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Week one of seven



Journey of Stones

What's up in worship?

Today: "Written in Stone:" Broken promises are made by broken people, and lead to broken relationships. The stone we address today are these issues. It's not that we occasionally break the ten commandments (or others), but that we neglect the fact that we are broken. Who will make us whole? Who will remove our brokenness?

Next Week: "Rejected Stones:" We know how it is that Jesus was rejected in real life, but have we considered how we (yes, us!) reject him all over, perhaps even day after day? There are a lot of things that are important to us, but when we choose them over Jesus... we reject him all over. A tough one to hear this coming week....

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? To get on the list email SueK@wesleychurch.com or sign up at the *Connections Corner* table.
- **Annual Used Book Sale: Today. Come peruse the many tables of books and make a donation that will go towards the church library.**
- Fellowship luncheon will be held today, March 10 in Fellowship Hall. Join us for fellowship and delicious food. Proceeds of the event will go towards the backpack program.
- "Easter" Painting Party: Today, March 10: 1 - 2:30 PM. The backpack team is hosting a painting party to raise funds for the *We Got Your Back* Backpack program. Event is \$25 pp. Space is limited and is reserved once payment is made. Sample painting is on display in the Atrium. For information and to make your reservation, see Sue Kiefner.
- Be sure to check out your e-news for information on ongoing groups and classes for personal growth.
- **Want to support a missionary? Short term missionary Lori Dietz will be heading to Manaus, Brazil. She needs our help. To see what you can do, drop by the desk outside the chapel.**
- The EPAUMC is bringing the youth from around the conference to Wesley Church from 1 - 5 PM on March 16. If you are interested in volunteering to assist with parking and greeting, see Sue Kiefner, Brian Graybeal or Pastor Andy.

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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

March 10th, 2019: Journey of Stones Week #1: 1st Sunday in Lent

† 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

1. *Open the Eyes of My Heart*
2. *How Great Is Our God*

† Scripture

Exodus 32:1-24 and 2 Corinthians 3:3

Sara Capwell, Reader

Children's Message

Andrew Krpata, Pastor

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

Come, Now Is the Time to Worship (arr. C. Tornquist)

Frank, piano

Message

"Written in Stone"

Pastor Andy

Response

While Frank offers some background music, the congregation is invited to come forward with the stone given to you when you entered the sanctuary and leave it where it belongs – at the foot of the cross. Please note – this rock we hold represents our broken promises. It is our choice to leave it. But if you struggle in this area, you are welcome to bring it home with you, and much like the original rock, be responsible for it while you consider what to do with it. There is grace enough to bring it back next week and lay it down. Be blessed either way.

Community Connections

Please see front of bulletin.

Updates on The Way Forward

† Closing Song

I Surrender All (taken from hymnal #354)

† Closing Words and Dismissal

Dismissal Song

I Surrender All (arr. C. Curry)

Frank, piano

† invites all to stand, if able.

Classic Worship Order

March 10th, 2019: Journey of Stones Week #1: 1st Sunday in Lent

Prelude *Intermezzo in E Flat* (J. Brahms) Frank Arbushites, piano

† **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!

† **Opening Hymn** *For the Healing of the Nations* #428, United Methodist Hymnal (UMH)

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Offertory

Pastorale (S. Karg-Elert)

Frank, Piano

† **Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

#95, UMH

† **Scripture**

Exodus 32:1-24 and 2 Corinthians 3:3

Irene Bradt, Reader

† **Hymn**

Jesus Calls Us

#398, UMH

Message

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Andrew Krpata, Pastor

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Musical Response

Once upon a Tree (P. Choplin)

Jane Griffing, Soloist

Once upon a tree, a good man died, and though He did no crime, He was crucified.
If the story ended there, I would have no song to share, but my heart will ever sing the story.
Once upon a tree, so the story goes, and all its mystery surely no one knows.
Could the Father's will be done through the suffering of His Son?
And there comes the answer, "Once upon a tree."

