

Celebrating 153 Years 1868 - 2021

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September 5, 2021

A TIME TO PRAY AND GIVE

In last week's bulletin I talked about the avalanche of disasters our world is currently experiencing. The tragic loss of the lives of servicemen and women and civilians in Afghanistan in an act of terrorism. The upsurge of COVID now taking the lives of younger people, exhausting our health care workers, and confronting educators and families with incredible challenges. The category 4 hurricane slamming into Louisiana leaving havoc in its wake. The earthquake and humanitarian need in Haiti. The deadly floods in Tennessee. This is a time to pray for so many suffering so much and for God's grace to be sufficient. This is also a time to give. Our communion offering this morning is for the United Methodist Committee on Relief. It is the disaster response arm of our church. Please support our collective work in lives of countless suffering people in the world right now.

WEDNESDAYS WECOME BACK

This week (September 8) our Wednesday night programming will begin again. Though time flies by every week, it can be a long way spiritually from Sunday to Sunday. Setting aside time in the middle of the week to regroup, reorient our thinking, and be refilled spiritually is important. Our Wednesday evenings feature something for the whole family, including a wonderfully prepared and reasonably priced meal. The evening starts where it should, with prayer from 4:45 p.m.-5:15 p.m. Dinner is from 5:30 p.m.-6:15 p.m. Children's Choirs, youth small groups, and adult Bible Studies are from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Then the chancel choir rehearses at 7:15 p.m.

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. The first two series will be a study of the book of Jonah, from the Series *The Epic of Eden* and will be taught by Jennifer Thompson. I will teach a study on the book *Discernment: Reading the Signs of Daily Life* by Henri Nouwen. It is a follow up companion to the book on Spiritual Formation we did in 2019. More information about ordering a book for either study is available in the bulletin insert. We hope you will join us on Wednesday for a study, bring your children for choir and youth group, and enjoy a delicious dinner prepared for us. See the bulletin insert for more information and get signed up.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

8:45 & 11:00 A.M.

Fifteenth 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. Following the 11:00 Service, children attending Children's Worship should be picked up from the Fellowship Hall.

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 worshiping and the service you are attending or if viewing online. If you are visiting, please complete the Attendance Roster.

Offering: To tithe, text wesleymumc to 77977 or place your offering in the offering plate. Online giving is also available on our website.

Prayer Requests: Please email your prayer requests to Rev. Ben Martin, ben@wesleymonumental.org.

Lighting of the Candles (11:00)

The Acolytes

Introit (11:00)

John Yarrington

Let us rejoice! This is the day which the Lord hath made! Let us rejoice and be glad!

- Psalm 118:24

*	Hymn No. 116	The God of Abraham Praise	LEONI
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* 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

(Dismissal for Children's Worship)

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.

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.

GREATOREX

Pastoral Prayer

Nelle Bordeaux

* Scripture Lesson (Pew Bible, pg. 218)

Hebrews 1:1-14

Sermon "Give Me Jesus Series Part 1 - God has Spoken" Ben Martin

Holy Communion

Invitation and Confession

Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

All: Merciful God,

we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done Your will,

we have broken Your law,

we have rebelled against Your love,

we have not loved our neighbors,

and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Pastor: Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; That proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Congregation: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Ben Martin

Voluntary (8:45)	The God of Abraham Praise	arr. Mark Hayes
Anthem (11:00)	Ralph	Vaughan Williams

The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune Paul Lott, trumpet Bryan Agan, trumpet

All people that on earth do dwell Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice, Him serve with fear, His praise forthtell; Come ye before Him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed; Without our aid He did us make. We are His folk, He doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.

Oh, enter, then, His gates with praise, Approach with joy His courts unto; Praise, laud, and bless His name always. For it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord, our God, is good; His mercy is forever sure. His truth at all times firmly stood And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, To God whom heaven and earth adore, From men and from the angel host Be praise and glory evermore.

- William Kethe, 1561; Psalm 100

Offering

During the 11:00 a.m. service, please remove the attendance sheets from the book and give to the acolytes as a symbolic offering of our presence in worship.

* Doxology No. 95

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: And also with you.
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.
Pastor: Let us give thanks to our Lord and God.
Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise
Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth...

And so, with Your people on earth, and all the company of heaven we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy are You, and blessed is Your Son Jesus Christ...

On the night in which He gave himself up for us, He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to His disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over He took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so,

in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, That we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by His blood.

By Your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at His heavenly banquet. Through Your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in Your holy church, All honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.



The Lord's Prayer

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 that 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.

Breaking the Bread and Cup

We will all take communion in our pew. If you did not receive a cup on your way in, please raise your hand and an usher or staff member will bring one to you. Following the service, please place your cup in the trash receptacle located in the Narthex.

Today's communion offering is designated for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). If you would like to give a donation, please place your offering in the baskets marked for "UMCOR."

Prayer After Receiving

All: Eternal God, we give You thanks for this holy mystery in which You have given Yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world

in the strength of Your Spirit,

to give ourselves for others,

in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

*	Hymn No. 174	His Name Is Wonderful	Audrey Mieir
	•	:h Membership (11:00) Kathi and Charlie Hodges	
*	Benediction		Ben Martin

Closing Response lesus the Savior reigns, t

DARWALL'S 148th

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love; when He had purged our stains, He took His seat above. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

Closing Voluntary (8:45)Holy, Holy, Holyarr. Piet PostClosing Voluntary (11:00)Giovanni Battista Martini
Sonata al Post Communio

Paul Lott, trumpet

Please stand as you are able. Following the service, please take your bulletins, masks, and all belongings with you. All music reprinted under OneLicense.net No. A-719387 and CCLI No. 11046193.

