



Celebrating 156 Years 1868 - 2024

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SUMMERTIME AT WESLEY

When Independence Day arrives, we know summer is in full swing (of course, if you were in the 8:45 service last week when the AC was out, you knew summer was in full swing!). It is a time of vacations and recreation with kids out of school. At Wesley, we are enjoying Sundays at Wesley Gardens Retreat, Eli's Place Summer camps are full, and the children's "Summer Fun Daze" camp and youth Local Mission Week are right around the corner. But we will blink our eyes, and summer will be over (the schedule, not the heat), and school will begin again.

**SCHOOL UNIFORMS FOR URBAN HOPE & REFUGEE CHILDREN
DEADLINE IS THIS WEDNESDAY, JULY 10**

Speaking of school, one of our big mission outreach projects each year is to "adopt" a child from Urban Hope or the Refugee ministry and become a prayer partner for them over the coming year. In addition, we ask you to provide a school uniform for the child. This year, we have 89 children on our list. If you would be willing to participate in this meaningful outreach, please let Rev. Nelle Bordeaux know ASAP, and she will provide the children's names and uniform sizes. We hope to have all the children with a prayer partner and uniform by this Wednesday, July 10.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, JULY 7, 2024
8:45 & 11:00 A.M.
Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Shirley Roberts, organist

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

Hymn No. 698

God of the Ages

NATIONAL HYMN

* **Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

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**

GREATOR EX

(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 (11:00)

Olivia Taylor Shore
daughter of Leah and Bobby Shore

Pastoral Prayer

Nelle Bordeaux

* **Scripture Lesson** (Pew Bible, NT pg. 226, OT pg. 616)

Hebrews 12:1-2, Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Sermon

"Relinquishment Part 1: An Invitation"

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

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

Offertory Solo

How Beautiful
Carolyn Roth, Soprano

Twila Paris

How beautiful the hands that served
the wine and the bread and the children of earth.
How beautiful the feet that walked
the long dusty roads and the hill to the cross.

How beautiful is the body of Christ.

How beautiful the heart that bled,
that took all my sin and bore it instead.
How beautiful the tender eyes
that choose to forgive and never despise.

How beautiful is the body of Christ

How beautiful the feet that bring
the sound of good news and the love of the King.
How beautiful the hands that serve
the wine and the bread and the children of earth.

How beautiful is the body of Christ.

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.

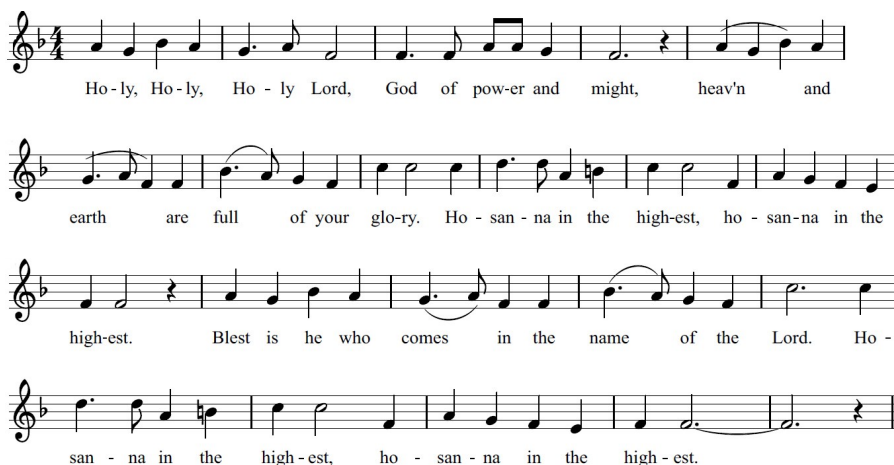
Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

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 Pastor's Discretionary Fund. If you would like to give a donation, please place your offering in the chancel rail when you come to be served.

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.

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| * Hymn No. 696 | America the Beautiful
Stanza one | MATERNA |
| * Benediction | | Ben Martin |
| Closing Voluntary | Prelude in C Major, BWV 547 | J. S. Bach |

- * *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 pasta. Please place donations in marked boxes in the Wayne/Gordon Street foyers and Oliver Hall.

Bible Studies

- Young Mothers' Bible Study meets Tuesdays 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—Rest and Mercy," Psalm 34:18; Matthew 28:16-20; Ephesians 2:1-10.
- Thursday Noon Bible Study meets Thursdays from noon to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. Currently studying Zechariah, chapters 4 and 5. Questions or to sign up, please email Nelle at tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Youth Group Today!

