



Celebrating 153 Years 1868 - 2021

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A DISASTER A DAY

It is a painful thing to watch the news these days. It feels like every day we witness another disaster and humanitarian crisis around the world and at home. The earthquake and storms in Haiti, the evacuation in Afghanistan, the floods in Tennessee, and the list goes on and on. It often leaves me with a helpless feeling of not knowing how to respond in any meaningful and helpful way. We, of course, can pray and believe there is power in the collective prayers of God's people. But, what if God wants us to be the answer to our own prayers? As Christians who follow Jesus and are a part of the United Methodist church, we are called to respond to the needs of the world around us. The United Methodist Committee on Relief is a way we can be present in places where the world is suffering. One way we can make a difference is to give. Most of us have more than enough. We wake up every day in a more than enough house with more than enough food and more than enough clothes. We turn on a faucet and have clean water to drink, go to a grocery store and have money to buy food, if we get sick we have doctors and insurance, if we need to travel we have cars, etc. We are blessed beyond measure.

Already, we are at work in our community with those who are in great need. Family Promise, Urban Hope, the refugee resettlement ministry, are but a few of those ways. Our September Communion offering will be for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) Disaster Recover. It will be a way for us to reach beyond our community into a world that is suffering. You can give at communion next week, but if you aren't going to be here, please consider sending a gift to support this offering for those who are hurting. It is our witness to a God whose heart breaks for the suffering and who has equipped His Church to be his heart, hands, and feet in His world.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 2021
8:45 & 11:00 A.M.
Fourteenth Sunday after 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 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 @wmmumc316 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.*

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

Johann Sebastian Bach

Prelude in G Major, BWV 550

Introit (11:00)

Entrata Festiva

Flor Peeters

Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus imperat.

(Christ o'erpow'reth, Christ now reigneth, Christ doth command.)

Lighting of the Candles (11:00)

The Acolytes

* **Hymn No. 117** O God, Our Help in Ages Past ST. ANNE

* **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**

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. 273** AU CLAIR DE LA LUNE
Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands

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.

Voluntary (8:45) Promised Land arr. Joseph Martin

Anthem (11:00) Cantate Domino Giuseppe Pitoni

Come ye with joyfulness,
Come sing ye a new song to your Maker.
O praise Him with the saintly congregation.
Israel, be joyful and glad in Him,
Be glad in Him who made Israel,
And children of Sion, ye children of Sion be joyful.
Rejoice and be glad in your King.

- paraphrase of Psalm 148

- * **Scripture** (Pew Bible, pg. 39) Mark 5:1-20

Sermon "Weird Science Series Part 5:
Smells Like Money" Ben Martin

- * **Hymn Insert** I'll Fly Away

Reception into Church Membership (11:00)

Korry Connell with daughters, Stella and Alice McCormick,
and son, John Patrick Connell, Jr.

Deborah and Ashley McCorkle with son, Connor McCorkle

Mackenzie Shelton and John Kingston

Bootsie Swicord

Kayleigh Ward and Patrick Ennis with son, Lucas Ennis

Jeralyn and Richard Wilson

Benediction Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00) John Rutter

The Lord Bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you
and give you peace.
Amen.

Closing Voluntary Johann Sebastian Bach
Fugue in G Major, BWV 550

- * Please stand as you are able.
Following the service, please take your bulletins, masks, and all belongings with you.
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Administrative Board Meeting

The next meeting will take place tomorrow Monday, August 30 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom. If you are a Board member and did not receive the Zoom link and additional items emailed to the Board on Friday, August 27, please email jennifer@wesleymonumental.org.

COVID Vaccinations at Trinity UMC

Trinity UMC in Savannah will be a vaccination site for the Health Department on Sundays 9/12 and 10/3. Vaccines are available from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome. Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson vaccines will be on hand. Street parking is FREE and Trinity UMC will provide bulletins to get people out of the garage for FREE if they park there. Worship attendance at Trinity is not required.

