



Celebrating 154 Years 1868 - 2022

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MEMORIAL DAY

"No greater love has any man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." - John 15:13

*"Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. 5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, 7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, 8 he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross."
- Philippians 2:3-8*

This weekend we celebrate Memorial Day. Though it doesn't always seem appropriate to me to speak of it as a celebration. It is rather a day when we stop to give thanks and contemplate the depth of sacrifice made by women and men who gave their lives while serving in our armed forces. Paul wrote in Romans that "rarely would a person die even for a good person," but countless numbers have been willing to die for our country, the values of justice and freedom, and maybe most importantly, the women and men who serve beside them. The old saying that "freedom isn't free" remains true.

No one understood the concept of dying to save the lives of others more than Jesus. His death bought our freedom from the power of sin and death. He in turn taught that anyone who would be his follower had to be willing to "deny themselves, and take up their cross and follow." For followers of Jesus, sacrifice is a main discipline of the spiritual life. We are challenged to answer the call to self-denial and putting others before ourselves. Sacrifice however is not just a discipline, it is a lifestyle that develops from a heart and mind transformed by the power of Christ living in us. Our goal is that while sacrifice may begin through self-discipline, our hope is that in time it will flow naturally from us in every aspect of our lives. It is then that we will truly have learned what it means to love.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2022

8:45 & 11:00 A.M.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Ascension Sunday

Jonathan Swygert, trumpet	Mark Spradley, trombone
Paul Lott, trumpet	Thomas Schandolph, trombone
Edd Finley trumpet	Mike Daly, French horn
Joel Hayes, tuba	Ray McClain, timpani

(11:00 Musicians)

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.*

Lighting of the Candles (11:00)

The Acolytes

Opening Voluntary

My Country 'Tis of Thee

arr. Mack Wilberg

Introit (11:00)

The Lord is My Shepherd

John Rutter

* Hymn No. 698

God of the Ages

NATIONAL HYMN

* Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Nelle Bordeaux

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day He rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

* Gloria Patri

GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Ben Martin

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 on the second floor.

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. 697** My Country, 'Tis of Thee AMERICA

Offertory Prayer Nelle Bordeaux

Offertory Voluntary (8:45) America the Beautiful arr. Bill Wolaver

Anthem (11:00) America arr. Dr. Robert Henry

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

* **Doxology No. 94** LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* **Scripture** (Pew Bible, pg. 91, 118) Luke 24:50-53, Acts 1:6-11

Sermon "While We are Waiting" Ben Martin

* **Hymn No. 717** The Battle Hymn of the Republic BATTLE HYMN

Benediction Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00) arr. Holst
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Closing Voluntary America the Beautiful arr. Mack Wilberg

* *Please stand as you are able.
Following the service, please take your bulletins, masks, and all belongings with you.
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Altar Flowers

The flowers by the altar today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Paul Painter by Judi Painter and family.

Just Born

Congratulations to Alex and Whit Campbell on the birth of a son, Matthew Whitfield Campbell, Jr., on May 8, 2022. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Fields.

Congratulations

Wesley Monumental congratulates Sheila Boone and Skip Watts on their marriage which took place May 21 in the sanctuary.

Church Office Closed

The Church Office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.

Update - Fourth Fridays at Wesley Gardens Retreat

The Fourth Friday Retreats scheduled for May and June have been postponed and will resume in July or August.

New Wesley Monumental Bible Study in Pooler

Join us for a new Bible Study in Pooler! This study will be led by Wesley members, David Pearre and Will Weeks, and focus on the book *Romans* by John MacArthur. Starting June 2nd, the group will meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the home of David and Monica Pearre (232 Opus Court, Pooler). For more information and to sign up, contact David (mdhdhunter32@gmail.com/202-672-4914) or Will (wweeks50@comcast.net / 912-547-3416).

