



Celebrating 156 Years 1868 - 2024

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LABOR DAY

Tomorrow is Labor Day, and our offices will be closed. It will be a well-deserved day off for our office staff and this year especially for Jennifer Brookins. Tomorrow marks the ten-year anniversary of Jennifer's ministry with us. I cannot begin to tell you how valued and beloved Jennifer is by our staff and to our congregation. So much of her work is done behind the scenes, but her contribution is immeasurable. She has incredible skills, but more importantly a compassionate heart to serve and a gentle and patient listening ear (to all our complaints and concerns). It is most appropriate she has this little button on her desk that all the children love to push. It is the "No" button. When you press it, it says repeatedly "NO." It's the only time you ever hear no come from her desk. She gives above and beyond, and I am so grateful for her. So on behalf of us all, "THANK YOU JENNIFER, WE LOVE YOU."

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT WESLEY ARE HERE

After a summer break, we relaunch our Wednesday Nights at Wesley this week. We hope you will sign up to be a part of our mid-week discipleship offering. The food is fantastic, the fellowship renewing, and the teaching refreshing. Our children will be immersed in the faith through music, and our youth will be encouraged by time with their peers and leaders. See the insert in the bulletin and get signed up immediately for this week's launch.

2025 LEADERSHIP TEAM

Fall is here, and we have to begin putting together our 2025 Leadership Team to be approved at Charge Conference. If you would like to serve, please let Ben know. If you have a particular area of interest send that information as well. A list of all the areas of service was in this past week's Wesley Weekly email. (If you are not receiving the Wesley Weekly email, please email jennifer@wesleymonumental.org.)

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024
8:45 & 11:00 A.M.
Fifteenth 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.*

Chiming of the Hour (11:00)

Haley Hess

Lighting of the Candles (11:00)

The Acolytes

Hymn No. 98

To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

* **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**

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.

Pastoral Prayer

Nelle Bordeaux

* **Scripture Lesson** (Pew Bible, NT pgs. 162, 201)

Romans 12:9, Colossians 3:1-17

Sermon

"Holding On Part 1: Minimalism"

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 (8:45)

Ain't Got Time to Die
Jerome Elder, tenor

Offertory Anthem (11:00)

The Lord's Prayer arr. Carl Deis

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.

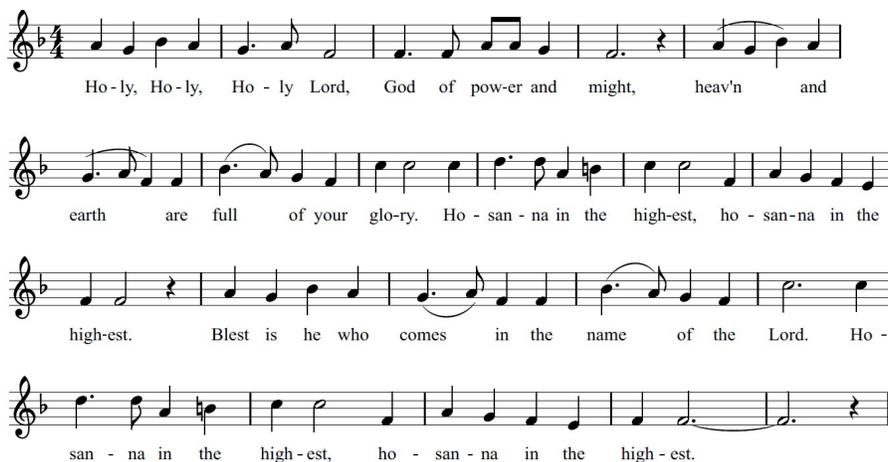
Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

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:

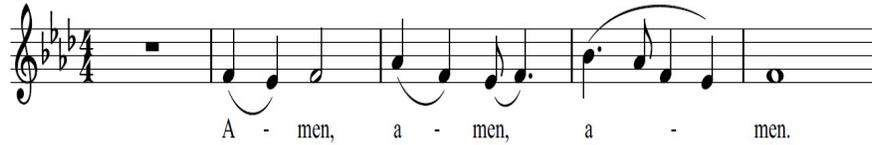


Christ has died; Christ is ri - sen; Christ will come a - gain.

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 United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). 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)

Ain't Got Time to Die Jerome Elder, tenor

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. 357** Just as I Am, Without One Plea WOODWORTH
 Stanza One

* **Benediction** Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00) RANDOLPH

God Be with You till We Meet Again

God be with you till we meet again;
 by His counsels guide, uphold you,
 with His sheep securely fold you;
 God be with you till we meet again.

