



***Celebrating 154 Years 1868 - 2022***

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### **TIME TO CONNECT OR RECONNECT?**

The start of every year finds most of us making some decisions or commitments to do something new or recommit ourselves to something we have gotten away from but want to reclaim. Often those involve our commitments to spiritual practices like worship, study, prayer, fellowship, and service. At Wesley the beginning of a new year is a great time to get connected or reconnected.

This week a number of opportunities for you are starting or restarting. (additional details inside regarding the two Sunday school classes, Grief Share, Merry Makers, and Wednesday Night Supper)

#### **Study**

- Sunday School
  - The Harbor Class is relaunching for young adults.
  - The Pastor's Class is beginning a new study "Making Sense of the Bible."
- Bible Studies
  - Tuesday Morning for Men (7:00 a.m. at the Holland House)
  - Young Mothers' Bible Study (9:00 a.m., Tuesday mornings in Oliver Hall and via Zoom)
  - Wednesday Morning Bible Study (11:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall)
  - Wednesday Night at Wesley: Dinner, Children's Choirs, Youth Small Groups, and Adult Bible Studies
  - Downtown Bible Study (Noon, Thursdays, Via Zoom)
- Grief Share

Have you been struggling with grief from the death of some one you love? Join this group in a journey towards healing and hope.

#### **Fellowship**

Merry Makers (our Senior Adult Group) meets tomorrow.

#### **Prayer**

You can always pray, but we also meet together to pray on Wednesdays from 4:45 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. in the Oliver Hall Parlor.

#### **Service**

Our 2022 Leadership Team gets started and this year we really need to rebuild our list of people who are willing to serve in various areas. Let us know if you could give the gift of time to serve God at Wesley.

All of these are opportunities to feed our spirits, build our relationship to God and each other, and do something that makes a difference in us and others. We hope you will join us.

**MORNING WORSHIP**  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022  
8:45 & 11:00 A.M.  
*Baptism of the Lord Sunday*

**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. If needed, hearing devices and large print hymnals are available in the Narthex.*

**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 @wumc316 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 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

**Opening Voluntary**

Giovanni Pergolesi

Glory to God in the Highest

**Introit (11:00)**

Entrata Festiva

Flor Peeters

Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus imperat.  
(Christ o'erpowe'reth, Christ now reigneth, Christ doth command.)

\* **Hymn No. 89** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee HYMN TO JOY

\* **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)**

Mollie Frances Yarbrough  
daughter of Carol Lee and Miles Yarbrough

*Congregational Response:*

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Mollie 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 her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love that she 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**

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.

- \* **Hymn No. 352** It's Me, It's Me, O Lord PENITENT

**Offertory Prayer**

Nelle Bordeaux

**Offertory Solo (8:45)** In the Bleak Midwinter arr. Craig Courtney  
Anne Hawks, soprano and Emily Davis, mezzo-soprano

**Offertory Anthem (11:00)**

Paul Halley

Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee  
Jesu, the very thought of Thee With sweetness fills the breast;  
But sweeter far Thy face to see, And in Thy presence rest.  
No voice can sing, no heart can frame, Nor can the memory find  
A sweeter sound than Jesus' name, The saviour of mankind.  
O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek,  
To those who ask how kind Thou art, How good to those who seek.  
But what to those who find? Ah! This Nor tongue nor pen can show;  
The love of Jesus, what it is None but His loved ones know.  
Jesu, our only joy be Thou, As Thou our prize wilt be;  
In Thee be all our glory now, And through eternity.  
- *Twelfth Century Latin, trans. Edward Caswell*

**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. 60) Luke 3:1-14  
**Sermon** "What Do I Do Now? Part 1: Confession" Ben Martin
- \* **Hymn No. 351** Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior  
**Benediction** Ben Martin

**Closing Response** (11:00)

Amen

John Rutter

**Closing Voluntary**

Giga

M. Enrico Bossi

\* *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 honor of the Wesley Monumental Staff by Gaye and Rusty Holt.

### **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 Natalie and Daniel Ingalsbe on the birth of a daughter, Ruby Makale Ingalsbe, on August 4, 2021. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Ruby.

Congratulations to Amanda and JT Prather on the birth of a son, Augustus McCrae Prather, on December 29, 2021. A rose is by the altar today in honor of McCrae.

