



Celebrating 153 Years 1868 - 2021

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PENTECOST AND ALDERSGATE DAY

Today is Pentecost Sunday. Fifty days after Easter we remember the promised coming of the Holy Spirit upon the first followers of Jesus. It was the Holy Spirit that transformed the first disciples into the leaders who built a church that unified people across the barriers of culture, ethnicity, theology, gender, economics, and social standing. On the day of Pentecost, people from "every nation under heaven" all heard a universal language that lifted up Jesus and brought people together. They soon would be described as being "of one heart and one mind." This group of believers were described by their enemies as "turning the world upside down." Which was exactly what Jesus intended to do. To turn upside down our way of thinking about who and what is truly important.

All down through history there have been "moves of the Spirit" that repeated that same power of uniting people around the love of God in Christ. One of those outpourings of the Spirit was upon the people called Methodist. It really began on May 24, 1738 when John Wesley's life was transformed by what he called his "heartwarming" experience. The early Methodist movement found its momentum by uniting people across many social and economic boundaries. Wesley defined a "Methodist" as someone who "loved God with all their heart, soul, strength, and mind, and loved their neighbor as themselves." Love has always been the universal language that holds the power to unite people. There has never been a time in history that we more needed another unifying outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the church, our nation, and our world. Pray for the Holy Spirit to be poured out on us again and for the world to experience the love of God in Jesus Christ as it is modeled by us His followers.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2021
8:45 & 11:00 A.M.
Pentecost

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*

Opening Voluntary

arr. Craig Phillips

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Lighting of the Candles (11:00)

The Acolytes

Introit (11:00)

Let All the World

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King.
The heavens are not too high, His praise may thither fly:
The earth is not too low, His praises there may grow.
The church with psalms must shout, No door can keep them out.
But above all, the heart Must bear the longest part.

- * **Hymn No. 539** O Spirit of the Living God FOREST GREEN

- * **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.

- * **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.

Baptismal Covenant (11:00)

Peter Jay Mills
son of Laura and John Mills

Congregational Response:

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Peter 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 his faith,
confirm his hope, and perfect him in love that he may grow into
a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ who walks in the way that
leads to life.

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Nelle Bordeaux

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) Everytime I Feel the Spirit arr. Dino Kartsonakis

Anthem (11:00) Operator arr. Kirby Shaw
Claire Watts, mezzo-soprano

Operator, information, give me long distance, give me heaven.
Oh operator, information, give me Jesus on the line.
Operator, information, I'd like to speak with a friend of mine.
Prayer is the number, faith is the exchange,
heaven is the city, Jesus is the name.
Operator, information, tell me why it's taking so long.
Operator, information, don't try to tell me what number to call.
My mother used this number when I was very small,
and every time she dialed it, she always got a call.
Operator, information, please give me Jesus on the line.
Operator, information, please help me if you can.
Operator, information please connect me with the Man.
Don't worry about the money, I will pay the charge.
Just give me a private line, I'm calling from the heart.
Operator, information, give me Jesus on the line.

* **Scripture** (Pew Bible, pg. 119) Acts 2:1-21

Sermon "Spiritual Unity in Cultural Diversity" Ben Martin

* **Hymn** No. 553 And Are We Yet Alive DENNIS

Reception into Church Membership (11:00)

Nancy Goodman

Benediction

Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00)

GOD BE WITH YOU

God Be With You till We Meet Again

Closing Voluntary

Giga

M. Enrico Bossi/arr. Virgil Fox

* *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 Paul Painter by Judi Painter and family.

Altar Flowers - Summer Dates Available

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 summer dates are available: June 6, 13, and July 4, 25.

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.

Administrative Board Meeting

The next meeting will take place this Monday, May 24 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom. The Zoom link and additional items were emailed to board members last Friday, May 21. If you did not receive an email, please contact jennifer@wesleymonumental.org.

