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[★] ADVENT CONSPIRACY

MAKING CHRISTMAS MEANINGFUL (AGAIN)

What's up in worship?

Today: As we examine the relational gift of the birth of Jesus Christ, we must ask ourselves if our current practice of giving during the celebration of His birth is in line with the relational way that God gave His Son. Our culture has taken Christians captive and many Christ-followers have become co-opted by another gospel - the gospel of consumerism.

Next Week: We take a brief hiatus in our Conspiracy to enjoy, sing, play and otherwise celebrate the season as we worship through music; offered by Wesley musicians of all kinds. Join us as we gather for one worship service at 10:00 AM, followed by Atrium fellowship provided by the Sunday school classes.

A Worship Alert!

Here's the worship schedule through the end of the year:

December 16, 23, and 30: One service only at 10AM.

NEXT WEEK is our annual Musical Celebration of the Season.

Christmas Eve services:

4PM (Children's), 7PM (Contemporary), and 10PM (Classic)

Today's Community Connections:

- 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? Please email Sue Kiefner at: SueK@wesleychurch.com to get on the list!
- Many thanks to those who helped volunteer at yesterday's Breakfast with Santa! Food, friends, fellowship... and a chance to hear about the real meaning of Christmas! Thanks again!
- Hey youth! Check your enews for information on a Wesley Wacky Christmas, December 15th, 6-8PM in Fellowship Hall.
- December 11: Wesley's Celebration Ringers perform at the Bethlehem Public Library at 6:30 PM. Come support our musicians with your presence!

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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

December 9th, 2018 – Week #2: Advent Conspiracy: Give More

† Welcome and Greeting

Bob Keiderling, Minister of Discipleship

Please stand and take some time to say hello to those around you, and remind them that Jesus is here! Peace!

† Praising God in Song

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

The Ensemble

An Advent Conspiracy Wreath Lighting

Please see the insert.

† Scripture

John 1:1-14 and John 3:16-17

Frank Madura, Reader

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

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

The blue *Sign-in Cards / Prayer Cards* are available in the pew racks. They, as well as your morning offering, can be placed in the offering plates as they are passed along your pew. Thank you!

Music during the Offering

In the Bleak Midwinter

The Ensemble

Message

"Give More"

Pastor Andy Krpata

Musical Response

The Little Drummer Boy (by Mercy Me)

The Ensemble

Come, they told me, pa rum pum pum pum / A new born King to see, pa rum pum pum pum
Our finest gifts we bring, pa rum pum pum pum / To lay before the King, pa rum pum pum pum
Rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum
So to honor Him, pa rum pum pum pum / When we come

Little Baby, pa rum pum pum pum / I am a poor boy too, pa rum pum pum pum
I have no gift to bring, pa rum pum pum pum / That's fit to give the King, pa rum pum pum pum
Rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum
Shall I play for You, pa rum pum pum pum / On my drum

Shall I play for You? Shall I play for You?

Mary looked at me and nodded

And the ox and lamb kept time

Oh I played my drum for Him / Oh I played my best for Christ / I played my best for Christ

Then He smiled at me

Community Connections

Please see front of bulletin.

† Closing Song

I Surrender to You

The Ensemble

† Closing Words and Dismissal

† invites all to stand, if able.

Classic Worship Order

December 9th, 2018 – Week #2: Advent Conspiracy: Give More

Prelude *Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen* (J. Brahms) Frank Arbushites, Organ

† **Welcome and Greeting** Bob Keiderling, Minister of Discipleship
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† **Opening Hymn** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (vs. 1, 2, 6, 7) #211, United Methodist Hymnal (UMH)

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Offertory *Of the Father's Love Begotten* (arr. M. Hayes) Frank, piano

† **Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* #95, UMH

† **Scripture** Cantic of Light and Darkness (UMH #205, Response #1), and John 1:1-14 and John 3:16-17
Jeff Rose, Reader

† **Hymn** *O Word of God, Incarnate* #598, UMH

Message "Give More" Pastor Andy Krpata

Musical Response *I Will Live My Thanks* (W&M: J. M. Martin & R. E. Schram) Chancel Choir

I will live my thanks, O Lord / I will show my gratitude / In every day, in every way / I will live my thanks to you
I will share your gifts of love / In all I say and do / With songs of praise and acts of grace / I will live my thanks to you

I will live my thanks, O Lord, / With my willing hands and feet / In every day, in every way / I will spread your joy and peace
I will share your gifts of love / In all I say and do / With songs of praise and acts of grace / I will live my thanks to you

You have blessed me that I may be a blessing / Filled my heart that love might overflow
You have given that I might give to others / You have touched me / That I might be an instrument of hope

And I will live my thanks, O Lord / I will show my gratitude / In every day, in every way / I will live my thanks to you
I will share your gifts of love / In all I say and do / With songs of praise and acts of grace / I will live my thanks to you
With songs of praise and acts of grace / I will live my thanks to you

Community Connections Please see front of bulletin.