### **New Sunday School Opportunities in 2022**

- ◆ Harbor Class Relaunch - The Harbor Class has been meeting with the Compass Class during the Covid transition time, but it will relaunch as its own class again today, Sunday, January 9. Most of the members of the Harbor Class are parents of elementary-aged children, so if you fall in that age group (give-or-take a few years on either side), please come join the Harbor Class! Sunday school lessons will be "stand alone" lessons so that anyone can jump in on any given Sunday. The Harbor Class meets in Room 407 of Oliver Hall.
- ◆ Pastor's Class Relaunch - The Pastor's Class will resume after combining last year with the Read Through Bible Class. The new study will begin today, Sunday, January 9 in the Fellowship Hall. The topic is the book "Making Sense of the Bible" by Adam Hamilton. Ben will also teach on this Book on Wednesday nights beginning in February for those in other Sunday School classes who might be interested in the book.

### **Grief Share - Starts Tomorrow, Monday, January 10**

We are offering another 13-week session of Grief Share. If you, or someone you know, would like to participate in this beneficial ministry, please contact Jennifer Thompson at [jennifert@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:jennifert@wesleymonumental.org) or go directly to the Grief Share website [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org), enter your zip code, and register for the class that is hosted by Wesley. The only cost is the workbook which can be ordered at registration and mailed directly to your home. We will begin the group meetings on Monday night, January 10, through Monday night, April 4 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Anyone can join us. You do not have to be a church member and, because we are hosting 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.

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

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

**Greeters:** Lori Miller, Linda Butler      **Ushers:** Jeff Miller, David Butler

**Partners in Prayer:** Ellie Tardif

### **11:00 Service**

**Acolytes:** Addison Conger, Ansley Cheshire

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

**Greeters:** Carolyn & James Cubbedge

**Offering Steward:** Jason Pedigo

**Ushers:** Jason Pedigo, Matt Merritt, Matthew Mobley, Richard Moore, Bobo Mullens, Jeff O'Connor, Aaron Pederson, Bart Rhodes

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

**Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist**  
**May Concert with 42-piece Orchestra, Choir, and Organ**

Saturday, May 14, 2022. 7:30 PM – 8:45 PM

Dona Nobis Pacem (Grant Us Peace) – Ralph Vaughan Williams

Starring the Wesley Choir, soprano Alysa Smith, and internationally renowned baritone Nicholas Davis.

Tickets are \$35 and proceeds go to Wesley member and Purple Heart veteran Ryan Davis and his wife and son, Asia and Knox.



Tickets may be purchased by one of the following:

- Visiting [MonumentalMusic.eventbrite.com](https://www.monumentalmusic.eventbrite.com)
- Scanning the QR code
- From any choir member or the church office

**Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members**  
**Missions Committee Meeting Today, Sunday, January 9**

Oliver Hall, Room 310. Following Worship.

**Wesley Community Center Groceries**

Most needed this week are canned vegetables.

**Pine Cone Pick-Up Party**

This Friday, January 14 from 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. at The Living Vine. All are welcome, especially children! Meet at 535 East 54th. Sign up with Nelle, [tbordeaux@prodigy.net](mailto:tbordeaux@prodigy.net). Please wear old clothes and gardening gloves; bring a rake if you wish. Will postpone if raining.

**Y'All Haul**

Want to move furniture? Have a truck? Please tell Nelle, [tbordeaux@prodigy.net](mailto:tbordeaux@prodigy.net). Flexible schedule; please pray for newly arrived Afghan family with five children, including a baby.

**Young Mothers' Bible Study**

New year, new topic--Christian marriage. Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., sign up with Nelle, [tbordeaux@prodigy.net](mailto:tbordeaux@prodigy.net). All are welcome.



**Messenger Deadline**

The deadline to submit announcements for the February Monumental Messenger is tomorrow, Monday, January 10. Please email to [jennifer@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:jennifer@wesleymonumental.org).

**Family Bingo and Dinner Night**

Presented by Susanna Wesley Circle. Friday, January 28 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Wesley Monumental Fellowship Hall. (Adults \$10, Children \$5, Family Max \$30). To purchase tickets, Venmo @CameronSchmitz81 with your name and number attending. You can also reserve seats and pay at the door by emailing: [swcirclewm@gmail.com](mailto:swcirclewm@gmail.com). Lots of Fun and prizes! Grand Prize includes a Family Beach Weekend at Tybee! All proceeds benefit charities within our community!

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

*Youth (Grades 6th-12th)*

**Acolyte Training Today**

Acolyting is an honor and a great way to serve our church community! All 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join our team of acolytes. We will host an acolyte training today following the 11:00 service.

