



***Celebrating 153 Years 1868 - 2021***

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August 15, 2021

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY MONICA!**

My friend and former Wesley Monumental pastor Creede Hinshaw told me when I arrived, the single most important accomplishment of his six years at Wesley was being a part of hiring Dr. Monica Harper (now Dr. Monica Harper Dekle). Many of you, whose time at Wesley goes back to Creede's appointment, understand the significance of that statement. What I mean is many really important and valuable things happened during his time here that helped us be the church we are now. But, those of us who over the years have been blessed by Monica's incredible talent, knowledge, work ethic, personality, and faith have to be careful not to take her granted. I am reminded of this often when guests join us for worship and are inevitably wowed by the choral and instrumental music they experience. Often a comment will be made about it being like Easter or Christmas, and I'll say, we get this every week. As a church whose identity is tied to traditional worship and worship space, Monica has enabled us to live more fully and excellently into our identity. From children to adults, she has shared her love for God and worship through music and our lives and faith are enriched by it every week. Today marks ten years she has been blessing us at Wesley.

However, she is far more than a musician and Director of Music Ministries to our church family. She is our friend and family. We celebrated her marriage to Andrew (thank you Andrew for giving us some insurance for keeping her here!). We grieved with her in the death of her father. We agonized and prayed so fervently during her pregnancy crisis with Remy and rejoiced beyond measure when he arrived safely against so many odds. We baptized him at this altar. Today of all days, I am missing being here as I preach a homecoming service back at Wrens UMC. But let me say for myself and on behalf of our congregation, Monica we love you and are so grateful God led you to be part of our lives here at Wesley. I pray today marks one decade among many that you will call Wesley your home.

*Ben*

**MORNING WORSHIP**  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2021  
8:45 & 11:00 A.M.  
*Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Welcome and Announcements**

Jennifer Thompson

*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 one of two ways:** *Complete the Attendance Roster (navy, rectangle pad) found in each pew or use the Remind app. For Remind, 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 complete the Attendance Roster or 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**    Toccata on LOBE DEN HERREN    Edward Kerr

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

\* **Hymn No. 139**    Praise to the Lord, the Almighty    LOBE DEN HERREN

\* **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.

**Children's Sermon**

Charli Weeks

*8:45 Children ages 3 - 3rd grade line up at the door on the right side of the sanctuary to go to Children's Worship on the second floor. Following the service, they can be picked up from the Wayne Street entrance.*

*11:00 Children ages 3 - 3rd grade leave through the doors at the front of the sanctuary and go to Children's Worship on the second floor. Following the service, they can be picked up from the Fellowship Hall.*

- \* **Hymn No. 371** I Stand Amazed in the Presence

**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)**

Ode to Joy

arr. Rolin Mains

**Solo (11:00)**

When my last day has ended here on earth  
and my body is lowered in the dirt,  
I'll have no fear though death now has me bound,  
'cause I will rise up from my grave to meet the Lamb.  
Father, mother, sister, brother I will see.  
They'll be coming, for they've won the victory.  
Now, at last sweet peace we have found.  
We have risen from the grave to meet the Lamb.  
I will rise up to meet Him in the sky  
on that homecoming morning by and by.  
When the trumpet of God begins to sound,  
We will rise up from the grave to meet the Lamb.

Ken Rimes, bass

- \* **Scripture** (Pew Bible, pgs. 200) Colossians 1:15-20

**Sermon**

"Who Do You Say that I Am"

Jennifer Thompson

- \* **Hymn No. 462** 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

**Benediction**

Jennifer Thompson

**Closing Voluntary**

Prelude in B Major

Marcel Dupré

- \* *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 Dwaine L. Willett by his wife Cynthia Willett.

The flowers in the narthex today are given to the glory of God and in honor of the wedding of Courtney Morton and Nathan Hartman who were married on August 14. In addition, the flowers are placed in honor of Courtney's grandparents, Don and Cler Cole, who were married at Wesley 60 years ago on August 12, 1961.

**Just Born**

Congratulations to Katie and Evan Townsend on the birth of a daughter, Michaela McCrae Townsend, on August 7, 2021. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Michaela.

**Messenger Brigade**

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

**Family Promise**

Thank you to our cooks this week, including Scott Cleaveland, Karen Washburn, Sandy Hunt, Susannah Pedigo, Peggy Jolley, and Meredith Layman. Twin beds needed. See Nelle Bordeaux for details.

