



**Celebrating 156 Years 1868 - 2024**

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June 2, 2024

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 3-7**

Many of us have fond memories of Vacation Bible School. Lots of somewhat silly songs, Elmer's glue and popsicle stick crafts, ice cream, recreation, learning Bible stories, memorizing Bible verses, and learning about how much Jesus loves us. Mostly, what I remember were the wonderful people who took their time to put up with a bunch of screaming, excited, over-sugared children. Tomorrow, we will begin Vacation Bible School with around 170 children and 60 or so volunteers. We can still use extra hands if you have a free day. A special thanks to all of you who are helping and to the parents who are committed to having your children there. We pray they will leave the week knowing more about the love of God found in Jesus and what it means to follow him. Remember our staff, volunteers, and children in your prayers during this special week at Wesley Gardens Retreat.

**SUMMER SERMON SERIES**

This morning, I am beginning a series of sermons entitled "Lost Things." During the month of June, we will look at one of the most memorable chapters of the gospels, Luke 15.

June 2- Lost Things 1	Luke 15:1-2	Table Fellowship
June 9- Lost Things 2	Luke 15:3-10	Losing Things
June 16- Lost Things 3	Luke 15:11-25	Getting Lost
June 23- Lost Things 4	Luke 15:11-32	Being Lost
June 30- Lost Things 5	2 Corinthians 5:16-6:1	Joining the Search

**WORSHIP AND DINNER AT WESLEY GARDENS  
BEGINS IN TWO WEEKS**

On June 16, we will begin our summer Sunday night worship and dinner at Wesley Gardens Retreat. Sunday school classes will take turns sponsoring a night and bringing the side dishes for the meal. You don't need a reservation; join us for relaxed evenings of worship and fellowship. Worship begins at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:15 p.m. We will continue our **Spiritual Practices** from 4:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. each week. Spiritual Director Christian Swails will help lead us in practices like Lectio Divina (sacred reading), The Prayer Labyrinth, Contemplative Prayer, Group Spiritual Direction, etc. Come out early to do some "soul work" with us.

*Ben*

# MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2024

8:45 & 11:00 A.M.

*Second 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. 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 in the Fellowship Hall.*

## Lighting of the Candles (11:00)

The Acolytes

\* **Introit** (11:00) Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing  
Katie Krull, mezzo-soprano

**Hymn No. 616** Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast HURSLEY

\* **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

*(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 in the Fellowship Hall. Following the service, they can be picked up in the Fellowship Hall.*

*11:00 Children ages 3 - 3rd grade leave through the doors at the front of the sanctuary and go to Children's Worship in the Fellowship Hall. 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.

## Baptismal Covenant (8:45)

Dean Thomas Bartlett  
son of Kelsey and Trey Bartlett

*Congregational Response:*

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Dean 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.

## Pastoral Prayer

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

\* **Scripture Lesson** (Pew Bible, NT pg. 78)

Luke 15:1-2

## 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

Nelle Bordeaux

### Offertory Voluntary (8:45)

At the Cross

arr. Joel Raney

### Offertory Anthem (11:00)

This is the Day

John Rutter

This is the day which the Lord hath made.  
We will rejoice and be glad in it.  
O praise the Lord of heaven. Praise Him in the heights.  
Praise Him all ye angels of His, praise Him all ye hosts.  
Praise Him sun and moon. Praise Him all ye stars at night.  
Let them praise the name of the Lord.  
For He shall give His angels charge over thee.  
To keep thee in all thy ways.  
The Lord Himself is thy keeper.  
The Lord is thy defense upon thy right hand.  
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day,  
neither the moon by night.  
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil.  
Yea, it is even He that shall keep thy soul.  
The Lord shall preserve thy going out  
and thy coming in from this time forth forevermore.  
He shall defend thee under His wings.  
Be strong, and He shall comfort thine heart.  
And put thou thy trust in the Lord.

### 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. 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.

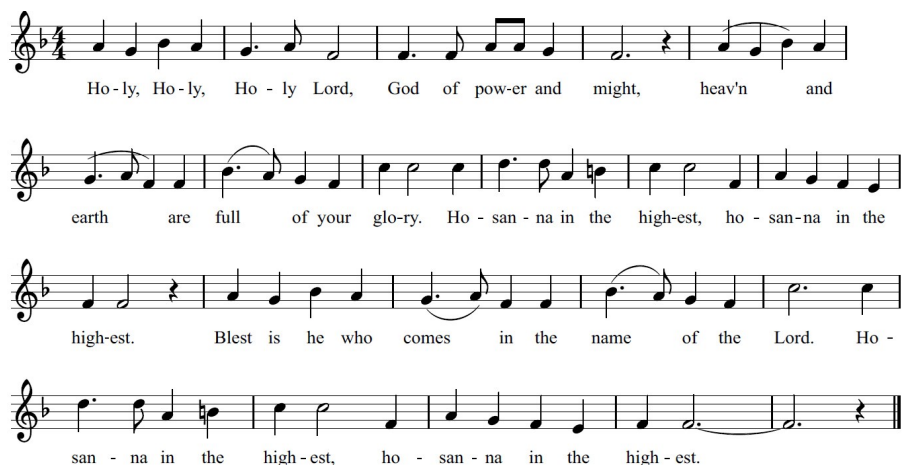
**Congregation:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**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:



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n and  
earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the  
high-est. Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high-est.

