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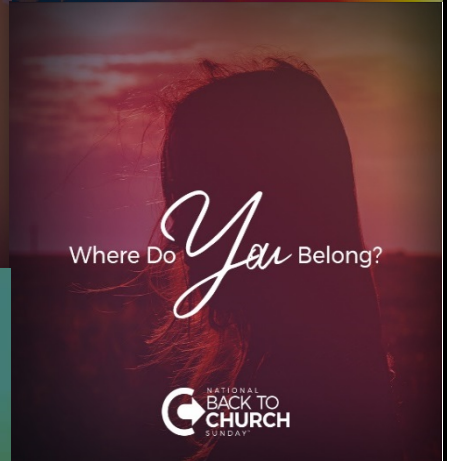
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10:00 – Blended Worship
Hospitality offered in the atrium.
Church office hours return to
9 AM-3 PM weekdays,
including Fridays,
beginning this week.



Today's Community Connections

- PLEASE TAKE NOTE: Wesley Church will hold its final, single, blended worship service at 10:00 next week, September 9. We will resume our two-service schedule on September 16th (9am contemporary, Sunday School 10:15, 11am classic worship).
- The church is still searching for a couple of Children's Christian Education teachers for this year. If you feel moved to explore this possibility, please speak with Deb Silliman. We need you!
- Back to Church Sunday is next week! Join us after worship for a hot dog cook-out! Please bring your favorite game to play: i.e. can-jam, cornhole, etc. Maybe some indoor games too! Here is a sign-up for things we could use: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0844a4a728a31-back1>
- The Servant's Workshop on September 15th invites ushers, communion servers, and greeters – and those who wish to be one – to receive training beginning at 8:30 and concluding at 11:30. Readers and potential readers will have a training with Pastor Andy during a Sunday School hour TBD. Please see Bob for further details.
- The Trustees invite the congregation to join them on Saturday, September 29th from 8-1 for a Fall clean-up day. Chairperson Rich Chambers has details!

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“As One” Summer Worship at Wesley Church

1 Corinthians 12:20: Yes, there are many parts, but only one body.
September 2nd, 2018: 15th Sunday after Pentecost († invites all to stand, if able)

Pre-Service Video

Prelude *Chant de Paix* (J. Langlais) Frank Arbushites, organ

Welcome and † Greeting Bob Keiderling, Minister of Discipleship

† Songs of Praise

Blessed Assurance #369, United Methodist Hymnal (UMH)
Mighty to Save The Ensemble

† Scripture Romans 8:1-11 Christine Bainbridge, Reader

Special Music *In Heavenly Love Abiding* (arr. B. Olstad)
Frank Arbushites, piano/Becky Graybeal, flute

Children's Message Deb Silliman, Director of Children's Ministries

Congregational Prayer Bob

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

Hymn *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* #402, UMH or projection

Message “The Meaning of Belonging” Pastor Andy

Musical Response *Come to the Table* The Ensemble

We all start on the outside, the outside looking in This is where grace begins
We were hungry, we were thirsty, with nothing left to give Oh the shape that we were in

Just when all hope seemed lost Love opened the door for us

(Chorus) He said come to the table Come join the sinners who have been redeemed
Take your place beside the Savior Sit down and be set free Come to the table

Come meet this motley crew of misfits, these liars and these thieves There's no one unwelcome here
So that sin and shame that you've brought with you
You can leave it at the door And let mercy draw you near (to chorus)

To the thief and to the doubter, to the hero and the coward
To the prisoner and the soldier, to the young and to the older
All who hunger, all who thirst, all the last and all the first
All the paupers and the princes, all who've failed, you've been forgiven
All who dream and all who suffer, all who've loved and lost another
All the chained and all the free, all who follow, all who lead
Anyone who's been let down, all the lost, you have been found
All who've been labeled right or wrong, to everyone who hears this song (to chorus)

Sit down and be set free Come to the table

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Please see the insert.

All are welcome to receive communion in the United Methodist tradition. We receive by method of intinction. Ushers will guide you into forming lines in the aisles. The servers will hand you a piece of bread which you may dip into the cup, and then return to your pew. Please bring forward with you your Sign-in Cards / Prayer cards (available in the pew racks), as well as your morning offering. Both can be placed in the offering plates as you come forward to receive communion. Songs during Communion: *O Come to the Altar* and *But for Your Grace*. Please join in the singing!

Introduction and Recognition of Staff

Community Connections

† Closing Song

Jesus Saves

The Ensemble

† Closing Words

Postlude:

Triumphant Finale (T. Bliss)

Frank, organ

What's up in worship?

Today: Taking a cue from last week's message about sharing the Gospel, we'll solidify why sharing the Gospel is so important; that is, it is a response to the Gospel that offers the invitation to be part of the Body/Christ. Belonging is indicated by the presence of Christ through the Holy Spirit in the believer. It may be a bit of a tough sell, perhaps hard to hear, but belonging in itself has to have some parameters, or else it's not "belonging" at all.