Closing Voluntary Gigue in B-flat Major J. S. Bach
 (from Brandenburg Concerto No. 6)

* *Please stand as you are able.*
Following the service, please take your bulletins, masks, and all belongings with you.
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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 "A Praying Life: Connecting with God in a Distracting World." "Why Asking Is So Hard," Psalm 63:1; Philippians 4:6-7.
- Thursday Noon Bible Study meets Thursdays from noon to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. Currently studying Malachi, chapter 4, and review of Minor Prophets. Questions or to sign up, please email Nelle at tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Altar Flowers

The flowers by the altar today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Francie Delfiacco, sister-in-law of Cynthia Willett.

Grocery Items Needed This Week are soft cereal bars. Please place donations in marked boxes in the Wayne/Gordon Street foyers and Oliver Hall.

Church Office Closed

The Church Office and Eli's Place will be closed tomorrow September 2 in observance of Labor Day.

Merry Makers—September Program

Mark Lindsay, executive director of the Frank Callen Boys and Girls Club, will be the speaker for the Merry Makers on September 9, at 11:00 am. The Merry Makers will meet in the Parlor of Oliver Hall. Lunch (\$7) will be served following the program. Please call the church office to make your reservation.

Name Tags

Please take care to wear your Wesley Monumental nametag to worship and Wednesday night activities. This will help us uphold our values as a friendly and welcoming church family and allow guests to identify those who can assist them. If you need a new nametag, please email jennifer@wesleymonumental.org.

Youth Group

There is no youth tonight. Be sure to come to our MDWK Bible Study this Wednesday. Then, on the 8th, we will be meeting at Wesley Gardens Retreat from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. More information about parent communication and events is on the church website.

Children's Choirs

We are so excited for children's and youth choirs for ages 3 through 12th grade to begin this Wednesday. See insert for details and ways to sign up.

Worship Education

Worship Education for 4th & 5th graders will meet during the 11:00 service on September 8, 15, 29, and October 6. We'll meet in the center balcony under the Wesley Window at 10:50 a.m. and stay for part of the service. Pickup will be from the Fellowship Hall, bump-out room on the right at the end of the service.

Thank You

Thank you for the condolences and cards in memory of Anne's mother, Marilyn Hood, from the Eller family.



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (08/25/24)

8:45 AM Worship	96	Nursery	XX
11:00 AM Worship	XXX	Children's Worship	XX
Online Worship Views	155	Sunday School	108
Total Worship	XXX		

Finances (08/25/24):

Total Budget for the Year	\$2,126,355.46
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$1,354,997.61
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date.....	\$1,408,643.10

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks
Communion Stewards: Sandra & Art McGowen
Greeters: Lori Miller **Offering Steward:** Jeff Miller
Partners in Prayer: Britt Griffin

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Addison Conger, Will Haire
Children's Worship: Sarah Labrot
Sunday School: Volunteers Needed
Communion Stewards: Shayna Stancil-Wier and Allen Wier
Greeters: Kim & Mehmet Ergul **Offering Steward:** Brian West
Ushers: Brian West, Mehmet Ergul, Ted Moore, Johnny Phelps,
Willie Roberds, Ken Spriggs
Partners in Prayer: Mickey Rountree

**Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church
September 1, 2024**

Sermon Extended

Monday	Matthew 19:16-17	How do I determine what is "good" that I need to hold onto?
Tuesday	Romans 12:9	What are the essential things I hold on to in life?
Wednesday	Matthew 12:43-45	How could I reorder my life around the things that are most important?
Thursday	Colossians 3:1-11	What most often occupies my thinking? Is it what I want to think about?
Friday	Colossians 3:12-17	What virtues are listed here that I want to grow in myself?

Sermon Notes

This Week at Wesley

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

Sunday, September 1

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, September 2

Labor Day
Church Office & Eli's Place Closed

Tuesday, September 3

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Sunnyside Up
9:00 AM Eli's Place—1st Day of School
9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study,
OH Parlor
9:00 AM Bible Buddies, OH 207
11:00 AM Staff Mtg, OH 205
5:30 PM Evangelism Mtg, Zoom

Wednesday, September 4

9:00 AM Eli's Place, EB & OH
11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH 205
4:45 PM Call to Prayer, OH Parlor
4:45 PM Youth Handbell Choir, SNC
5:30 PM Dinner, MI
6:00 PM Joyful Noise Choir
6:00 PM Children's Choir, SNC
6:00 PM Youth Group Bible Studies,
OH 4th Flr
6:00 PM A Long Obedience Study, MI
6:00 PM Mere Christianity Study, OH 205
6:00 PM Women's Small Group, OH Parlor
7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, FH