**Youth Group is Back!**

All 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join us for Youth Group today from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Youth choir is at 4:00 p.m.

**Confirmation Retreat, March 4-6**

For those who are a part of our Confirmation class, you are invited to join us for the South Georgia Conference's annual Confirmation Retreat at Epworth by the Sea. It's a fun and meaningful weekend that really adds to what we've been covering in the Confirmations classes. For more information, see James P. Owens.

**Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life**

**January Merry Makers**

Tomorrow, Monday, January 10 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Oliver Hall Parlor. (Please let Jennifer Thompson know today if you would like to attend, 229-726-7735.) Our guest speaker this month will be the Rev. David Thompson, the District Superintendent for the Coastal District of the South Georgia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. David will share about the current state of the United Methodist Church, what is projected to happen in 2022, and his heart for the UMC. Please bring any questions you have with you. A delicious lunch will be prepared, as usual, by Suzanna.



**A Record of Our Faithfulness**

Sunday Attendance: (01/02/22)

8:45 AM Worship	62
11:00 AM Worship	206
Online Worship Views	108
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>376</b>
Nursery	6
Children's Worship	15
Sunday School	103

**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**

**January 9, 2022**

**Sermon Extended**

Monday	Luke 3:1-6	If I want a deeper more meaningful relationship with God where can I begin?
Tuesday	Mark 1:4-5	Spend some time in self-examination and confession today.
Wednesday	Luke 3:7-9	What might repentance look like in my life?
Thursday	Luke 3:10-14	If I consider the context of my life (vocation, relationships, etc.), where might sin creep in?
Friday	I John 1:8-10	Claim this promise of God today and memorize verse 9.

**Sermon Notes**

**As a Praying Church...**

We ask You, Lord, to please guide and protect students and educators as they return to school after the holidays. Help them to regain focus and keep them from disease and other harms.

**This Week at Wesley**

**Sunday, January 9**

- 8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 9:30 AM Coffee, FH
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 12:15 PM Missions Comm. Mtg, OH 310
- 4:00 PM Youth Choir, EB 4th Flr
- 5:00 PM Youth Group, EB 4th Flr

**Monday, January 10**

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 11:00 AM Merry Makers Event, OH Parlor
- 7:00 PM Grief Share, Zoom

**Tuesday, January 11**

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Holland Hse
- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study, OH
- 11:00 AM Staff Mtg, OH 310
- 2:00 PM Prayer Comm. Mtg, OH Parlor

**Wednesday, January 12**

- 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 Joyful Noise Choir, EB
- 6:00 PM Children's Choir, EB
- 6:00 PM Young Mothers' Small Group, OH Parlor
- 6:00 PM Adult Study, Led by Ben Martin, FH
- 6:00 PM Adult Study, Led by Jennifer Thompson, OH 205
- 7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, EB 4th Flr

**Thursday, January 13**

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

**Friday, January 14**

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 4:00 PM Family Mission Project, Pine Cone Pick Up, The Living Vine

**Saturday, January 15**

- 4:00 PM Wedding, SNC

**Pastor on Call This Week**

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

**Wednesday Night Supper  
01/12/21**

Menu: Pesto Pasta with Chicken,  
Mixed Vegetables

\*\*\*If you plan to eat dinner (and you are not on the permanent reservation list), please make your reservation by emailing or calling Daphne in the church office by 5:00 p.m. tomorrow, Monday, November 10. Call 912-232-0191 or email, daphne@wesleymonumental.org