Tapachula, Mexico Virtual Mission Trip

This Thursday, June 2, at 6:00 p.m., we will join Isle of Hope and Islands UMC to celebrate and learn about the work of Mission on the Move in Mexico! This Virtual Mission Trip will take us to Tapachula, Mexico, where we support a children's home for orphans and those whose parents are in the local prison. This event is being held at Isle of Hope UMC, 412 Parkersburg Road. A meal typical of Chiapas will be served! Together we will learn what Mission on the Move is doing to change the lives of the children and their community! Financial donations can be made at the event. To register, contact Scott Cleaveland at 912-598-8278 or visit <https://bit.ly/3sSBj3p>.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks, Haley Herrington

Greeters: Lori Miller

Offering Steward: Jeff Miller

Ushers: Jeff Miller

Partners in Prayer: Britt Griffin

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Anna Livingood, Michael Grabowski

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks, Haley Herrington

Greeters: Neilie & Justin Dunn

Offering Steward: Adam Hess

Ushers: Adam Hess, Greg Dotson, Justin Dunn, Tim Edwards,

David Gaskin, Mark Glidewell, Cory Hall, Dustin Hamilton, Michael Hasselle

Partners in Prayer: Mickey Rountree

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

Today's music is given to the glory of God and in honor of Camille O'Neill's 90th birthday by her friend Kathy Levitt.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Wesley Community Center Groceries for Children and Seniors

Most needed this week is cereal.

Y'All Haul on Memorial Day

Want to move a table from Randal Robinson's southside home? Truck and lifters needed. Please sign up, Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Come Mow the Back Forty - Wednesday, June 1 at 8:00 a.m.

Living Vine, 535 East 54th Street, Sign up with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net. Don Riddle leads this ministry.

Construction Ministry

Want to help build for Family Promise homeless families on Cumming Street? Please sign up with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life

Merry Makers Movie Day, Tuesday, May 31

For those who have signed up to go see *Downton Abbey* and lunch, we will meet at the Olive Garden in Pooler (280 Pooler Parkway) at 11:00 a.m. They are expecting us and have a lunch menu available. We will then go to Pooler Stadium Theater (425 Pooler Parkway) for a 1:30 p.m. movie time. If you are only going to the movie, meet us at the theater at 1:00 p.m. I did buy a few extra tickets if you know anyone who wants to join us - first come, first serve. See you there!

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry



Vacation Bible School - Few Spots Left!

There are a few spots left for our Vacation Bible School at Wesley Gardens. VBS will be held at the Wesley Gardens Retreat Center the week of June 13-17 from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon each day. If you have not already registered, please register today at www.myvbs.org/wesleymonumental.

Vacation Bible School Training

Many thanks to everyone who is helping to make VBS a great success for our children. Training for adult and youth volunteers will take place on Sunday, June 5 at 10:00 a.m. and on Wednesday, June 8 at 5:30 p.m. Both training sessions will be held in the parlor on the second floor of Oliver Hall. All volunteers need to attend one of these meetings. If you haven't already signed up but want to help, it's not too late. Call or text Charli at 912-547-3526.

Family Fundays at Wesley Gardens

Mark your calendars and plan to join us on Sunday afternoon, June 26 and July 24 for lots of water fun for children and their parents at the Wesley Gardens Retreat Center. The water inflatables will be set up at 3:30 p.m., worship will begin at 5:30 p.m., and we'll have dinner available in the main house at 6:15 p.m. The nursery will be open from 3:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries

Local Mission Week, July 25-29

All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us for a week of service from July 25 -29. We will be engaged in meaningful service projects in the community each day, involving light construction and repair, sorting/processing donations, and other projects to benefit our city. Please see James P. Owens for more details.



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (05/22/22)

8:45 AM Worship	94
11:00 AM Worship	238
Online Worship Views	118
Total Worship	450
Nursery	12
Children’s Worship	37
Sunday School	15

Finances: (05/22/22)

Total Budget for the Year	\$2,022,708.12
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$844,918.98
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$849,278.17

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Ben Martin.....Senior Pastor	Tom Anderson.....Financial Manager
Rev. Nelle Bordeaux.....Outreach and New Members	Jennifer Baker.....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
Julia Flowers.....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

May 29, 2022

Sermon Extended

Monday	Luke 24:50-53	What was the disciples' response to the ascension?
Tuesday	Acts 1:6-11	Do I have an expectation of Jesus "returning"? Why or why not?
Wednesday	2 Peter 3:8-15	What does Peter teach us about Jesus' return?
Thursday	Matthew 24:32-44	What does Jesus teach us about his "return"?
Friday	Matthew 28:16-20	What does Jesus tell us to do while we wait? How am I trying to obey him?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

We ask You, Lord, to guide the Wesley construction ministry as it works to build the Cumming Street house for a Family Promise homeless family. Bless this home and the family who will live there. Let them feel Your presence.

