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The Super Bowl and Valentine's Day

Two pretty big cultural events will take place this week. Tonight is Superbowl LIX. Last year, 123.7 million people watched it (an even higher number watched the halftime show if that tells you anything). It generated 17.3 billion dollars of spending. On Friday, we will celebrate St. Valentine's Day. I read somewhere that 59% of all consumers will celebrate it in some way. Last year, it generated 14.2 billion dollars in spending. So let's just say this week two cultural events will occupy the minds of at least half of us and generate about \$31 billion in spending. I don't know what any of that has to do with anything this morning; I was just fishing around for something interesting to put on the cover of the bulletin.

If there is any connection between the two, maybe it is the word love. Some people say they love football and the Super Bowl. But I'm not sure it means the same thing as people who say I love my spouse. In other words, we easily throw the word love around and apply it to all kinds of things. I love this food or that team or T.V. show or whatever. While the English language has one word for love, the Bible is a little more specific. In the New Testament, we find at least three words for love. *Philia* (root word of the city Philadelphia, "The City of Brotherly Love;" they are in the Super Bowl, by the way). *Philia* is a word closely related to the love of friends. The second is *eros*, which refers to a physical attraction. It is the word for "lovers." The final word is *agape*. It is used to describe a love that is sacrificial and unconditional. The New Testament says Jesus is the personification of *agape*.

Jesus said that love was the point of all the law, to love God and love our neighbor. His goal was not just that we learn to love, but that we become love. If St. John was right and "God is love," and we are made in the image of God, then we too are made to be love. So maybe it's okay to love football and love our spouse, but it is only in loving God that we start to become love. The hard part about loving God is how do you love something I don't see and touch? I think it starts with learning to see God in the things we see and touch. As St. John said, "No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is perfected in us." So if we want to become love, maybe we should start with loving one another. So have a happy Super Bowl and Valentine's Day, I hope you love it.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025

8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

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

Chiming of the Hour (11:00)

Millie Hunt

Opening Voluntary (8:45) Prelude in G Minor, BWV 535 J. S. Bach

Introit (11:00)

Jesus Loves Me

Laurel Gattis, chorister

Riley Sortor, chorister

* **Hymn** No. 189 Fairest Lord Jesus ST. ELIZABETH

* **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

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

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 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 second floor.

Morning 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. 593 Here I Am, Lord HERE I AM LORD

Offertory Prayer Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

Offertory Voluntary (8:45) Majesty arr. Cameron Cody

Offertory Anthem (11:00) Lord of the Dance arr. John Rutter

Dance, then, wherever you may be.
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He!
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be.
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said He!

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.

* **Scripture** (Pew Bible, NT pgs. 193, 197, 6)
Ephesians 4:1-6, Philippians 2:9-11, Matthew 6:24

Sermon "ONE: Part 4—One Lord" Ben Martin

* **Hymn** No. 554 All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord ARMENIA

Benediction Ben Martin

Closing Response (11:00) Richard Farrant

Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake
Lord, for Thy tender mercy's sake,
Lay not our sins to our charge.
But forgive that is past,
and give us grace to amend our sinful lives,
to decline from sin, and incline to virtue.
That we may walk in a perfect heart,
Before Thee now and evermore. Amen.

Closing Voluntary Fugue in G Minor, BWV 535 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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Altar Flowers

The flowers by the altar today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory and thanksgiving for their grandmother, Rosalie Brigham Garbutt, by Deane Donnigan and family.

Usher Roses

The roses worn by the ushers today are given in loving memory of Bob Farrow by his children and grandchildren.

Grocery Items for Old Savannah City Mission

Most needed this week are canned vegetables. Please place donations in marked boxes in the Wayne/Gordon Street foyers and Oliver Hall.

Urban Hope Needs School Supplies

Please drop off glue sticks, white glue, blue ballpoint pens, a mop, hand sanitizer, Clorox or Lysol wipes, and dividers to the box in the Oliver Hall lobby.

Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study

One of the casualties of COVID here at Wesley was the monthly dinner and meeting of our United Methodist Men. However, Ben's Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study has remained though smaller than it once was. We are going to try and revive a monthly men's gathering by having the Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study meet once a month at the church. We hope more men will join us. Beginning this Tuesday, February 11, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 a.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Breakfast will be prepared (\$5), and the Bible study will be taught and end by 8:00 a.m. Please call or email the church office if you would like to attend.

March Monumental Messenger Deadline

The deadline to submit announcements for the March Monumental Messenger, our monthly newsletter, is this Tuesday, February 11. Please email announcements to jennifer@wesleymonumental.org.



Family Bingo Night - February 28

Join us Friday, February 28, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for our 3rd annual Family Bingo Night presented by the Susanna Wesley Circle. There will be dinner, dessert, bingo, a silent auction, and exciting prizes with proceeds benefitting charities within our community. Scan the QR code for prices and to register. Also, if you would like to donate a prize, or maybe a gift you received for Christmas that you may not have use for, please email swcirclewm@gmail.com or drop off in the church office.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Greeters: Judy & Ron Freeman

Offering Steward: Jimmy Hill

Ushers: Ken Griner, David Gaskin

Partners in Prayer: Henry Whitfield

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Haley Hess, Hannah MacGregor

Children's Worship: Volunteers Needed

Sunday School: Volunteers Needed

Greeters: Youth Group

Offering Steward: Jason Pedigo

Ushers: Jason Pedigo, Tom Bordeaux, Fred Bozeman, Chandler Brannen, Doug Carroll, Jake Coakley, Jerry Cohn, Bob Cole, Sam Daniel

Partners in Prayer: Gail Brannen

Ericka Stack, Children's & Music Assistant

Come Learn How to Ring Handbells

Starting today, Sunday, February 9, from 12:30-1:15 p.m. in the back of the Sanctuary, we will start a new group for beginning handbell ringers with Ericka Stack teaching you the basics of reading and ringing handbell music. This group welcomes ages high school and up.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Bible Studies

- Young Mothers' Bible Study meets Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Oliver Hall Parlor with Bible Buddies meeting in the barrel vault room. Currently studying "What Children Teach Us about God." This week's lesson is "Faith: Jesus," Luke 2:1-52.
- Thursday Noon Bible Study meets Thursdays from noon to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. Currently studying "All About Paul." This week's lesson is 2 Corinthians, chapter 3.

Please Pray for Honduras Mission Team This Week

Presently serving in Santa Elena, Honduras are ten church members, Feb. 7-14. Please pray for them each day this week: Scott Cleaveland, Jake Coakley, Jo Anne Garcia-Melendez, Lisa Gottwals, Rusty Holt, Sharlene and Pat Monahan, Jim Pannell, and Hannah and Christian Swails. They will build three homes and will work with children. Thank you for your generous donations, including 139 pairs of new shoes.

Save the Date of Saturday, March 8 for Day of Service

Mark that new 2025 calendar with this date, 9:00 a.m. to noon, for a Day of Service with other United Methodist congregations in the area. All ages are welcome.

Urban Hope Supper Monday, February 24 for 75 Guests

Needed are cooks and servers. Don't cook? We have you covered: we need paper plates, cups, napkins, plastic cutlery, lemonade, and buns. Also needed are pulled pork, BBQ beans, macaroni and cheese, salad, cut fruit, and cookies. Please meet at 5:30 p.m. at Independent Presbyterian Church; the Urban Hope children and families will arrive at 6:00 p.m., and we usually finish clean-up by 7:30 p.m. All ages are welcome. Please sign up with Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge, Senior Adults and Pastoral Care

Merry Makers—Valentine's Day Luncheon

Merry Makers, our senior adult fellowship, will celebrate Friendship with a Valentine's Day luncheon tomorrow, Monday, February 10, at 11:00 a.m. in the Parlor of Oliver Hall. Marcia Thompson will be the speaker. Reservations are required. Please let Carolyn know today if you plan to attend.