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:

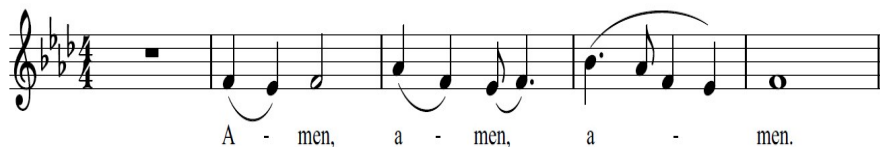


Christ has died; Christ is ri - sen; Christ will come a - gain.

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

*(Gluten free bread is available. Please indicate your preference by raising your hand.)*

### Giving the Bread and Cup

*We will take communion at the rail. Today's communion offering is designated for The Living Vine Maternity Home. If you would like to give a donation, please place your offering in the chancel rail when you come to be served.*

### Communion Music (11:00)

He's Just the Same Today  
Jerome Elder, tenor

Harry Burleigh

### 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. 618 Let Us Break Bread Together Afro-American Spiritual  
Stanza 1

\* **Benediction** Ben Martin

**Closing Response** (11:00) God Be with You till We Meet Again

**Closing Voluntary** A Mighty Fortress Is Our God arr. Joyce Jones

\* *Please stand as you are able.*

*Following the service, please take your bulletins, masks, and all belongings with you.*

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**Grocery Item Needed This Week** is canned meat, such as Vienna sausages.

### Bible Studies

- Young Mothers' Bible Study will not meet this Tuesday, June 4, but will resume next Tuesday, June 11, at 9:00 a.m. on the second floor of Oliver Hall, room 213 (parlor); the Bible Buddies nursery meets in room 207 (barrel-vault room). Currently studying "Parenting: 14 Gospel Principles That Can Radically Change Your Family."
- Thursday Noon Bible Study will not meet this Thursday, June 6, but will resume next Thursday, June 13, from noon to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. Questions, please email Nelle at [tbordeaux@prodigy.net](mailto:tbordeaux@prodigy.net)

**Altar Flowers**

The flowers by the altar today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jerry Comunale, brother-in-law of Cynthia Willett.

**Merry Makers Day Trip to Hope Ranch Zoo**

Merry Makers will have a day trip to the Hope Ranch Zoo in Effingham County on Thursday, June 13. Hope Ranch features over 200 mammals and 80 species of birds. Tours are divided into small groups, and all walking is on level ground. Many of the animals are in covered enclosures, which allows for up-close encounters with them. Following the visit, we will have lunch in downtown Springfield at The Station, an eatery and bakery in the old train station. The cost for the zoo is \$18. Lunch is Dutch treat. Reservations are a MUST. Please call the church office to RSVP. Bring correct cash to pay for your entry at the zoo.

**Next New Member Class**

June 23 and 30 at 10:00 a.m., both Sundays. Nursery provided. Please call the church office to sign up at 912-232-0191.

**Youth Local Mission Week 7/22—7/26**

**★ Calling All Youth!**

This mission week is open to all students in 6th-12th grade. You can register your students at the following link:

[bit.ly/2024YouthLocalMissionWeek](http://bit.ly/2024YouthLocalMissionWeek)  
Registration ends tomorrow, 6/3.

**★ Calling All Adults!**

Please help alongside our wonderful youth. Choose any part of a day that suits you. Activities include construction, food distribution, and gardening. Sign up at [tbordeaux@prodigy.net](mailto:tbordeaux@prodigy.net).

**Fun with Skip and Sheila  
Putt Putt/Mini Golf**

Join us for Putt Putt/Mini Golf on Saturday, June 8. We will meet at Bogeys on Wilmington Island at noon. Students 12 and older will need \$12 to play a round. (If your student is still 11, it will cost \$10) Please let Skip or Sheila know if you plan to attend.

**Weekly Spiritual Practices Gathering**

For anyone interested in engaging their heart in deeper transformation and those looking for tools to walk out their faith, join Christian Swails from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. today, Sunday, June 2 at Wesley Gardens Retreat. Everyone is welcome, and feel free to bring a friend!

