



**Celebrating 153 Years 1868 - 2021**

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**9/11**

It has been twenty years, but if you are old enough to remember, you remember. And even if you don't, your life has been significantly affected by that day. While we may have long since stopped counting the cost in dollars, the number is not conceivable for people like me. We should never stop counting the cost in lives, 13 of which are fresh on our minds. 200 more are fresh on the minds of the people of Afghanistan. So many have given so much since that day. It is a reminder that the cost of hate can never be measured in our world, our country, or our own lives. It is an important time to remember how the world has changed. But then again, maybe it hasn't. Sin and its consequences are timeless. But we are followers of Jesus. He believed there was a way to overcome sin, violence, hate, intolerance, prejudice, fear, and evil. His way was love. And of course they killed Him for it, but they couldn't kill love, because they couldn't kill God and God is love. And so we are left to keep calling the world to love by modeling for the world what love looks like. Not some warm fuzzy feeling in the pit of our stomach, but the courage to go the second mile and pray for those who persecute us. To be patient and kind, not envious, boastful, arrogant or rude. To not be irritable or resentful. To not insist on our own way. To bear all things, believe all things, hope all things. Endure all things. Never to stop loving. Because hate will never stop hating until the Kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven. Until then, the Kingdom is within us.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDY OFFERINGS (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. The book is available at [Cokesbury.com](http://Cokesbury.com) or Amazon, and the study will be led by Ben Martin in the Fellowship Hall.

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

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 Jennifer Thompson at [jennifert@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:jennifert@wesleymonumental.org) for a PDF of the study book or purchase it on [my.seedbed.com](http://my.seedbed.com). This study will be led by Jennifer Thompson in Oliver Hall. \*\*\*(All classes will be offered in person and on Zoom. Please contact Ben at [ben@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:ben@wesleymonumental.org) or Jennifer Thompson at [jennifert@wesleymonumental.com](mailto:jennifert@wesleymonumental.com) to receive a Zoom invite to the class you choose.)\*\*\*

**MORNING WORSHIP**  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021  
8:45 & 11:00 A.M.  
*Sixteenth 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 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 plate. Online giving is also available on our website.*

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

**Chiming of the Hour (11:00)**

William Blake

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

The Acolytes

**Opening Voluntary**

Tocatta in E Minor

Johann Pachelbel

**Introit (11:00)**

King of Kings

ancient Hebrew melody

\* **Hymn No. 73**

O Worship the King

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\* **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**

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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 (8:45)**

Thomas Monroe Gattis  
son of Donessa and Clayton Gattis

*Congregational Response:*

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Monroe 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.

**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.*

**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.

\* **Hymn No. 540** I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord ST. THOMAS

**Offertory Prayer**

Jennifer Thompson

**Offertory Voluntary (8:45)** Give Me Jesus arr. Marilyn Ham

**Offertory Anthem (11:00)** arr. William Stickle

The Lord is My Light

The Lord is my light and my salvation, Whom, then, shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life, Of whom shall I be afraid?

Thou an host of men were laid against me,

Yet shall not my heart be afraid;

And tho' there rose up war against me, Yet will I put my trust in Him.

For, in the time of trouble, He shall hide me in His tabernacle.

Yea, in the secret places of His dwelling shall He hide me,

And set me up upon a rock of stone.

- Psalm 27

**Presentation of Tithes and 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

\* **Scripture (Pew Bible, pg. 218)** Hebrews 1:1-14

**Sermon**

"Give Me Jesus Series Part 1:  
God has Spoken"

Ben Martin

\* **Hymn No. 206** I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light HOUSTON

**Benediction**

Ben Martin

**Closing Response** (11:00) Hymn No. 431

Congregation and Choir

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;  
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God our creator, children all are we.  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.  
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:  
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

**Closing Voluntary**

arr. Ron Boud

Toccata on I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

\* *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 memory of my parents Ed and Sarah Kassinger and my grandmother Kate Laurent from Peggy Jolley.

**Usher Roses**

The roses worn by the ushers today are given in loving memory of Bob Farrow by his children and grandchildren.

**Just Born**

Congratulations to Evan and Ryan Cowart on the birth of a daughter, Lucy-Fair Charlotte Cowart, on August 30, 2021. Granddaughter of Carmine and Alan Cowart. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Lucy-Fair.

**Messenger Deadline**

The deadline to submit announcements for the October Messenger is tomorrow, Monday, September 13. Please email to [jennifer@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:jennifer@wesleymonumental.org).

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**Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service**

**Children's Worship:** Charli Weeks

**Greeters:** Lori Miller

**Ushers:** Jeff Miller

**Partners in Prayer:** Ellie Tardif

**11:00 Service**

**Acolyte:** Lincoln Kraeuter

**Children's Worship:** Charli Weeks

**Greeters:** TBD

**Offering Steward:** Jason Pedigo

**Ushers:** Jason Pedigo, Matthew Mobley, Matt West, Jeff O'Connor,  
Aaron Pederson, Bart Rhodes, Don Riddle

**Partners in Prayer:** Grace & Art Greene

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

**Children's Choir and Chimes**

Children's Choir and Chimes is off to a fantastic start! We have 47 kids grades one through five registered, and we are excited about learning these hymns this month:

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name, On Eagle's Wings, Amazing Grace, I Hear Music in the Air, Chatter with the Angels, Gloria Patri, Doxology

We look forward to singing in church in October and also to the Nativity Pageant in December. All children are welcome! E-mail Monica ([monica@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:monica@wesleymonumental.org)).