*In Sympathy....*

The Bentley Family  
on the death of  
Jesse's father,  
David Earl Bentley

**In Our Prayers....**

Pat Beasley, Jane McClain, Matthew McClain, Paul and Connie Kurtz (parents of Dan Kurtz), Connie Herringdine (friend of Lauren Leskowsky) and her husband, Bill Herringdine, Banks Burgstiner (infant son of Summer and Stephen Burgstiner), Jane Bostwick (mother of Meb Ryan), Walter Thomas (brother of Mark Thomas), Dean Muenckler, Rev. Grover Bell, Joel Williams, Bob Franz, Jan and Bob Harman, Mel Hubbard, Shirley Turner, Darin Aldinger, Sandrae McCorkle, Raine Rude, Grant Kassinger (nephew of Peggy Jolley), Sally Polk (sister of Peggy Jolley), Mary Odom, Anita Pringle, Danielle Robertson (granddaughter of Ceil Waters), Jenny Lynn Bradley, Richard Wilson, Pat Macomber, Eleanor Shurr, Ouida Smith (mother of Edward Smith), Fritz Scarborough (brother of Camille O'Neill), Bert Bell, David Heery, Palmer Hood (brother of Ge-Juan Wilkes), Joe Gold, 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, 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, Joe Cain, Kim Rahn, Ella Ealy (granddaughter of Carolyn Roth), Claire Hayes, Ryan Davis, Debby Warner, Adam Corey, Rita Gietzen (sister of Joyce Cole), Earl Goodwin (brother of Beth Adrich), Alison White (niece of Linda Sapp), Martha and Erv Sloan, Fenton McEvoy, Randy Warner, Janice Dukeman (daughter of Erv Sloan), Grace Crosby Utomo (friend of Jean Remley)

At Home/Extended Care

Marilyn Holleman, Olin Bockes, Nancy Birkheimer, Lee Butler, Edith Roszkowiak, Cecil Abarr, Ruth and Elton Stuenkel, Bella Grace Bartels, Harriet Bland, Grace Bockes, Virginia Davis, Roz Evans, Ann Lott, Ellie Tardif, Lois Wooten

Military Serving Abroad/Stateside

Doug Snelling, Derek Mills, Jason Childers, Daniel Ealy, Clint Guild, Yates Holleman, Joshua Laws, Austin New, Jerred Pyles, Chris Watson



# MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS!

## Wednesday Night Supper

Resumes January 12

5:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

Payment:	Weekly	Semester 17 meals (includes 16 Wednesdays & Maundy Thursday)	Semester (pay in advance for the entire semester and receive 1 meal free)
Nursery (Ages 0 to 3)	Free	Free	Free
Nursery (Ages 4 to K)	\$3.00	\$51.00	\$48.00
Children (1st to 5th Grade)	\$3.00	\$51.00	\$48.00
Youth (6th to 12th Grade) & Adults	\$6.00	\$102.00	\$96.00
Family Maximum	\$18.00	\$306.00	\$288.00
College Students	Free	Free	Free

### Payment Options:

- (1) Pay in advance online by scanning the QR code  
Or by visiting [pushpay.com/g/wesleymonumental](https://pushpay.com/g/wesleymonumental)  
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](mailto:daphne@wesleymonumental.org)  
or call the Church Office, 912-232-0191.

*\*Please note, if you were on the permanent reservation list for Fall,  
your reservation will carry over to the Winter/Spring session.*

- (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)

Additional Programming Details →

## WNS Winter/Spring 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 on opposite page.

### **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:

- ★ Joyful Noise Choir (Age 3-K),  
Email [charli@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:charli@wesleymonumental.org)
- ★ Children's Choir (1st-5th Grade),  
Email [monica@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:monica@wesleymonumental.org)

### **Youth Bible Studies (6:00—7:00 PM)**

Youth Bible Studies will meet every Wednesday night following church supper. Questions? Email [james@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:james@wesleymonumental.org)

### **Adult Bible and Book Studies (6:00—7:00 PM)**

- ◆ **Adam Hamilton Studies** (led by Ben Martin in Fellowship Hall)  
January: *Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments* by Adam Hamilton (we have four chapters left)

February-May: *Making Sense of the Bible* by Adam Hamilton

A study of the Bible itself, it's origin, the nature and power of scripture, how to understand some of its confounding and controversial passages

- ◆ ***Epic of Eden: Ruth* by Sandra Richter** (led by Jennifer Thompson)  
Set in the midst of one of the most corrupt eras of Israelite history, Ruth is a story about three compelling characters: Naomi, an elderly widow who has lost everything and returns to her homeland empty and bitter; Ruth, Naomi's daughter-in-law, also a widow, and a foreigner; and Boaz, the local patriarch—a man of wealth and influence. Participants in this study—young and old, men and women, churched and unchurched—will be challenged as they see themselves in these characters and find themselves faced with many of the same questions and challenges. Here is real life, lived out by real people with real fears, real struggles, real hope, and real faith. Jennifer Thompson will be leading this study in room 205, on the second floor of Oliver Hall. Email Jennifer at [jennifert@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:jennifert@wesleymonumental.org) for a PDF of the study book.

- ◆ **Young Women's Small Group** (led by Katie Knight)  
If you are a young woman, you will want to join Katie Knight in the Parlor of Oliver Hall on Wednesday nights for a time of sharing and spiritual encouragement!