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Are We There Yet?

What's up in worship?

Today: Becky, our supervised ministry student, will close out our month and usher us into Advent, helping us recognize, and not miss, the blessings that are ours. **Coming up in December:** Advent asks us to recognize the future return of Christ and yet the present "God with us." Our journey home, no matter what life throws at us, is never absent from the presence of Christ! We'll also receive our estimate of giving cards for 2018 on the first Sunday.

Today's Community Connections:

- The altar flowers are presented today by William, Anna Maria, Sean and Adam Stoerrle in memory of William Stoerrle, Sr., and by the Hertzogs in memeoery of their parents and siblings. If you are interested in providing fresh flowers for worship, please sign up at the connections corner table. (See bullet point below.)
- Feel like you missed something? The Connections Corner table can help. Head across the atrium and get the information you need just under the tv monitor.
- Don't receive our weekly e-news? You should! Please email Sue Kiefner at: SueK@wesleychurch.com to get on the list!
- Have you seen our new website? Ric Lehman has been working diligently to update it. Go check it out! Look next to the graphic above for where to go...
- Adult education is offered (from 10:15-10:55) in the chapel, titled *Issues of Christian Faith*: Today: Beverly Marriner – Conversations About Being Christian
- Christian Education for all ages will be offered on Decemebr 3 and 17, beginning at 9 AM. It will NOT be offered on Decmeber 10 and 24.
- Please keep an eye out for a letter from the Finance Team regarding our end of year giving and preparations for next year.
- Wesley Church, in partnership with the Salvation Army (Angel Tree) and Mammy's Angels Giving Tree, is hioping to brighten the holidays of over 120 individuals through your generaosity. Take a tag or two from the tree and be a secret angel!

ADVENT ALERT!

Advent begins next week! Due to the timing of Christmas and a few other events happening during Advent, our Sunday morning worship schedule is as follows, for ALL SUNDAYS in December: We will worship all together in one blended worship style at 10 AM. Blended worship is inclusionary of both contemporary and classic worship liturgy and music. Christmas Vespers will once again be the second Sunday of Advent (and of December), the 10th. Joining us will be some of the children and families from the Wesley Circle of Friends Preschool!

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Today's morning schedule:

9:00 – Contemporary worship
 10:15 – Sunday School for all ages
 11:00 – Classic (traditional)
 worship

Hospitality is offered in the atrium.

Church office hours are from 9 AM-3 PM weekdays during the school year.

† invites all to stand, if able.

Contemporary Worship Order

November 26th, 2017; 9:00 a.m.

† Welcome and Greeting

Bob Keiderling, Minister of Discipleship

† Praising God in Song (*Enough* and *You Never Let Go*)

The Ensemble

† Scripture:

Exodus 16:2-15 and John 20:10-18

Reader: Aaron Hook

Children's Message

Pastor Andy

Congregational Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Bob and Pastor Andy

Whether offering your prayer aloud or keeping it confidential, please continue to fill out the blue cards and place them in the offering so that the prayer team may continue to faithfully do its work. Thank you!

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 forever. Amen.

Giving Our Tithes, Offerings and Other Gifts

Nehemiah 10:35-37: We assume responsibility for bringing to the house of the LORD each year the firstfruits of our crops...we will bring to the storerooms of the house of our God...offerings...and tithes.

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Music during the Offering:

10,000 Reasons

The Ensemble

Message:

"Are We There Yet?"

Rebecca Sausser, Supervised Ministry Student

The sermon is also live-streamed on Facebook. Send your friends to: "wesleychurchbethlehem" to watch now or later.

Musical Response

Blessings (Laura Story)

Tina Sopko, soloist

We pray for blessings, we pray for peace/Comfort for family, protection while we sleep
We pray for healing, for prosperity/We pray for Your mighty hand to ease our suffering
And all the while, You hear each spoken need/Yet love us way too much to give us lesser things

(chorus) 'Cause what if your blessings come through rain drops/What if Your healing comes through tears
What if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near
What if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise

We pray for wisdom, Your voice to hear/We cry in anger when we cannot feel You near
We doubt your goodness, we doubt your love/As if every promise from Your word is not enough
And all the while, You hear each desperate plea/And long that we'd have faith to believe (to chorus)

When friends betray us/When darkness seems to win/We know that pain reminds this heart
That this is not,/This is not our home/It's not our home

'Cause what if your blessings come through rain drops/What if Your healing comes through tears
What if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near

What if my greatest disappointments or the aching of this life/Is the revealing of a greater thirst this world can't satisfy
What if trials of this life/The rain, the storms, the hardest nights/Are your mercies in disguise

Community Connections (Please see front of bulletin)

† Closing Song (*Joy of the Lord*)

† Sending Out

Please place your FINAL completed survey in the box on your way out. Thank you!

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Classic Worship Order

November 26th, 2017; 11:00 a.m.

Prelude *Tempo di Minuetto* from *Sonata Op. 49, No. 2* (L. Beethoven) Becky Graybeal, Keyboardist

† **Welcome and Greeting** Bob Keiderling, Minister of Discipleship

† **Opening Hymn: #400** *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* United Methodist Hymnal

Congregational Prayer and the Lord's Prayer Bob and Pastor Andy

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Offertory *Traumerei* (R. Schumann) Becky

† **Doxology: #95** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* (OLD 100TH) Hymnal

† **Prayer of Dedication**

† **Hymn: #117** *O God Our Help in Ages Past* Hymnal

† **Scripture:** Exodus 16:2-15 and John 20:10-18 Reader: Clarke Chapman

Sermon: "Are We There Yet?" Rebecca Sausser, Supervised Ministry Student
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Anthem *Blessings* (Laura Story) Kaen Marmarasa, soloist
(Please see the words on opposite page, if desired.)