For God so loved the world, He gave His priceless pearl. What greater love could there be?
He died, He rose again, still the story doesn't end, For His spirit is living in me.
What tale of human love could there ever be told? What song could compare with the one I hold?
Through everything I am and through everything I'll be, let me sing my story: "Once upon a tree."

Community Connections

Please see front of bulletin.

Updates on The Way Forward

† **Closing Hymn**

Now Thank We All Our God

#102, UMH

† **Benediction**

† **Postlude**

A Joyous Song of Praise (S. Wesley)

Frank, Organ

WESLEY BULLETIN PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS

MARCH 10, 2019

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

Philippians 4:6 New Living Translation

March 3rd

Laurie Bilheimer & Scott Stackhouse ask patience & guidance for Stephen to reach his next step & protect him from harm. Guidance for Andrew & Michael during turbulent times. **Nicole & Christian Lockhart** share joy for successful presentation of 'Singin' in the Rain' at Nitschmann Middle School this weekend. Thankful for the dedicated staff & students. **Frank Madura** for God's healing for Joe, Chuck, & Dennis – all with cancer; God's wisdom as my mother's caregiver; God's guidance for all seeking employment. **Kasey Renowden** asks healing for Brenda, Karen, & Jacque all with cancer treatments; Hank, Betty, Donna all recovering from medical procedures. Wisdom, guidance and trust for our church in the coming months. **Lin Robey** for continued healing for Donna, Shirley & Penny. Prayers for safe travels for Ray. Continued prayers for grandson Derek. **Spoken Prayers:** Lisa Jacobson's dad, Tom, fell; Carol Beach at Moravian Village; Joe Schultz awaiting the new cancer pill; Shelly, Andy, Melissa and Ken & Phyllis; the wondrous things God has done for Rwanda; General Conference decisions.

JOYS AND PRAISES:

Christian Lockhart gives thanks for the work of the church council and their dedication, open minds, and desire to continually make Wesley a home for everyone. **Frank Madura** gives praise to God for His forgiveness and mercy and the opportunity to serve.

CONTINUED HEALING/PRAYER CONCERNS:

Melissa Day, new health cares. **Kelly Hines'** father, Parkinson's disease. **Tom Keel**, foot surgeries & rehab. **Andy Kereczman**, cancer. **Beverly Marriner**, pain relief. **Carolyn & Larry Miller** prayers for healing. **Chuck & Wendy Stehly** for **Jeff**, brain cancer; for **Ivelisse**, breast cancer, & **Jennifer Grube**, battling cancer. **Frank Vitali**, cancer. **Diana Rivera**, eye problems.

THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND WORSHIP

At Home George & Martha Danner, Naomi Jones
Abington (Easton) Sylvia Thele
Gracedale Jane Sandt, Dorothy Coolin
Kirkland Village Barbara Guldner

Moravian Village Agnes Smith, Carol Beach
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 Matakavage, Chris Jacobsen, Brian Graybeal, and Christy Hume.

Committee on Staff/Parish Relations: Dave Siegfried, Andrew Krpata, Mike Matakavage, Karen Marmaras, Meg Ksenzakovic, Liz Lewis, Mike Krom, Jaimee Walters, Samir Kakade and Nicole Lockhart.

Board of Trustees: Rich Chambers, Jeff Rose, Deb Silliman, Andrew Krpata, Frank Madura, Kim Krupka, Kraig Hume, Lisa Jacobsen, Doug Jantzi, and Bob Long.

Committee on Finance and Stewardship: Jim Hunter, Peter Marmaras, Andrew Krpata, Mike Matakavage, 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 Matakavage (Lay Leader), Karen Marmaras (Lay Member to Annual Conference), Chris Foster (Alternate to Annual Conference), Jason Walters (Social Justice Ministries), Sue Kiefner (Outreach & Ministries), Ryan Adamson (Representative of UM Youth), Kailyn Whipple (Young Adult Representative) and Christine Bainbridge (Member at Large). 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!