Thursday, September 5

9:00 AM Eli's Place, EB & OH
12:00 PM Bible Study w/Nelle, Zoom

Friday, September 6

9:00 AM Eli's Place, EB & OH

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

Pastors on Call This Week

All days except Wednesdays & Fridays
Ben Martin912-547-1835
Wednesdays
Nelle Bordeaux.....912-234-9245
Fridays
Carolyn Cubbedge ..912-308-3385

Wednesday Night Supper September 4 Menu: Tuscan Chicken
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In Our Prayers....

Harriett Gattis (mother of Clayton Gattis), Doug Moore, Debbie Andrews, Katie Townsend, Raine Rude, John Walter, Helen Weitz (sister of Bonnie Delvers), Bob Franz, Melissa McDonald and Family, Effie and Nic Allsbrooks, Courtney Fetz, Michael Baggott, Foster Parks, Noel Cooper, Wayne Thomas, Family of Logan Spencer (friend of Charles Stewart), John Martin Sr., Rachel Spence, Jan Pullin, Rosemary Beasley, Dean Muenckler, Julia Holliday, Ann Lytle, Emily Davis, Emery Warnock, Danielle Robertson, Camille Searcy, Roger Lemay, Jason Horton, Archie Davis, Ella Ealy (granddaughter 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

Military Serving Abroad/Stateside

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

In Sympathy....

The Davis Family
on the death of
John Haywood Davis,
brother of Archie Davis

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT WESLEY

Join us Wednesday nights this fall
for dinner and programs!



**Begins September 4 and ends with our
Nativity Pageant on December 18**

(No dinner or programs the week of Thanksgiving.)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

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.

Sixth-Twelfth Grade Handbell Choir (4:45 - 5:15 PM)

Middle and high school students are cordially invited to join our new Handbell group, called "Gaudete" which means "Rejoice" in Latin. Basic music knowledge is encouraged, but any and everyone is welcome!

Supper at Mickve Israel (5:30 - 6:15 PM)

Children in kindergarten and younger will eat in the WM Nursery. Children in first through fifth grades will eat in the WM Fellowship Hall with their teachers until the renovation is over.

Children's Choirs (6:00 - 7:00 PM)

- Joyful Noise Choir (for children three years old through kindergarten)
- Children's Choir (for first through fifth graders)

Youth Group Bible Studies (6:00 - 7:00 PM)

The Youth Group will study MDWK Bible Study: Creation and Covenant throughout the fall semester. For details, email maggie@wesleymonumental.org.

Small Group Studies for Adults (6:00 - 7:00 PM)

This year, during our fall semester, we will offer 3 studies from which to choose.

1. *Mere Christianity*

All adults are invited to read and discuss the classic *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis with conversation led by Glen Doki. For details, email glen_doki@hotmail.com.

2. *Women's Small Group*

Teaching by Katie Martin Knight and others. We would love to have you for a time of sharing and seeking God together. For additional details, please email katelyn.m.knight@gmail.com.

3. *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction* by Eugene Peterson

Join Ben Martin and Christian Swails as they explore this spiritual formation study. For details, email ben@wesleymonumental.org.

Dinner Pricing

	Weekly	Fall Semester (Sept.-Dec. 2024)
Pay in advance for the entire fall semester and receive one meal free.		
Nursery (Age 0 to Kindergarten)	Free	Free
Children (First-Fifth Grade)	\$3	\$42
Youth & Adults (Sixth Grade and Up)	\$7	\$98
Family Maximum	\$20	\$280
College Students	Free	Free
Children kindergarten and younger eat in the Nursery. Children in 1st - 5th Grades will eat in the Fellowship Hall with their teachers until the renovation is complete.		

How to Make a Reservation

Option 1

Scan QR code to complete the Wednesday Night Activities Registration form online.

Option 2

Call the Church Office (912-232-0191) or email bakerj@wesleymonumental.org. Please provide each family member's name and ages of any children attending the nursery and whether or not they will need a meal.



Scan to register for our Wednesday Night Activities

How To Pay:

You may use PushPay to pay online or pay with cash or check at the door.

When paying online, visit

www.pushpay.com/g/wesleymonumental

Choose "Give one time" and then select "Wednesday Night Dinner" as the fund.