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Wesley Church warmly welcomes you to worship today, especially our guests who may be here to help us celebrate the blessing that God gives us through the Backpack program. We'd love to meet you following worship today as you enjoy some refreshments in the atrium. Thanks for joining us today. Remember: You and yours are always welcome here!

Today's Community Connections:

- The flowers today are in honor and celebration of Carolyn Miller's Birthday. Happy Birthday!
- PLEASE TAKE NOTE: Wesley Church will continue to offer a single blended worship service at 10:00 for the next three weeks: August 26, September 2, and 9. We will resume our two-service schedule on September 16th.
- Back to Church Sunday is coming – September 9th! More details to come. Who will you invite back to church?
- FOR OUR YOUTH: You should have received an email outlining the start-up events for this year. Please see your email inbox, or for more information, connect with our Minister to Youth, Brian Graybeal (information below).

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† invites all to stand, if able.

A Celebration of Church and Community!

August 19th, 2018; 10:00 a.m. – Backpack Sunday

Prelude *Pastorale in F* (J. S. Bach) Organ Maestro Andrew Krpata

† Welcome and Greeting Andy Krpata, Pastor

† Praising God in Song

Praise Song: *I Have Come to Love You* The Ensemble; Becky Graybeal, Director

Hymn #545: *The Church's One Foundation*

United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) or see projection

Scripture: John 17: 9-11, and 13-26

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer and the Lord's 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: *Give It All Away* (by the Sidewalk Prophets) The Ensemble

I've held on for all this time/To something that was never mine/I've kept Your love like there was none to spare
I've heard the call and seen the need/But I've been lost in apathy/When did I get too comfortable to care?

(Pre-chorus) The world is crying out/So hungry for a change/Lord, let us be the ones to say:

(Chorus) Take my heart/Lord I pray/That I can give it all away/Let me give it all away
Cause I long to feel compassion/For a world that needs Your grace/Take my heart/I want to give it all away

You have filled this empty soul/With mercy that has overflowed/The way You give to me seems so unfair
So here is my life it's all for the one/Who gave it all in the name of love/Now this hope You give to me/I've got to share
(to pre-chorus and chorus)

Let us be the change/Let us be Your light/Let us be Your hope/And let us give it all away
Let us be the change/Let us be Your light/Let us be Your hope/I want to give it all...So, (to chorus)

Take my heart/I want to give it all away/Take my heart/I want to give...
I've held on for all this time/To something that was never mine

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

† **Prayer of Dedication**

† **Hymn #529:** *How Firm a Foundation* UMH

Backpack Sunday Message: “Merge, for the Sake of **It**” Andy
The sermon is also live-streamed on Facebook. Send your friends to: “wesleychurchbethlehem” to watch now or later.

Musical Response *We Are One* Chancel Choir

By the gift of grace given from above, God has made each one of us a servant of His love.
We must tell the world, love had made us one; Show them everlasting life through Jesus Christ the Son.

(chorus) We are one, we are one. Lord, our hearts are undivided. Together we are strong.
We are one, we are one. Lord, our voices are united. Your love will be our song; Your love will be our song.
Surrounded by Your grace, we lift our hearts in praise. In Your Spirit, in Your love, we are one.

Help us, Lord, be grateful for all Your love imparts Let us be the faithful and dedicate our hearts
All in one accord, we declare Your praise. Together we will build a church united by Your grace. (to chorus)

Give us, O Lord, a vision. Show us the everlasting way.
Give us, O Lord, mission. Lord, in this hour fill us with power. We dedicate our all today. (to chorus)

(tag) In Your Spirit, in Your love, we are one, we are one.

Testimonies from the Team

The Wesley UMC “We Got Your Back” backpack team is invited to share some “God sightings” that occurred during yesterday’s event. We give God glory for all the ways grace and love were present!

Recognition of the Team and Volunteers (with thanks to God!)

Community Connections (see front of bulletin)

† **Closing Song** *We Unite* The Ensemble

† **Closing Words**

† **Sending Out** (band reprise)

PRAYER JOYS AND CONCERNS - AUGUST 19, 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*

AUG. 12th: **Donna Nowik** asks prayers for upcoming surgeries & rehab for Michael. **Kasey Renowden** for Brenda gamma knife for spots in brain; Dick, lung cancer, Jacque with cancer; baby Vincent who had gastric surgery; Karen breast cancer testing. **Forrest Taylor** is in hospital. Prayers for Forrest and his family. **Michele Vitali** for father-in-law, Frank, as he fights colon cancer.

JOYS AND PRAISES AND CONGRATULATIONS! **Wesley Church** thanks God for the music our visitor, **Devon Brewster**, shared with us during worship service. We were blessed that God directed Devon to Wesley and he offered his musical skills for our service. Devon is from Dominica in Caribbean and visiting in area. **Gayne & Beverly Marriner** celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary! Birthday cheers for **Raeya** on her 12th birthday.

SYMPATHY: **Charlie Neunert** with passing of brother-in-law, Scott. **Fred & Deborah Conklin** for friends Rick & Monica, passing of Monica's mom.

CONTINUED HEALING /PRAYER CONCERNS: **Carolyn Miller** for **Cindy Ahner**; for Millie Homan, testing; for Larry and her own healing. **Kelly Hines'** father, Parkinson's disease. **Andy Kereczman**, cancer. **Betty Holt**, mesothelioma. **Rebecca Flores**, post treatment care. **Melissa Day**, post treatment care. **Chuck & Wendy Stehly** for Jeff, brain cancer; Ivelisse, breast cancer. **Bob Keiderling** for sister, Pat, more chemo. **Bill Mains**, surgery for prostate cancer. **Beverly Marriner**, severe pain relief. **Tom Keel**, foot surgeries & rehab. **The Robey's**, for nephew, Jesse's recovery.

THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND WORSHIP

Arlington (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

Traditions HOA Betty Holt

Westminster Village Howard & 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 Matacavage, Chris Jacobsen, Brian Graybeal, Christy Hume, Jane Kempfer, and Michelle Koch.

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