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 or call, 912-232-0191. Thank you!

Groceries for Wesley Community Center

Most needed this week are canned vegetables. Please place in boxes located by all doors.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks, Haley Herrington

Greeters: Lori Miller, Chris, Kim and Liam Watson

Ushers: Jeff Miller

Partners in Prayer: Britt Griffin

11:00 Service

Acolyte: Mary Margaret Carroll

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks, Haley Herrington

Greeters: Barbara & Johnny Phelps

Ushers: Brian West, Clark McKinney, Franklin McKinney, Matt Merritt

Partners in Prayer: Sue Ellis

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

Children's Choir Begins Wednesday, September 8

Children's choir begins Wednesday, September 8! Time 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. We sing songs to worship God, play hand chimes, and learn more about God. We will also have our annual Nativity Pageant. 1st through 5th grade e-mail Monica (monica@wesleymonumental.org) to register and receive more details. Three years old through Kindergarten will be with Mrs. Charli in Joyful Noise Choir!

Youth Choir Begins Sunday, September 12!

Students grades 6-12 are all invited to join. We'll meet from 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. before dinner and youth group!

Choir and Orchestra Concert

The Wesley Monumental 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. The title of the work is Latin and translates to "Grant us Peace." Most of the work is in English.

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!

Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life

Merry Makers Fun in September

Mark your calendars for our Merry Makers luncheon at the church on Monday, September 13 at 11:00 a.m. Our speaker will be our own Ron Freeman! Ron has prepared a fascinating presentation on George Washington and the trials and frustrations he encountered during the Revolutionary War. Please call the church office or email/text Jennifer Thompson (229-726-7735) by Friday, September 10 to make reservations. The program and lunch will be in the Parlor of Oliver Hall. Lunch is \$7, if you are able, but *come no matter what!*

Also, for those of you who have signed up and paid to go to the Alhambra Dinner Theater in Jacksonville, Florida on Saturday, September 11 to see *The Sound of Music*, please remember that we will leave the church at 8:00 a.m. and return by approximately 8:00 p.m. Contact Jennifer Thompson if you have questions.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

Sunday School & Children's Worship

New this year. Children DO NOT need to be picked up between the Worship Service and Sunday School. Children who attend the 8:45 Service will be given a snack and taken to their Sunday School classroom. Children who attend Sunday School and the 11:00 Service will be taken to the Sanctuary at 10:55 and will sit together until the end of the Children's Sermon when they will be taken to Children's Worship. Children can be picked up from the Wayne Street entrance after Sunday School and from the Fellowship Hall after the 11:00 Service.

Second Grade Bible Presentation

Rising second graders will receive their Bibles in worship on Sunday, September 26. After the service, they are invited to stay for lunch with their families and a lesson on how to use your Bible.

Fall Festival

Mark your calendars for our Fall Festival at Wesley Gardens on October 24 at 4:00 p.m.

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 4th and 5th 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.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Y'All Haul

Needed are twin beds for 30 Family Promise apartments. Also needed are pick-up trucks and strong lifters. Flexible schedule. Please tell Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Living Vine Lawn Care - Wednesday at 8:00 a.m.

Sign up with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net. Don Riddle leads this ministry.

Next Family Mission Project

Will be the Coastal District Event on Friday, September 10 from 4:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. at Trade Center on Hutchinson Island. Ages 10 and older are welcome to pack produce for food distribution. Please sign up in advance with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (8/22/21)

8:45 AM Worship	87
11:00 AM Worship	256
Online Worship Views	121
Total Worship	464
Nursery	10
Children's Worship	47
Sunday School	149

Finances: (8/22/21)

Total Budget for the Year.....	\$1,983,419.00
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date.....	\$1,189,676.43
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$1,209,469.92