Next Week: September 9, 2018: Back to Church Sunday; blended worship followed by lunch: Even as this popular scripture makes its rounds one more time, our focus is not so much on the Body aspect, but rather on the Baptism aspect of being the one Body of Christ. The reason why we belong to each other and why guests are continually invited to belong is not because of what we do, but what Jesus has done. And what or who Jesus has included we cannot exclude. Yet, we are invited into a life of discipleship (growth away from sin) suffering and rejoicing together.

Next Sunday is Back to Church Sunday/Rally Day! Don't forget to take your invitations and hand them out to your friends, relatives, work associates and neighbors!

*"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything.
Tell God what you need and thank him for all he has done."* Phillipians 4:6 New Living Translation

AUG. 26th **Joan Balas** for speedy recovery for Mike's upcoming surgery. **Steve & Irene Bradt** for answered prayer. **Donna Giardina** for brother's upcoming knee replacement surgery. **Sue Kiefner** lift up the fears of children going to a new school & give them comfort & courage. **Frank Madura** for God's healing for Dennis, Chuck, Mary, Joe – all with cancer; God's wisdom as my Mother's caregiver & my job search. God's guidance as a new school year at WCOF. **Terry Nighan** keep Ken in prayers for colon cancer procedure 8/31. Continued prayers for Joe for cancer treatment. Pray for son, Justin, his strength & safety, as he is at sea. **Kasey Renowden** for Brenda, brain cancer; Dick, lung cancer; Jacque, cancer; Karen breast cancer. **Deb Silliman** prayers as new Director of Children's Ministries, for guidance & wisdom and for Sue & Andy helping me. For Jackie who sprained her ankle. **Bill Whipple** for prostate surgery 8/27. **Shirley Brandon** thankful for siste-in-law Frances, recovering nicely from surgery.

JOYS AND PRAISES:

Chris Foster gives praise for those who speak out & thanks to organizers & being in a country for the Free & protected by the Brave. **Patti Tironi** offers a huge JOY for all the summer 10 a.m. services & the way they've brought us together in SO MANY ways. **Betty Weaver** thanksgiving that Ken's surgery went well. **Ray & Lin Robey** nephew Jesse recovered from burns & returned to normal activities. **Carol Mitchell** for God's amazing grace. **Frank Madura** gives praise to God for the Thursday night Men's Group and for the Back Pack volunteers & our service to God. **Donna Nowik**, joy that Michael is home from hospital & in good spirits.

SYMPATHY: For family of **Betty Holt** who went home to be with the Lord Wednesday.

JOYS AND PRAISES: **Rebecca Flores** 6 month pet scan showed totally cancer free!

CONTINUED HEALING /PRAYER CONCERNS: **Kelly Hines'** father Parkinson's disease. **Andy Kereczman** cancer. **Melissa Day** post treatment care. **Sherri Feuerstein** as she continues her recovery from surgery. **Chuck & Wendy Stehly** for Jeff, brain cancer; Ivelisse, breast cancer. **Bob Keiderling** for sister, Pat, another round of chemo. **Bill Mains** surgery for prostate cancer. **Beverly Marriner** severe pain relief. **Tom Keel** recovery from foot surgeries & rehab.

THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND WORSHIP:

Abington Manor (Easton) Sylvia Thele
Kirkland Village Barbara Guldner
Sterling Heights Peggy Jacobson
Traditions of Hanover Marian Jeffery

At Home: George & Martha Danner, Naomi Jones
Gracedale Jane Sandt, Dorothy Coolin
Moravian Village Agnes Smith
Westminster Village Howard & Shirley Beiseigel

WESLEY LEADERSHIP TEAMS:

Committee on Nominations and Leadership: Pastor Andrew Krpata, Lenore Mohr, Mike Maticavage, Chris Jacobsen, Brian Graybeal, Christy Hume, Jane Kemper, and Michelle Koch. Committee on Staff/Parish Relations: Dave Siegfried, Andrew Krpata, Mike Maticavage, Karen Marmaras, Meg Ksenzakovic, Steve Caskie, Liz Lewis, Mike Krom, and Jaimee Walters. Board of Trustees: Rich Chambers, Jeff Rose, Deb Silliman, Andrew Krpata, Frank Madura, Kim Krupka, Craig Hume, Lisa Jacobsen, and Doug Jantzi. Committee on Finance and Stewardship: Jim Hunter, Peter Marmaras, Andrew Krpata, Mike Maticavage, Karen Marmaras, Dave Siegfried, Rich Chambers, Sharon Schultz, Wayne Muffley, Anita Dalske, Aaron Hook, Bob Sopko, and Matt Dietz. Church Council: Christian Lockhart (chairperson), Mike Maticavage (Lay Leader), Karen Marmaras (Lay Leader to Annual Conference), Chris Foster (Alternate to Annual Conference), Michelle Koch (Recording Secretary), Jason Walters (Social Justice Ministries), Sue Kiefner (Outreach & Ministries).