecil Abarr, Bella Grace Bartels, Richard Bartels, Harriet Bland, Grace Boches, Virginia Davis, Ann Ernst, Roz Evans, Ann Lott, Peggy Murphy, Patsy Robinson, Ellie Tardif, Bill Taylor, George Vail, Lois Wooten

Military Serving Abroad/Stateside

Doug Snelling, Derek Mills, Matt and Melinda Allen, Jason Childers, Daniel Ealy, Clint Guild, Yates Holleman, Joshua Laws, Austin New, Jerred Pyles, Charles Smock, Chris Watson

He Keeps Me Singing

LUTHER B. BRIDGERS

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1. There's within my heart a mel - o - dy Je - sus whis-pers sweet and low,
2. All my life was wrecked by sin and strife, Dis-cord filled my heart with pain,
3. Feast - ing on the rich-es of His grace, Resting 'neath His shelt'ring wing,
4. Tho' sometimes He leads thro' waters deep, Tri - als fall a - cross the way,
5. Soon He's com-ing back to wel-come me Far be - yond the star - ry sky;



Fear not, I am with thee, peace, be still, In all of life's ebb and flow.
Je - sus swept across the broken strings, Stirred the slumb'ring chords again.
Al - ways look - ing on His smil - ing face, That is why I shout and sing.
Tho' sometimes the path seems rough and steep, See His footprints all the way.
I shall wing my flight to worlds un-known, I shall reign with Him on high.



CHORUS.



Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus,— Sweet - est name I know,



Fills my ev - 'ry long - ing, Keeps me sing - ing as I go. A-MEN.