Lunch and Learn—Advanced Directive for Healthcare & POA

If you are interested in information regarding Advanced Directive for Healthcare and Power of Attorney for you or a family member, you are invited to a presentation by Attorney Janna Martin on Sunday, February 23, immediately following morning worship in the Parlor of Oliver Hall. A light lunch will be available for all who register no later than Friday, February 21. Please call the church office to sign up. Questions? See Carolyn Hale Cubbedge.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry



Vacation Bible School/Summer Fun Daze—Register Now!

As you begin to make plans for summer camps and vacations, be sure to reserve these weeks for VBS and Summer Fun Daze. To register for either event, scan QR code or visit: myvbs.org/wesleymonumental

- June 2-6 Vacation Bible School from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon for children 3 years old - 5th grade.
- July 14-18 Summer Fun Daze from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. for children who have completed Kindergarten - 3rd grade.

Maggie Hatchett, Director of Student Ministries (6th-12th Grade)

Youth Group

- We will have a **Super Bowl party** at Wesley Gardens Retreat, tonight, Sunday, February 9 from 6:00 p.m. until halftime. Be sure to bring your favorite snack to share!
- **Galentine's party** for all the youth girls! This Thursday, February 13, from 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. at the church. Join us for fun, snacks, and community.



- Join us for a **FREE Ghost Pirates game** on Saturday, February 22! We will meet at the church at 6:00 p.m., the game starts at 7:00 p.m. Scan the QR code to sign up.

Christian Swails, Wesley Gardens Spiritual Director

Spiritual Formation

Spiritual Formation will not meet today, Sunday, February 9. Join us next Sunday, February 16 at 4:00 p.m. for God in Nature/Reflective Writing.

Spiritual Formation—Through out the Year

For 2025, we have some incredible offerings each week at Wesley Gardens. This is a place to learn and practice some ancient spiritual practices that have cultivated a deep inner life of peace, healing, and clarity for disciples of Jesus for thousands of years. There is no need to come every week; just pop in and check out one of the practices below that you feel drawn to. Each week is a new practice, so you can join any-time.

- ◆ 1st Sunday (every month) - Christian Meditation
- ◆ 2nd Sunday (every month) - Lectio Divina
- ◆ 3rd Sunday (every month) - God in Nature/Reflective Writing
- ◆ 4th Sunday (every month) - Book Club - We will be reading *The Practice of the Presence of God* (written in 1692) by Brother Lawrence

Questions or interested in joining, please email Christian Swails at christian@cocreationlife.com (or just show up).



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (02/02/25)

8:45 AM Worship	117	Nursery	17
11:00 AM Worship	347	Children's Worship	56
Online Worship Views	136	Sunday School	124
Total Worship	600		

Finances (02/02/25):

Total Budget for the Year	\$2,190,241.30
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$322,369.59
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$208,646.70

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Ben Martin..... Senior Pastor	Jennifer Doki.....Administrative
Rev. Dr. Nelle Bordeaux..... Outreach & New Members	Assistant, Reception
Rev. Carolyn Hale Cubbedge..... Senior Adults & Pastoral Care	Jennifer Brookins.....Administrative Assistant to Pastoral Staff, Media Communications
Dr. Monica Dekle..... Director of Music & Organist	Ashley Mays Henry.....Communications Director
Julia Flowers Music Assistant	Suzanna King..... Director of Hospitality
Charli Weeks Director of Children's Ministry	David Lindquist..... Maintenance Tech
Ericka StackChildren's & Music Assistant	Betty Dudley..... Housekeeper
Maggie Hatchett ... Director of Student Ministries	Micah Sprünger Wesley Gardens
Jimmy Flowers..... Church Administrator	Property Manager
Tom Anderson..... Financial Manager	Christian Swails..... Wesley Gardens
	Spiritual Direction/Reservations

Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church
February 9, 2025

Sermon Extended

Monday	Ephesians 4:1-6	What has the most authority in my life?
Tuesday	Philippians 2:9-11	What makes Jesus Lord?
Wednesday	Matthew 6:24	What competes with the Lordship of Jesus in my life?
Thursday	Romans 10:9-13	What does it mean to me to say Jesus is Lord?
Friday	Matthew 11:28-30	What does Jesus' invitation tell us about his Lordship?