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		



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

August 29, 2021

Sermon Extended

Monday	Mark 5:1-9, Ephesians 6:10-17	Do I see evil or the demonic in the world? If so, where? If not, why?
Tuesday	Mark 5:10-13, Acts 11:1-9	What are my categories of "clean" and "unclean"?
Wednesday	Mark 5:14-17, Matthew 5:24	Is there an area of my life where I do not want Jesus involved?
Thursday	Mark 5:18-20	Who do I know back "home" to whom I need to be a witness?
Friday	Mark 5:1-20, John 8:34-36	Is there anything from which I need to be set free?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

We ask You, Lord, to bring healing and wholeness to all who have COVID right now. Please be with our health care workers who are on the front lines. And, would you calm students, educators, ministers, business people, government officials, hospital administrators, and others who are once again dealing with the angst of uncertainty because of COVID. Help them to make wise decisions.

Daily Chronological Bible Readings for 2021

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

Sunday, August 29	Ezekiel 1-4
Monday, August 30	Ezekiel 5-8
Tuesday, August 31	Ezekiel 9-12
Wednesday, September 1	Ezekiel 13-16
Thursday, September 2	Catch-Up Day
Friday, September 3	Ezekiel 17-20
Saturday, September 4	Ezekiel 21-24
Sunday, September 5	Ezekiel 25-28

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, August 29

8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
9:30 AM Coffee, FH
9:45 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM New Member Class, OH 205
11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC

Monday, August 30

5:30 PM Administrative Board,
FH & Zoom
7:00 PM Grief Share, Zoom

Tuesday, August 31

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, September 1


11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH 310
6:00 PM UMW Board Mtg, OH 310
7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal,
EB 4th Flr

Thursday, September 2

Eli's Place Open House
12:00 PM Downtown Bible Study, Zoom

Pastor on Call This Week

Ben Martin 912-547-1835



**Resume
September 8!**

**See insert in today's bulletin
for pricing, programming,
and how to make your
reservation.**

In Our Prayers....

Pat Macomber, Richard Bartels, Eleanor Shurr, Dorothy Green (mother of Gail Brannen), Clay Price, (friend of Jim Willis), Jennifer Burns (sister of Kim Keaton), Laura Fleiner, Ouida Smith (mother of Edward Smith), Fritz Scarborough (brother of Camille O'Neill), Rev. Grover Bell, Bert Bell, Mario & 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, Sara Francis Thrasher (grandmother of Reanna Hamilton), Alyssa Jones (grand-daughter of Rusty Holt), Jerry Comunale (brother-in-law of Cynthia Willett), Jennifer Hodges, 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, 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

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

In Sympathy....

The Family of *George Vail*

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS!
Wednesday Night Supper
Starts September 8
5:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

Payment:	Weekly	Semester (14 Wednesdays)	Semester (pay for 14 in advance & receive 1 Wednesday free)
Nursery (Ages 0 to 3)	Free	Free	Free
Nursery (Ages 4 to K)	\$3.00	\$42.00	\$39.00
Children (1st to 5th Grade)	\$3.00	\$42.00	\$39.00
Youth (6th to 12th Grade) & Adults	\$6.00	\$84.00	\$78.00
Family Maximum	\$18.00	\$252.00	\$234.00
College Students	Free	Free	Free

Payment Options:

- (1) Pay in advance online, visit wesleymonumental.org, select "Online Giving" at top of page, click on Pushpay link, select "Give one time" & "Wednesday Night Dinner" as the fund.
- (2) At door, cash or checks only.

To Make Your Reservation: Email the following information to daphne@wesleymonumental.org or call, 912-232-0191

- (1) Names of family members attending.
- (2) Specify Weekly List or Permanent Reservation List.
Weekly List means you will notify us each week if you will attend.
Permanent Reservation List means you will attend every Wednesday for the semester. (Reservations for a particular week may be canceled by 5 p.m. on Mondays)
- (3) How many meals will you need?
 If your child will be in the nursery, please specify their age, and if they will or will not be eating.
 (This helps us provide enough caregivers)

WNS Fall Programming

Call to Prayer (4:45—5:15 PM)

Join the Prayer Committee each Wednesday evening for a time of prayer in the Oliver Hall Parlor.