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, May 29

- 8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 9:30 AM Coffee, FH
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC

Monday, May 30

Memorial Day - Church Office Closed

- 1:30 PM Y'all Haul

Tuesday, May 31

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Holland Hse
- 9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study, OH 310 or Zoom
- 9:00 AM Bible Buddies, OH 308
- 11:00 AM Staff Mtg, OH 310
- 11:00 AM Merry Makers Lunch, Pooler Olive Garden
- 1:00 PM Merry Makers Movie, Pooler Stadium Theater

Wednesday, June 1

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

Thursday, June 2

- 12:00 PM Downtown Bible Study, Zoom
- 6:00 PM Mission on the Move, Virtual Mission Trip, Isle of Hope UMC
- 7:00 PM New WM Bible Study in Pooler, Home of David Pearre

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

☆ **Sunday Nights at Wesley Gardens Retreat** ☆

June 19 - August 14
(we will not meet on July 3)

Event Times

- 3:30 PM Youth Group, Boat Hse
- 5:00 PM Youth Choir, Chapel
- 5:30 PM Worship, Chapel
- 6:15 PM Dinner, Main House

Meal Details

- Suzanna prepares entrée & dessert
- An Adult Sunday School Class prepares the sides

Worship Service

Each Sunday, we will highlight a different area of ministry and have a theme for that particular Sunday for everyone to enjoy. Themes include:

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| Family Fun Nights | Choir Night |
| Merry Makers Night | Youth Night |
| Missions Night | UMW Night |

In Our Prayers....

Lynn Kurtz, Sheila Kraeuter (mother of Scot Kraeuter), Robert Reece (friend of Philip Green), Woody Brown, Shari and Mel Hubbard, Leon Terrell Coppage (father of Amy Carter), Dewayne Barfield (brother of Shirley Turner), Jason Black (son of Marilyn and Wayne Black), Michael Sailors, Jimmy Stephens (brother of Kathi Hodges), Camille Herring (sister of Wade Herring), Harriett Gattis (mother of Clayton Gattis), Rebecca Lewis, Marilyn Holleman, John Burton, Pat Beasley, Jane McClain, Matthew McClain, Paul and Connie Kurtz (parents of Dan Kurtz), Banks Burgstiner (infant son of Summer and Stephen Burgstiner), Jane Bostwick (mother of Meb Ryan), Walter Thomas (brother of Mark Thomas), Dean Muenckler, Jan and Bob Harman, Shirley Turner, Darin Aldinger, Sandrae McCorkle, Raine Rude, Grant Kassinger (nephew of Peggy Jolley), Sally Polk (sister of Peggy Jolley), Anita Pringle, Danielle Robertson (granddaughter of Ceil Waters), Richard Wilson, Fritz Scarborough (brother of Camille O'Neill), David Heery, Palmer Hood (brother of Ge-Juan Wilkes), Louis Burnsed (brother of Marilyn Hitt), Diane Coleman (friend of Carmine Cowart), Carla Corn (mother of Sarah Shelby), Doug Stutzman, (on), Alyssa Jones (granddaughter of Rusty Holt), Jerry Comunale (brother-in-law of Cynthia Willett), Jennifer Hodges, Kim Rahn, Ella Ealy (granddaughter of Carolyn Roth), Ryan Davis, Janice Dukeman (daughter of Erv Sloan), Martha Sloan, Fenton McEvoy

At Home/Extended Care

Grace & Olin Bockes, Lee Butler, Edith Roszkowiak, Cecil Abarr, Ruth and Elton Stuenkel, Bella Grace Bartels, Harriet Bland, Virginia Davis, Roz Evans, 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

In Sympathy....

The Ivey Family
on the death of Anna's father,
Gary Cohen Arms