Community Connections (see front of bulletin)

† **Closing Hymn: #529** *How Firm A Foundation* Hymnal

† **Benediction and Choral Response**

Postlude: *How Firm a Foundation* (arr. Don Wyrzten) Becky

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JOYS AND CONCERNS – November 26th

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done."

Philippians 4:6 New Living Translation

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM NOV. 19TH Anon. for healing for Kasey Renowden & Melissa Day. **Joan & Bob Barlieb** thanks to everyone for praying for granddaughter, Kyleigh Kerecz, (13); home, & for continued healing from successful back surgery: inserting 2 rods & 23 screws. **Shirley Brandon** to keep sister-in-law, Frances Brandon in prayers; doing a little better & now in rehab for PT. **Chris Foster** for Larry Miller (Carolyn) on passing of his sister; for Kasey healing & strength; safe travel for pilgrims over Thanksgiving week; for Natasha, Joshua, & family. **Karen Hornberger** for friend Christine Garipoli in hospice. May God grant her a peaceful journey. **Cindy Ivins** for Rebecca Flores beginning 20 weeks chemo followed by radiation. Bob Keiderling for Ray Buckno who completed 35 radiation treatments and doctors say they got all cancer. Prayers for pain control & rapid healing. **Kylie Lerch** for Cpl. Seth Kelly injured in line of duty. **Nancy Lewis** for father in law George. Prayers for favorable medical test results & quick recovery **Nicole & Christian Lockhart** Prayers of comfort for family of Vanetta Dorm on her passing. **Frank Madura** asks comfort for those grieving loss of a loved one. God's grace for the members of the Thursday Men's Group; and God's grace for all caregivers. **Marmaras Family** for Kate Marmaras declining; Melissa Day's cancer; Bill Whipple's medical tests; Louis' Horwath's congestive heart issues; People affected by natural disasters in CA, PR & in US. **Rebecca Roe** for healing for her toxic black mold illness; and for her daughter Pamela's divorce. **Audrey Vigilanti** for Ricky Sterner, who underwent double lung transplant. Please continue to pray for continued healing & a new journey. **Wanda Williams** that both **Mike & Molly** are home for Thanksgiving and whole family together.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM NOV. 12TH **Clark & Ardis Chapman** for families caught in the violence of South Sudan, Africa. **Ann English** for healing for Annette Langston. **Tom & Bonnie Keel** for brother, Chris Pucci that he may receive a kidney. **Betty Krupka** for my daughter, Sue, with successful spinal surgery. **Walter Migliori** for Barb Brown, family friend, who has bone cancer. **Ray & Lin** prayers for those suffering loss of loved ones, and for grandson, Derek. **Betty & Ken Weaver** prayers for Ron Nakata, and his wife, Gail. For daughter Christine. For Scott Duncan, recurring cancer & wife Donna **Bill Whipple** prayers that urinary tract concerns not delay return to Rwanda. For daughter Melissa Day, breast cancer. **Anon.** for pregnant daughter considered high risk due to an inherited blood issue.

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS: **Betty Holt** with lung problems. **George Danner and his wife Martha** as he recovers. **Donna Giardina** for brother Tommy suffering with two types of cancer. **Peter Marmaras** for prayers for Mother, Kate. **Barbara Guldner** as she deals with her osteoporosis. **Audrey Vigilanti** for Carol Vigilanti suffering with kidney disorder, lupus & lymphoma. For Ricky Sterner for double lung transplant and healing. **Suzanne & Mike Krom** for Theresa for healing her cancer. **Sue Kiefner** prayers for friend's husband, Geoff battling colon cancer. **Chuck & Wendy Stehly** for Jeff with brain cancer & for friend Ivelisse, diagnosed with breast cancer & receiving treatment. **Suzanne Hastie's** parents, Aaron & Janice Hastie.

JOYS AND PRAISES: **Dick Herzog's** heart issues resolved. **Christine Bainbridge** to Praise God for food on the table, healthy family, great jobs, and our Wesley Church Family. **Nichole & Christian Lockhart** joy for children's report cards. **Ray & Lin Robey** share prayers of thanks that their children & grandchildren are ok after a tree crashed into their NH home, **Deb Silliman's** daughter Jackie delivered a baby boy, Ethan Michael. Both doing well. **Kasey Renowden** gives thanks to God who continues to watch over us all and bless us all.

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY TO: **Barbara Guldner** on the passing of husband George. **Nicole & Christian Lockhart** for the family of Vanetta Dorm on her passing. **Bob & Donna Keiderling family** on the passing of Mother, Geri Mullen.

THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND WORSHIP: **At Home:** George & Martha Danner, Betty Hein, Naomi Jones
Gracedale Nancy Breon, Jane Sandt, Dorothy Collin **Arlington (Easton)** Sylvia Thele
Moravian Village Agnes Smith, Loretta Jensen **King's Daughters** Gertrude Kunsman
Traditions of Hanover Marian Jeffrey **Traditions HOA** Betty Holt
Westminster Village Howard & Shirley Beiseigel **Sterling Heights** Peggy Jacobson
Irvin & Lorene Arnold

WESLEY CHURCH MINISTRIES:

Our teachers and facilitators; Good Grief: Men's & Women's Small groups, TEACHRWanda; Visitation/Stephen Ministry; We've Got Your Backpack Day; Backpack Buddies; Cancer Support Group; Wesley Community Garden; Outreach Depot;

We ask that you please update your prayer request information at least every two weeks.
This ensures that your request will remain on the Prayer List. Thank you.

"Prayer is where the action is." John Wesley