4th/5th Grade Bible Study (5:00—5:30 PM)

Through skits, games, and drills, your kids will learn how to read their Bibles and learn skills like locating passages by book, chapter, and verse, and distinguishing different types of books of the Bible.

WNS Meal (5:30—6:15 PM)

To RSVP, see directions above.

Additional Programming Details →

Joyful Noise & Children's Choirs (6:00—7:00 PM)

Children's Music for ages three years old through fifth grade. For details and to register for Joyful Noise Choir (Age 3-K), email charli@wesleymonumental.org. For Children's Choir (1st-5th Grade), email monica@wesleymonumental.org.

Youth Bible Studies (6:00—7:00 PM)

Youth Bible Studies will meet every Wednesday night following church supper.

Bible and Book Studies In Person & Via Zoom (6:00—7:00 PM)

This year during our fall semester, we will offer two adult Bible studies from which to choose. One will be a thematic study and the other a straight Bible study. Each study will last six weeks and then we will launch a second six-week series. (see below for details)

September 8 - October 20

***Discernment: Reading the Signs of Daily Life* by Henri Nouwen**

Haven't you always wondered, "Is God trying to tell me something?" How do I know when God is speaking or when I'm misinterpreting what I think I'm seeing or hearing as something from God? The word for that process is discernment. Our text will be the book "Discernment: Reading the Signs of Daily Life" by Henri Nouwen. This is a companion volume to Nouwen's book on Spiritual Formation that we did two years ago. Book available at Cokesbury.com or Amazon. Study led by Ben Martin in the Fellowship Hall.

***The Epic of Eden: Jonah* by Sandra Richter**

In the book of Jonah we find a professional holy man, a "lifer" in the faith who is about to have the God he thinks he understands challenge him with an assignment that he can hardly get his brain around. In *The Epic of Eden: Jonah*, Dr. Sandra Richter takes us on a journey through Jonah's life that leads us all to the place where we realize that our God is way bigger than we thought. Not only will we learn everything we ever wanted to know about the brutal Assyrians of Nineveh, ancient seafaring ships, and large aquatic creatures, but we will also be challenged with the same message that confronted Jonah. Are we willing to let God be God, to move us out of our comfort zones, and embrace a calling that might just take us to the edges of the world we know? Email jennifert@wesleymonumental.org for a PDF of the study book or purchase it on <https://my.seedbed.com/>. Study led by Jennifer Thompson in Oliver Hall.

October 27 - December 8

***Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments* by Adam Hamilton**

Nearly everyone has heard of the Ten Commandments, the list of "Thou shalt not" rules found in the Bible. Jesus saw those commandments not as burdens but as guideposts to help us experience a good and beautiful life. The ten ancient "words" were given to us by a loving God who longed to set safe boundaries, create order out of chaos, help communities live peacefully together, and protect us—often from ourselves." Book available on Cokesbury.com or Amazon. Study led by Ben Martin in the Fellowship Hall.

***Better Decisions, Fewer Regrets: 5 Questions to Help You Determine Your Next Move* by Andy Stanley**

How many of us have ever gotten to the other side of a decision and wished that we had asked more questions? Good questions lead to good decisions, and God is all about us making good decisions! Questions such as, "Am I being honest with myself?", "What is the wise thing to do?", and "What does love require of me?" are just a few of the questions we will look at in this study as we explore what God, through Scripture, has to say about decision making. Book available on Amazon, but not necessary for the class. Study led by Jennifer Thompson in Oliver Hall.

(All classes will be offered in person and on Zoom. Please contact Ben at ben@wesleymonumental.org or Jennifer Thompson at jennifert@wesleymonumental.com to receive a Zoom invite to the class you choose.)