**Prayer Partners**

Huge thanks to all of you who have outfitted 75 children with new school uniforms for this academic year. Please pray for your Urban Hope or refugee child daily.

**Pretty Please with Sugar on Top, Print on the Attendance Rosters**

Have you ever wondered what happens to the Attendance Rosters? Does anyone read them? We promise we try! Please print legibly. Thank you!

**New Address, Phone Number, or Email?**

If you have recently moved or have a new phone number or email address, please email the updated information to Jennifer Brookins in the church office, [jennifer@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:jennifer@wesleymonumental.org) or call, 912-232-0191. Thank you!

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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:** Britt Griffin

**11:00 Service**

**Acolyte:** Addison Conger

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

**Greeter:** Kim and Mehmet Ergul

**Ushers:** Jason Pedigo, Bates Lovett, Pratt Matthews, Bill Mattocks

**Partners in Prayer:** Gail Brannen

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

**Join Us!**

Join us next Sunday (Promotion Sunday) at the 11:00 Service where we will have full choir with brass quintet and timpani singing and playing beloved hymns. Two of our children will also sing a hymn duet. We look forward to seeing you!

**Choir and Orchestra Concert**

The Chancel Choir and Youth Choir will present Ralph Vaughan Williams' *Dona Nobis Pacem* in concert at Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church on Saturday, May 14 at 7:30 p.m. We began working on the music during the pandemic and are excited to share this magnificent piece of music with you. A forty-two piece orchestra, including our Noack pipe organ, will accompany the singers. The concert will also include a congregational hymn by Vaughan Williams, choral music by Vaughan Williams, and a special surprise piece to end the program. Tickets will go on sale in December. Thank you for supporting the choir! We appreciate all of you.

**Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members**

**Bible Memory Verse Paper Cutting to Cut Out at Home and Bring Back Next Sunday**

Please take home Bible memory verses to cut out at home. Paper and patterns provided on the front pew.

**Wesley Community Center Groceries**

Most needed this week are rice and canned or plastic tubs of fruit. Boxes are by all doors.

**Just Mow the Back Forty (Acres, That Is!) Wednesday at 8:00 a.m.**

Help cut grass and prune bushes at The Living Vine. Don Riddle leads this ministry. Please tell Nelle.

**There's No Bad Time to Start Reading the Bible**

Have you always wanted to read the entire Bible? All are welcome. Receive a weekly email of Bible encouragement. Sign up, Nelle, [tbordeaux@prodigy.net](mailto:tbordeaux@prodigy.net). Sunday school every week in the Fellowship Hall and also via Zoom.

**Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life**

**Merry Makers - Dinner at Sweet Potatoes**

We have group reservations at Sweet Potatoes on Stephenson Avenue for an early dinner this Thursday night, August 19. Please call the church office or text/email Jennifer Thompson by Tuesday, August 17 to make reservations. For those who want to ride on the van, let Jennifer know. Seats are first come, first serve. We will meet at the church at 4:45 p.m. or you can meet us at Sweet Potatoes at 5:30 p.m. Dinner is Dutch treat.

**Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry**

**Promotion Sunday & Blessing of the Backpacks**

Be sure to join us next Sunday, August 22 for Promotion Sunday and the Blessing of the Backpacks. Ms. Susanna is fixing breakfast for everyone and will begin serving at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. On this Sunday the children will move to their new classrooms. Please have your child bring their empty backpack to church on the 22nd. During the Children's Sermon at both services, we will pray for the children's new school year and bless the backpacks. We will have a backpack tag for each of them as a reminder that people at Wesley Monumental will be praying for them throughout their school year.

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

*Preteen (4th & 5th Grade)*

**KidzQuest is Back! (October 15-17)**

I'm happy to inform you that KidzQuest is happening this year! We will be taking a group of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders to Camp Jekyll over the weekend of October 15-17 (new location – run by the same great people!). KidzQuest is a retreat organized by the South Georgia Conference of the UMC. It is a weekend of fun, worship, and meaningful time together. Please contact James P. Owens for more information.

*Youth (Grades 6th-12th)*

**Youth Group Today at Wesley Gardens (3:00pm)**

All 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join us for Youth Group today at Wesley Gardens at 3:00 p.m.! We will be swimming and tubing (weather permitting) so bring your suits and towels. Meet at the boathouse.

**High School Fall Retreat**

Our Fall Retreat is back and it will be a special weekend for our high schoolers (Grades 9-12)! So mark your calendars for August 27-29 and plan to join us at Wesley Gardens Retreat for a fun and relaxing weekend.