Sermon Notes

This Week at Wesley

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

Sunday, February 9

Honduras Mission Trip Thru 2/16
8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
9:30 AM Coffee & Refreshments, FH
9:45 AM Sunday School, FH/EB/OH
11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC
12:30 PM Handbells, SNC
6:00 PM Youth Super Bowl Party, WGR

Monday, February 10

9:00 AM Eli's Place
9:30 AM Eli's Place Chapel, SNC
11:00 AM Merry Makers, OH Parlor
6:00 PM Trombone Choir Rehearsal, SNC

Tuesday, February 11

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, FH
9:00 AM Eli's Place
9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study, OH Parlor
9:00 AM Bible Buddies, OH
11:00 AM Staff Mtg, OH 205
6:00 PM Adult Handbells, SNC

Wednesday, February 12

9:00 AM Eli's Place
11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH
4:45 PM Call to Prayer, OH Parlor
5:30 PM Dinner, FH
6:00 PM Children's Choirs, EB
6:00 PM Youth Bible Studies, OH 4th Flr
6:00 PM Ruthless Elimination of
Hurry Study
6:00 PM Anxious Generation Study
6:00 PM Grief Share
6:00 PM Young Women's Small
Group, Led by Katie Knight
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal,
EB 4th Flr

Thursday, February 13

9:00 AM Eli's Place
12:00 PM Bible Study w/Nelle, Zoom
5:00 PM Youth Girls Galentine's
Party, OH 4th Flr

Friday, February 14

Valentine's Day
9:00 AM Eli's Place
11:30 AM EP Valentine's Day Program

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

February 12, 2025

Menu: BBQ Pork

In Our Prayers....

Joe Armour (brother-in-law of Kim Grimmett), Dewayne Barfield (brother of Shirley Turner), John Conner, Carolyn Mills and Mark Mills (mother and brother of David Mills), Ed Derst, Khadra Turley (mother of Corie Turley), Adeline Hayes, Meghan Hitt, Joey Herndon (father of Erica Timmons), Berta Botkin, Terry Franz, Vicki Worden, Lulu Gribbins, Barbie Lientz, Dolores Park (mother of Jeff Endsley), Aaron Berkebile, Doug Moore, Debbie Andrews, Katie Townsend, Raine Rude, John Walter, Melissa McDonald and Family, Michael Baggott, Wayne Thomas, Family of Logan Spencer (friend of Charles Stewart), John Martin, Sr., Rachel Spence, Jan Pullin, Dean Muenckler, Julia Holliday, Danielle Robertson, 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, Mary Hohnerlein (friend of Deanne and Ken Rimes), Byron Rogers, John Birkheimer, Eleanor McCurry, Ken Brownfield, Oscar Cook, Doris Rothenberger (mother of Susan Colgrove), 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, Roz Evans, Sandrae McCorkle, Toni Olds, Camille Searcy, Mark Thomas, Cindy Telljohann, Dick Wallace

Military Serving Abroad/Stateside

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

In Sympathy....

The Royal Family
on the death of
Daniel Royal,
father of Aaron Royal



Family Bingo Night

Friday, Feb. 28 • 6 p.m.

Wesley Monumental UMC
Fellowship Hall

Children \$10 • Adults \$15
Family Max \$40

To donate a prize, email
SWCircleWM@gmail.com

Scan to register and pay! 



Save the Date

Meaningful Marriage

Tools for Connection

Date Nights

Jan. 25 & Feb. 22

4:30-8 p.m.

Weekend Retreat

March 28 & 29

Life is hard! And having a meaningful marriage takes practice and work.

Save the date for the Meaningful Marriage series with Christian and Hannah Swails. During date nights, hear a short message about tools you can use to connect with your spouse, then go out to dinner to put those new skills into practice. In March, we'll spend Friday evening and all-day Saturday at Wesley Gardens for a weekend retreat.

\$30 per Couple

Childcare for all events is included!



Register online at
WesleyMonumental.org/Meaningful-Marriage
or call the church office.

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