The youth will meet at Wesley Gardens this afternoon from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Students are invited to stay for the service in the chapel and dinner following youth time.

Prayer Partners for Urban Hope and Refugee Children

Sign up with Nelle to pray daily for a child and to provide the child's school uniforms by this Wednesday, July 10, tbordeaux@prodigy.net. You may shop for the uniforms or write a check to the church earmarked "school uniforms"; the daily prayers for your child are the most important part. Please tell Nelle what age child you want.

Promotion Sunday

Summer is flying by, and it's time to begin planning for the fall. Be sure to put Sunday, August 18, on your calendar for Promotion Sunday!

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, July 7 at Wesley Gardens Retreat. Everyone is welcome, and feel free to bring a friend!

Merry Makers

Two fellowship events are planned for Merry Makers, our senior adult fellowship group, for the month of July.

- ◆ This Tuesday, July 9, we will share a Dutch-treat brunch at J. Christopher's on Liberty Street. Meet at the church at 9:30 a.m., and we will shuttle you to the restaurant.
- ◆ On July 23, we will share a patriotic potluck lunch at Wesley Gardens Retreat. Bring your favorite dish to share and join us at 11:00 a.m.

Please call the church office to make your reservations for one or both of these events. Questions? See Carolyn Hale Cubbedge.



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (06/30/24)

8:45 AM Worship	101	Nursery	16
11:00 AM Worship	225	Children's Worship	28
Online Worship Views	142	Sunday School	132
Total Worship	468		

Finances (06/23/24):

Total Budget for the Year	\$2,126,355.46
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$1,075,519.62
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$1,111,392.28

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Communion Stewards: Diane & Byron Boyd, Gilmore MacGregor

Greeters: Lori Miller, Sharlene Monahan **Offering Steward:** Jeff Miller

Partners in Prayer: Mark Lindsay

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Ansley Cheshire, Catherine Cheshire

Children's Worship: Sarah Labrot, Karen Washburn

Sunday School: Volunteers Needed

Communion Stewards: Shayna Stancil-Wier & Allen Wier

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

Ushers: Brian West, Mehmet Ergul, Ted Moore, Jeff O'Connor,

Glen Willard, Willie Roberds, Ken Spriggs

Partners in Prayer: Adam Kobek

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Sermon Extended

Monday	Hebrews 12:1	What do I feel “weighs” me down in my life right now?
Tuesday	Hebrews 12:2	What example did Jesus give us for “relinquishing” things on His journey?
Wednesday	Ecclesiastes 3:1-4	Pray through these four verses listening for what God is saying to me.
Thursday	Ecclesiastes 3:5-8	Pray through these four verses listening for what God is saying to me.
Friday	Matthew 11:28-30	Listen to these verses as an invitation from Jesus. Offer your response to him.

Sermon Notes

This Week at Wesley

**Visit wesleymonumental.org/events/
to view the calendar online.**

Sunday, July 7

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
3:00 PM Youth Group, WGR
4:00 PM Spiritual Practices, WGR
5:30 PM Worship, WGR Chapel
6:15 PM Dinner, WGR Main House

Monday, July 8

9:00 AM Eli's Place Summer Camp

Tuesday, July 9

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Sunnyside Up
9:00 AM Eli's Place Summer Camp
9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study,
OH 213
9:00 AM Bible Buddies, OH 207
9:30 AM Merry Makers, J. Christophers
11:00 AM Staff Mtg, OH 205
6:00 PM Mission Comm. Mtg, OH 205

Wednesday, July 10

9:00 AM Eli's Place Summer Camp
7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, FH

Thursday, July 11

9:00 AM Eli's Place Summer Camp
12:00 PM Bible Study w/Nelle, Zoom

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

Sunday Nights at Wesley Gardens Retreat

Sunday, July 7

3:00 PM Youth Group
4:00 PM Spiritual Practices,
Main House
5:30 PM Worship, Chapel
6:15 PM Dinner, Main House
Preaching: Christian Swails
Meal: Baked Ziti
Hosting/Providing Side Dishes:
Connect/Millennial Blend SS Classes

In Our Prayers....

John Walter, Helen Weitz (sister of Bonnie Delvers), Bob Franz, Melissa McDonald and Family, 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, David Chow, Roz Evans, Sandrae McCorkle, Toni Olds, Mark Thomas, Cindy Telljohann, Lois Wooten

Military Serving Abroad/Stateride

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

In Sympathy...

The Atkins Family
on the death of
Ellen Atkins

The Eller Family
on the death of *Robert Hood*,
father of Anne Eller

The Bell Family
on the death of *Burt Bell*,
son of Deanie Bell