**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 - September Luncheon Tomorrow!**

Our September Merry Makers luncheon will be held at the church tomorrow, 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 let Jennifer Thompson know today if you can attend. The program and lunch will be in the Parlor of Oliver Hall. Lunch is \$7, if you are able, but *come no matter what!*

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

**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.



**Christmas Greenery 2021**

The Altar Guild of Wesley Monumental is excited to offer fresh balsam greenery from Vermont for the Christmas season. Your pre-paid order will be shipped the Monday after Thanksgiving, and orders will be available for pickup in the Oliver Hall courtyard on Friday, December 3 from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Saturday, December 4 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., and the next week during the Church's normal business hours. The funds from this project are used to offset the cost of decorating the church during the Advent season. Checks should be made payable to Wesley Monumental and earmarked Christmas Greenery. Or visit [bit.ly/WMChristmasGreenery](https://bit.ly/WMChristmasGreenery) to pay online. Select "Give one time" and "Christmas Greenery & Poinsettias" as the fund. Once paid, email the order form to [daphne@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:daphne@wesleymonumental.org) or deliver to the church office by Sunday, October 24. Order forms may be found at all church entrances or on our website.

**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.

**Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members**

**New Member Class Starts Next Week**

Sundays, September 19 and 26, at 10:00 a.m., with the class joining as a group on September 26. Call the church office to sign up, 912-232-0191.

**Wesley Community Center**

Most needed this week are rice and canned or plastic boxes of fruit.

**Living Vine Lawn Care Gives You a Radiant Youthful Glow as You Mow**

Come help with lawn care, Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. Don Riddle leads this ministry. Please tell Nelle.



**A Record of Our Faithfulness**

Sunday Attendance: (9/5/21)	
8:45 AM Worship	78
11:00 AM Worship	152
Online Worship Views	117
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>347</b>
Nursery	8
Children's Worship	18
Sunday School	108

**Finances: (9/5/21)**

Total Budget for the Year.....	\$1,983,419.00
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date .....	\$1,262,377.02
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date .....	\$1,303,513.16

**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  
September 12, 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 Notes**

**As a Praying Church...**

We ask You, Lord, to bless the teachers and students at Eli's Place as they begin a new school year. Please help our students to acquire a love of learning, help our teachers as they instill wisdom and knowledge into their students, and allow all of them to feel Your presence in our church. Please put Your hedge of protection around Eli's Place.

**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, September 12	Daniel 1-3
Monday, September 13	Daniel 4-6
Tuesday, September 14	Daniel 7-9
Wednesday, September 15	Daniel 10-12
Thursday, September 16	Catch-Up Day
Friday, September 17	2 Chronicles 36:22-23; Ezra 1-3
Saturday, September 18	Ezra 4-6
Sunday, September 19	Haggai

**This Week at Wesley**

**Sunday, September 12**

- 8:45 AM   Worship Service, SNC
- 9:30 AM   Coffee, FH
- 9:45 AM   Sunday School
- 10:00 AM  Confirmation Class, EB 4th Flr
- 11:00 AM  Worship Service, SNC
- 4:00 PM   Youth Choir, EB 4th Flr
- 5:00 PM   Youth Group, EB 4th Flr

**Monday, September 13**

- 9:00 AM   Eli's Place
- 11:00 AM  Merry Makers Event, OH Parlor
- 6:00 PM   Trombone Choir Rehearsal, OH Parlor

**Tuesday, September 14**

- 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
- 2:00 PM   Prayer Comm. Mtg
- 6:00 PM   Mission Comm. Mtg., SNC

**Wednesday, September 15**

- 9:00 AM   Eli's Place
- 11:00 AM  Bible Study w/Ben, OH 310
- 4:45 PM   Call to Prayer, OH Parlor
- 5:30 PM   Dinner, FH
- 6:00 PM   Susanna Wesley Circle Mtg, OH 207
- 6:00 PM   Joyful Noise Choir, EB
- 6:00 PM   Children's Choir, EB
- 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
- 7:15 PM   Chancel Choir Rehearsal, EB 4th Flr

**Thursday, September 16**

- 9:00 AM   Eli's Place
- 12:00 PM  Downtown Bible Study, Zoom

**Friday, September 17**

- 9:00 AM   Eli's Place

OH = Oliver Hall   EB = Education Building  
 SNC = Sanctuary   FH = Fellowship Hall  
 WG = Wesley Gardens Retreat

**Pastor on Call This Week**

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

**Wednesday Night Supper:  
9/15/21**

Menu: Pork Teriyaki, Fried Rice,  
Vegetables

**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 Delfiaco (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 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 (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 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**

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, Chris Watson

**In Sympathy....**

The Family of *Francie Delfiaco*,  
sister-in-law of Cynthia Willett

The Family of *Joyce Fowler*