† **Closing Hymn** *All Earth Is Waiting* #210, UMH

† **Benediction and Reponse** *O Come to My Heart, Lord Jesus* (by Elliott and Matthew) Chancel Choir
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus/There is room in my heart for you/O come to my heart, Lord Jesus/There is room in my heart for you

† **Postlude** *Noël Variations in G Major* (C. Balbastre) Frank, Organ

WESLEY PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS

December 9, 2018

"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

Dec. 2nd

Melissa Day with prayers for surgery (½ stomach removal, most of small intestine) as a preventative in future cancer risk. **Chris Foster** for Mike Foster (surgery Dec. 5); all starving and dying in Yemen; Sydney's continuing struggle to recover and continue her education; Sandie Wallman healing & improved health. Roby Brice suffering tremendously and hasn't been able to return to work. **Donna Giardina** for cousin in deep depression & hospitalized. **Sandy Kereczman** for Andy so all his tests come back ok on Friday. **Nicole Lockhart** for co-worker Laurie W., her daughter delivered her baby at 24 weeks. Laurie's mother-in-law has recently passed, and Laurie's husband & brother-in-law are in-and-out of hospital from medical issues. **Frank Madura** God's healing for Joe, Chuck, Dennis & Mary – all with cancer; God's guidance as my mother's caregiver; God's strength for all those seeking employment. **Karen Marmaras** prayers for Evan, young teen struggling through osteosarcoma; prayers for joy for 93-year-old Cornelia and 95-year-old Aunt Mary. **Gayne & Beverly Marriner** ask prayers for recovery of Bev's brother, Jere from heart surgery. **Kasey Renowden** prayers for Brenda going through another round of brain cancer surgery; for Karen and Jacque dealing with cancer and for Jeannette, Dick's wife on his passing this week. **Ray & Lin Robey** ask continued prayers for healing for Donna; safe travels for Ray this week; and continued prayers for grandson, Derek. **Mary Ellen Lehman** as Arlene has gone home to celebrate with our Lord. Please pray for her children and husband during this holiday season as they mourn. **Debra Silliman** God's grace, patience, and humility this week and during December busyness. Pray for Forrest. **The Stehly's** prayers for friend Dave diagnosed with prostate cancer. Prayers for the Shimer family on the loss of Eric. **Patti Tironi** for my friend Nicole, dealing with a cancer diagnosis. She is a ray of light in my week. I'm pushing God's light toward her. Thank you.

JOYS AND PRAISES:

Janice Waller thanks the sweet young lady who was a greeter at the door on Dec. 2nd who told me "Peace be with you." **Frank Madura** gives praise to God for His forgiveness and the church & support. **Lockharts** share joy for being able to spend time with family during holidays. **Wendy Smith** is thankful for having all the family together for Dad's 75th birthday.

CONTINUED HEALING/PRAYER CONCERNS:

Melissa Day, new health cares. **Kelly Hines'** father, Parkinson's disease. **Tom Keel**, foot surgeries & rehab. **Bob Keiderling's** sister, Pat, another round of chemo. **Andy Kereczman**, cancer. **Bill Mains**, prostate cancer. **Beverly Marriner**, pain relief. **Carolyn & Larry Miller** prayers for healing and for son **Wayne** healing. **Chuck & Wendy Stehly** for **Jeff**, brain cancer; for **Ivelisse**, breast cancer, and **Jennifer Grube**, battling cancer. **Frank Vitali** for cancer. **Diana Rivera** (Wesley's Circle of Friends preschool teacher) dealing with serious eye concerns.

SYMPATHY TO: The Schultz and Long families on the passing of mother/grandmother/great-grandmother, **Fay Johnson**.

THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND WORSHIP

Alexandria Manor Forrest Taylor
Abington (Easton) Sylvia Thele
Gracedale Jane Sandt, Dorothy Coolin
Kirkland Village Barbara Guldner

At Home George & Martha Danner, Naomi Jones
Moravian Village Agnes Smith
Sterling Heights Peggy Jacobson
Traditions of Hanover Marian Jeffery
Westminster Village Shirley Beiseigel

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 Groups; Wesley Community Garden; Lehigh Valley Outreach Depot; and UMC Leadership.

WESLEY LEADERSHIP TEAMS:

Committee on Nominations and Leadership: Pastor Andrew Krpata, Lenore Mohr, Mike Maticavage, Chris Jacobsen, Brian Graybeal, and Christy Hume.

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), Jason Walters (Social Justice Ministries) and Sue Kiefner (Outreach & Ministries). Also included in Church Council are the chairpersons of our administrative committees.

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!