Grief Share Dates Set! - Informational Meeting Tomorrow, May 24!

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 tomorrow night, Monday, 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*.

Wesley Community Center Anytime Canned Goods Help

Want to serve others and help sack canned goods? Nelle will meet your children and you at a time you choose. Sign up, Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net. Most needed this week is peanut butter.

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: Addison Conger

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks, Haley Herrington

Greeters: TBD

Ushers: Brian West, Don Riddle, Willie Roberds, Jacob Sigmon

Partners in Prayer: Grace & Art Greene

Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life

The Sound of Music - Reservation and Payment Due Tomorrow (5/24)

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 ended May 16).

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

Get Your Exercise and Mow the Back Forty!

Acres, that is! Wow, The Living Vine has a big yard. Come help prune and mow, Wednesday, May 26, 8:00 a.m. Don Riddle leads this ministry; always we pray for the mothers and babies there. Sign up, Nelle, 912-234-9245.

Grease Monkeys Auto Repair Ministry

Like to work on cars? Joel Hayes leads this ministry for needy people to provide oil changes, etc. Sign up, Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Drive-In Grocery Give Away

Family Mission Project for June 4, 10:00 a.m. to noon. All welcome to help. Sign up, Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (5/16/21)

8:45 AM Worship	XX
11:00 AM Worship	231
Online Worship Views	114
Total Worship	XXX
Nursery	XX
Children's Worship	XX
Sunday School	XX

Finances: (5/16/21)

Total Budget for the Year	\$1,983,419.00
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$768,116.16
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$713,356.82

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 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. All photos are appreciated and do not need to be recent, "throwback" pictures encouraged!"

Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church

May 23, 2021

Sermon Extended

Monday	John 17:11-23	What does Jesus' final prayer reveal about his hope for his followers?
Tuesday	Acts 2:1-21	How does the coming of the Holy Spirit affect the first believers?
Wednesday	Acts 4:32-35	How can the church practice being "of one heart and soul"?
Thursday	Ephesians 2:11-22	What walls of hostility need to be broken down today?
Friday	Philippians 2:1-11	How would "thinking" like Jesus change us?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

This week we focus our prayers on those who will be graduating from high school, college, or graduate school. We pray God's blessings and leadership on their futures.

Daily Chronological Bible Readings for 2021

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

Sunday, May 23	Psalms 119:1-88
Monday, May 24	1 Kings 3-4; 2 Chronicles 1; Psalm 72
Tuesday, May 25	Psalm 119:89-176
Wednesday, May 26	Song of Solomon 1:1-5:1
Thursday, May 27	Catch-Up Day
Friday, May 28	Song of Solomon 5:2-8:14; Psalm 45
Saturday, May 29	Proverbs 1-4
Sunday, May 30	Proverbs 5-8

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 23

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

Monday, May 24

10:00 AM Joy Circle, OH 310
12:00 PM Eli's Place Teacher
Appreciation Luncheon, FH
5:30 PM Administrative Board Mtg,
Zoom
7:00 PM Grief Share Interest Mtg,
Zoom

Tuesday, May 25

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

Wednesday, May 26

10:30 AM Jane Shirah Circle Mtg, WG
11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH 310/Zoom

Thursday, May 27

12:00 PM Downtown Bible Study, Zoom

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 Sympathy....

The Robinson Family
on the death of
Patsy Robinson,
wife of Randal Robinson

The Mamalakis Family
on the death of
Michael Mamalakis,
son of Debra and Paul Mamalakis

The Cremeans Family
on the death of Mathew's father,
Butch Cremeans

In Our Prayers....

Joe Gold, Olin Bockes, 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 (grand-
mother of Reanna Hamilton),
Martha Mills (grand-mother of T.J.
Hollis), Alyssa Jones (grand-
daughter of Rusty Holt), Jerry
Comunate (brother-in-law of
Cynthia Willett), Mario Delfiaco
(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, 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