Altar Flowers

The flowers by the altar today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Olivia Butler from Grandma & Grandpa (Bonnie and Gordon) Montgomery.

Just Born

Congratulations to Haley and Will Herrington on the birth of a son, Wilson Ware Harrington, on August 26, 2021. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Wilson.

Church Office & Eli's Place Closed

The church office and Eli's Place will be closed tomorrow, Monday, September 6 in observance of Labor Day.

Our Next Family Mission Project

Will be the Coastal District Event this Friday, September 10 from 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at the 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.

Wesley Community Center

Most needed this week is peanut butter.

Fall Festival

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

Finances: (08-29-21)

Total Budget for the Year	\$1,983,419.00
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$1,239,530.28
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$1,228,141.36

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service		
Children's Worship: Charli Weeks		
Greeters: Lori Miller		
Ushers: Jeff Miller, Henry Whitfield		
Partners in Prayer: Carmine Cowart		

11:00 Service Acolyte: Ansley Cheshire Children's Worship: Charli Weeks Greeters: TBD Offering Steward: Brian West Ushers: Brian West, Mehmet Ergul, Ted Moore, Jim Pannell, Jon Pannell, Johnny Phelps, Willie Roberds, Kenneth Spriggs Partners in Prayer: Gaye Holt

Merry Makers September Luncheon

Will be held 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 this 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!

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. Questions? Please email charli@ wesleymonumental.org.

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Allenuance: (8/29/21)	
8:45 AM Worship	106
11:00 AM Worship	207
Online Worship Views	130
Total Worship	443
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Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church September 5, 2021

Sermon Extended

Monday	Hebrews 1:1, I Samuel 3:1-10	How has God spoken to me?
Tuesday	Hebrews 1:1, Psalm 19	What do nature and the law tell us about God?
Wednesday	Hebrews 1:1, 4:12, 2 Timothy 3:15-17	What scripture has God used to speak to me recently?
Thursday	Hebrews 1:1-4, Colossians 1:15-20	What does this tell me about Jesus?
Friday	Hebrews 1:1-14, John 14:8-11	Why is Jesus a better revelation of God?

Sermon Not	tes		
As a Praying Ch	urch		
We ask you, Lord, to comfort the families of those soldiers who lost their			
lives in Afghanistan. Please surround and serve.	d protect those who continue to		
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Daily Chronological Bible F	0		
Please sign up with Nelle, tbor to read the entire Bible; a			
Sunday, September 5	Ezekiel 25-28		
Monday, September 6	Ezekiel 29-32		
Tuesday, September 7	Ezekiel 33-36		
Wednesday, September 8	Ezekiel 37-40		
Thursday, September 9	Catch-Up Day Ezekiel 41-44		
Friday, September 10 Saturday, September 11	Ezekiel 45-48		
Sunday, September 12	Daniel 1-3		

This Week at Wesley Sunday, September 5 Worship Service, SNC 8:45 AM 9:30 AM Coffee, FH 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC Monday, September 6 Labor Day - Church Office & Eli's Place Closed Tuesday, September 7 7:00 ÅM 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 1:30 PM Eli's Place Staff Mtg, FH 5:30 PM Evangelism Comm. Mtg, Zoom Wednesday, September 8 9:00 AM Eli's Place Bible Study w/Ben, OH 310 11:00 AM 4:45 PM Call to Prayer, OH Parlor Dinner, FH 5:30 PM 6:00 PM UMW Mtg Joyful Noise Choir, EB 6:00 PM Children's Choir, EB 6:00 PM 6:00 PM Youth Bible Study, EB 4th Flr 6:00 PM Discernment Study, Led by Ben Martin, FH & Zoom 6:00 PM Epic of Eden Study, Led by Jennifer Thompson, OH & Zoom Chancel Choir Rehearsal. 7:15 PM EB 4th Flr Thursday, September 9 Eli's Place 9:00 AM Downtown Bible Study, Zoom 12:00 PM Friday, September 10 9:00 AM Eli's Place 4:30 PM Family Mission Project **Coastal District Event** Saturday, September 11 Merry Makers Depart for 8:00 AM Alhambra Dinner Theater **Pastor on Call This Week**



In Our Prayers....

Betty Sahlie, Richard Wilson, 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 Delfiacco (brother 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 Louis Burnsed Ellison Lanier), (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 (granddaughter 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 Gave 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)

<u>At Home/Extended Care</u>

Nancy Birkheimer, Edith Roszkowiak, Lee Butler, Ruth & Elton Stuenckel, 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 *Francie Delfiacco*, sister-in-law of Cynthia Willett

The Family of *Joyce Fowler* 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:

 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.
 At door, cash or checks only.

(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.

<u>Weekly List</u> means you will notify us each week if you will attend. <u>Permanent Reservation List</u> 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.

WNS Meal (5:30-6:15 PM)

To RSVP, see directions above.

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@wesleymonu mental.org. For Children's Choir (1st-5th Grade), email monica@wesley monumental.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)

<u>September 8 – October 20</u>

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@wesley monumental.com to receive a Zoom invite to the class you choose.)