**A Record of Our Faithfulness**

Sunday Attendance: (8/8/21)	
8:45 AM Worship	74
11:00 AM Worship	172
Online Worship Views	117
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>363</b>
Nursery	3
Children's Worship	16
Sunday School	89

**Finances: (8/8/21)**

Total Budget for the Year.....	\$1,983,419.00
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date.....	\$1,127,981.08
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date.....	\$1,149,256.98

**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](mailto:wesleymonumentalphotos@gmail.com). All photos are appreciated and do not need to be recent, "throwback" pictures encouraged!"

**Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church**  
**August 15, 2021**

**Sermon Notes**

**As a Praying Church...**

We ask You, Jesus, to touch those today who feel trapped by disease, relationships, grief, finances or other circumstances. Help them rest in Your presence and receive Your Peace.

**Daily Chronological Bible Readings for 2021**

Please sign up with Nelle, [tbordeaux@prodigy.net](mailto:tbordeaux@prodigy.net), to read the entire Bible; all are welcome.

Sunday, August 15	Jeremiah 25-28
Monday, August 16	Jeremiah 29-32
Tuesday, August 17	Jeremiah 33-37
Wednesday, August 18	Jeremiah 38-40; Psalms 74, 79
Thursday, August 19	Catch-Up Day
Friday, August 20	2 Kings 24-25; 2 Chronicles 36:1-21; Jeremiah 52
Saturday, August 21	Jeremiah 41-44
Sunday, August 22	Obadiah; Psalms 82-83

**This Week at Wesley**

**Sunday, August 15**

- 8:45 AM    **Worship Service, SNC**
- 9:30 AM    **Coffee, FH**
- 9:45 AM    **Sunday School**
- 11:00 AM   **Worship Service, SNC**
- 3:00 PM    **Youth Group, WG**
- 5:00 PM    **Youth Choir, WG Chapel**
- 5:30 PM    **Worship SVC, WG Chapel**
- 6:15 PM    **Dinner, WG Main House**

**Monday, August 16**

- 7:00 PM    **Grief Share, Zoom**

**Tuesday, August 17**

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

**Wednesday, August 18**

- 11:00 AM   **Bible Study w/Ben, OH 310**
- 7:15 PM    **Chancel Choir Rehearsal, EB 4th Flr**

**Thursday, August 19**

- 10:00 AM   **Messenger Brigade, OH**
- 12:00 PM   **Downtown Bible Study, Zoom**
- 5:30 PM    **Merry Makers, Sweet Potatoes**

**Pastor on Call This Week**

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

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

5:30 Worship in the Chapel  
6:15 Dinner in the Main House

**August 15**

Menu: Pesto Pasta w/Chicken,  
Vegetable, Salad, & Dessert  
Preaching: Ben Martin

**August 22**

Preaching: Nelle Bordeaux

*In Sympathy....*

The Smith Family  
on the death of Jackie's father,  
*Phillip Bobbitt*

The Laidlaw Family  
on the death of Wendy's father,  
*Frank Allard*

The Sortor Family  
on the death of Melinda's father,  
*Ronald Duell*

**In Our Prayers....**

Laura Fleiner, Ouida Smith (mother of Edward Smith), Fritz Scarborough (brother of Camille O'Neill), Rev. Grover Bell, Bert Bell, Mario and Francie Delfiaccio (brother and sister-in-law of Cynthia Willett), Keith Ellis, Marilyn Ross (grandmother of Kim Keaton), Bob Harman, David Heery, Palmer Hood (brother of Ge-Juan Wilkes), Joe Gold, Olin Bockes, Mark Lanier (son of Ellison Lanier), Louis Burnsed (brother of Marilyn Hitt), Frances Hughes (friend of Marilyn Holleman), 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), Alyssa Jones (grand-daughter of Rusty Holt), Jerry Comunale (brother-in-law of Cynthia Willett), Mario Delfiaccio (brother of Cynthia Willett), Jennifer Hodges, Jarrod Holt (son of Rusty Holt), Barbara Burnett, Ken McDuffee (son of Annelle McDuffee), Joe Cain, Kim Rahn, Ella Ealy (granddaughter of Carolyn Roth), 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**

Ruth & Elton Stuenckel, Cecil Abarr, Bella Grace Bartels, Richard Bartels, Harriet Bland, Grace Boches, Virginia Davis, Ann Ernst, Roz Evans, Ann Lott, Ellie Tardif, 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