**A Record of Our Faithfulness**

Sunday Attendance: (05/26/24)

8:45 AM Worship	64	Nursery	XX
11:00 AM Worship	215	Children's Worship	XXX
Online Worship Views	XXX	Sunday School	97
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>XXX</b>		

**Finances: (05-26-24)**

Total Budget for the Year .....	\$2,126,355.46
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date .....	\$924,628.53
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date .....	\$886,472.35

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

**Children's Worship:** Charli Weeks

**Communion Stewards:** TBD

**Greeters:** Ken Griner                      **Offering Steward:** David Butler

**Partners in Prayer:** Anne Thompson

**11:00 Service**

**Acolytes:** Couper Howard, Jordan Hess

**Children's Worship:** TBD

**Sunday School:** TBD

**Communion Stewards:** TBD

**Greeters:** Kim & Mehmet Ergul                      **Offering Steward:** Brian West

**Ushers:** Brian West, Mehmet Ergul, Ted Moore, Jim Pannell, Jon Pannell, Johnny Phelps, Willie Roberds, Ken Spriggs

**Partners in Prayer:** Mickey Rountree

**Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church**

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**Sermon Extended**

Monday	Luke 15:-1	What makes Jesus attractive to people?
Tuesday	Luke 15:2	What makes Jesus offensive to people?
Wednesday	Luke 15:1-2	Who do we put in the category of "sinners and tax collectors" today?
Thursday	Luke 14:7-24	Why did Jesus use so many stories about being "at the table"?
Friday	Luke 22:14-27	What do we learn from this "table story"?

**Sermon Notes**

**Lenten Book of Prayers**

Additional copies of "Search Me, O God," our Lenten book of prayers, are available in the church office. You may have extra copies to share with family and friends. The prayers are good for any day.

**This Week at Wesley**

\*\*Visit [wesleymonumental.org/events/](http://wesleymonumental.org/events/) to view the calendar online.\*\*

**Sunday, June 2**

- 8:45 AM     Worship Service, SNC
- 9:30 AM     Coffee & Refreshments, FH
- 9:45 AM     Sunday School, FH & OH
- 11:00 AM    Worship Service, SNC
- 4:00 PM     Spiritual Practices, WGR

**Monday, June 3**

VBS at Wesley Gardens Retreat

**Tuesday, June 4**

VBS at Wesley Gardens Retreat

- 5:30 PM     Trustees, EB

**Wednesday, June 5**

VBS at Wesley Gardens Retreat

- 5:30 PM     SPRC Mtg, OH 205
- 7:15 PM     Chancel Choir Rehearsal, FH

**Thursday, June 6**

VBS at Wesley Gardens Retreat

**Friday, June 7**

VBS at Wesley Gardens Retreat

- 5:00 PM     Wedding Rehearsal, SNC

**Saturday, June 8**

- 12:00 PM    Youth Putt Putt/Mini Golf,  
              Bogeys Mini Golf
- 6:00 PM     Wedding, SNC

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

**Pastors on Call This Week**

All days except Wednesdays & Fridays  
 Ben Martin.....912-547-1835  
 Wednesdays  
 Nelle Bordeaux .....912-234-9245  
 Fridays  
 Carolyn Cubbedge..912-308-3385

**Wednesday Night Supper**  
 and programs will resume this fall.

**Sunday Night Supper and Worship**  
 at Wesley Gardens Retreat begins  
 Sunday, June 16. Details will be  
 available in the June Messenger and  
 upcoming bulletins.

**In Our Prayers....**

Bob Franz, Melissa McDonald and Family, Wayne Black, Effie and Nic Allsbrooks, Courtney Fetz, Michael Baggott, Virginia Davis, Foster Parks, Noel Cooper, Wayne Thomas, Family of Logan Spencer (friend of Charles Stewart), John Martin Sr., Rachel Spence, Jan Pullin, Rosemary Beasley, Becky Fazzini (sister of Debra Ellis), Dean Muenckler, Julia Holliday, Ann Lytle, Emily Davis, Emery Warnock, Danielle Robertson, Camille Searcy, Roger Lemay, Jason Horton, Kevin Wilson, Archie Davis, Ella Ealy (grand-daughter of Carolyn Roth), Adam Corey, Saddle Kurtz (aunt of Dan Kurtz), Dolly Caylor (mother of Rhonda Radcliff), Sharon and Terry Knepper (parents of Holly Conger), Karen Nickles, Will Weeks, Lindsey Goldberg, Pat Monahan, Mary Hohnerlein (friend of Ken and Deanne Rimes), Byron Rogers, John Birkheimer, Eleanor McCurry, Connie Kurtz (mother of Dan Kurtz), Ken Brownfield, Oscar Cook, Doris Rothenberger (mother of Susan Colgrove), Suzette Parker, Tim Mooney, Walter Thomas (brother of Mark Thomas), Alyssa Jones (granddaughter of Rusty Holt), Ryan Davis, Martha Sloan, Fenton McEvoy

**At Home/Extended Care**

Bella Grace Bartels, Pat Beasley, Harriet Bland, Olin Bockes, David Chow, Roz Evans, Sandrae McCorkle, Toni Olds, Mark Thomas, Cindy Telljohann, Lois Wooten

**Military Serving Abroad/Stateside**

Blake Bazemore, Daniel Ealy, Michael Sailors, Dajuan Monley, Jason Childers, Yates Holleman, Chris Watson

*In Sympathy...*

The Coakley Family  
 on the death of *Jim Coakley*,  
 brother of Jake Coakley

The Haire Family  
 on the death of *Ross Haire*,  
 father of Matt Haire