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## Wesley United Methodist Church

*"Joining our neighbors and following Jesus on a lifelong adventure to share God's love in new places and empowering ways."*

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**April 21, 2024**  
**10:30 AM**

# WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

4th Sunday of the Easter Season  
April 21, 2024 10:30 A.M.

## **Welcome to Wesley Church!**

*We gather in this place as friends, brothers and sisters, united in Christ.  
Know that you are loved and welcomed here at Wesley.*

PRELUDE "Regina Caeli" Marcel Dupre

WELCOME & SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*OPENING HYMN "Christ Is Risen" #307 UMH

\*OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty God, you give us the joy of celebrating our Lord's resurrection. Give us also the joys of life in your service, and bring us at last to the full joy of life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

\*HYMN OF MEDITATION "In the Garden" #314 UMH

SCRIPTURE LESSON(S)

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 John 3:16-24

\*GOSPEL LESSON: John 10:11-18

Liturgist: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

\*DOXOLOGY & PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

#95 UMH

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN

"Thine Be the Glory"

#308 UMH

\*ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

"Benediction"

Peter C. Lutkin

\*POSTLUDE

"Response for Eastertide"

Jeanne Demessieux

\*The congregation is asked to stand as you are able.

*Altar flowers are given by Dennis & April Frohlich to the glory of God  
and in honor of 6 years of marriage!*

*Wesley's worship service is also available on Facebook.*

## Prayer List

John Gipple  
Tammy Ambrose  
Family of Edward McGrady  
Katie Minth  
Carla Fedder  
Seann O'Brien  
Clare Jackson  
Roberta Berger  
Dennis Loreman  
William Beyers  
Cheryl Beck  
Barbara White  
Marlene Hewlett  
Carole Reeser  
Moe Robbins  
Family of Corey Kreischer

### Active & Former Military

Pat Backer  
Michael Beijer  
John F. Bodenman  
Steven Cornelison  
Marty Davis & Bold Tigers  
Alex Gunsch  
Eddie Jenkins  
Jordan Muntain  
Michael Rich  
Joshua Schaffer  
Gabe Slodysko

Tom Cooper  
Sally Snyder  
Linda Dennen  
Season Gehman  
Robin Payne Buchert  
Cameron Murphy  
Barb Riley  
Family of Kathy Bohl  
Jeff Sutton  
Gayla Jean Horn  
Mary Jane Parker  
Rick Heddens  
Family of Charles Fisher  
Sue Frederick  
Donna Wallace  
Charlotte Stryker

Jason Beijer  
Matt Brewer  
Todd Campbell  
Jason Drumm  
Drue Gerasimoff  
Andrew Hikes  
Ashley Long  
Tayler Murren  
Caleb Ross  
Jared Slodysko

### Hospitality Team:

Greeters & Ushers: Women of Wesley: Melanie Hosler, Louise Grove & DeAnne Casteel (4/21)  
Men of Wesley (4/28)

Liturgist: Bob Dunkelberger (4/21)  
Cynthia Willis (4/28)

Nursery Attendants: Jeanne Beijer & Kathy Heddens (4/21)  
Bev & Taylor Wintersteen, Glenda Kowalski (4/28)

Children's Message: Pastor Mark (4/21)  
Bev Wintersteen (4/28)

## This Week at Wesley

Sun.	4/21	9:15 AM—Children & Youth Sunday School Classes ( <i>Education Wing</i> ) 10:30 AM—Worship Service ( <i>Sanctuary</i> ) 2:00 PM—Starlight Ministry ( <i>Coffee Café</i> ) 4:00 PM—Scouts Meeting ( <i>Social Hall</i> )
Mon.	4/22	6:30 PM—Steering Team Meeting ( <i>Coffee Café</i> ) 7:00 PM—Bloomsburg Singers Rehearsal ( <i>Choir Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Flr</i> )
Tues.	4/23	5:00 PM—Women of Wesley Covered Dish Dinner ( <i>Social Hall</i> ) 7:30 PM—Chancel Choir Rehearsal ( <i>Choir Room</i> )
Wed.	4/24	7:00 PM—Bloomsburg Singers Concert Dress Rehearsal ( <i>Sanctuary</i> ) 7:00 PM—Stepping Stones to Recovery, Al-Anon Support Group ( <i>Ed. Wing</i> ) (For more info., e-mail to: <a href="mailto:stepstone2re@gmail.com">stepstone2re@gmail.com</a> )
Thurs.	4/25	
Fri.	4/26	<i>Church Office Closed</i>
Sat.	4/27	8:00 AM—Men of Wesley Breakfast ( <i>Wesley Church Gym</i> ) 10:00 AM-5:00 PM—Rogue Renaissance Hot Dog Stand ( <i>Market St. Steps</i> ) 10:30 AM-12:30 PM—Community Friendship Meal ( <i>Social Hall, Basement</i> ) 6:00 PM—Bloomsburg Singers Concert ( <i>Sanctuary</i> )
Sun.	4/28	9:15 AM—Children & Youth Sunday School Classes ( <i>Education Wing</i> ) 10:30 AM—Worship Service w/ Dr. John Bodenman ( <i>Sanctuary</i> ) 2:00 PM—Starlight Ministry ( <i>Coffee Café</i> ) 4:00 PM—Scouts Meeting ( <i>Social Hall</i> )

### This Week's Staff Office Hours

Staff members are often in the church more than listed below but may sometimes need to miss scheduled hours due to unforeseen circumstances. It's always a good idea to directly contact a staff member to set-up an appointment. Contact info. can be found on the back of the bulletin.

**Rev. Mark Reisinger, Pastor: Out of the Office @ UMC General Conference**  
**Phyllis Jones, Administrative Assistant: Monday-Thursday, 9am-2pm**  
**Cindy Williams, Financial Secretary: Monday & Wednesday, 9am-2pm**  
**Cody Mead, Music Director: By appointment**

## Wesley Ministries & Opportunities to Serve

**Children's Nursery & Grace Garden:** A staffed nursery, located in the hallway between the Murray Ave. & Third Street entry areas, is available during worship for children ages 18 months-6 years old. An infant nursery is available down the hall from the primary nursery. Wesley's "Grace Garden," located in the front of the sanctuary, is also available for younger children during worship with coloring books and other opportunities for God's children to engage in quiet play while still being a part of the worship service. Parents are asked to be present with their children while using the Grace Garden or infant nursery.

**Email and Bulletin Announcements:** If you have announcements you would like included in our Thursday church email blast or an upcoming bulletin, please submit to the church office no later than Noon the Tuesday prior. All submissions sent after Tuesday at Noon will be included in the following week's email and bulletin. To contact the church office, email [office@wesleybloom.com](mailto:office@wesleybloom.com), or call 570-784-1407.

**What's Happening @ Wesley Weekly E-mail:** Every Thursday Wesley Church sends out a weekly e-mail that includes the upcoming bulletin, Home Touch bulletin insert, and other important announcements and news about what's happening at Wesley Church. If you're not already on the e-mail list and would like to sign-up, please contact Pastor Mark: [mreisinger@susumc.org](mailto:mreisinger@susumc.org).

**Wesley Steering Team:** The primary governing body of Wesley, the Steering Team, meets on a monthly basis. The next meeting will take place at 6:30pm on Monday, April 22, in the Coffee Cafe. All members of Wesley are invited to attend ST meetings to hear more about the programs and ministries of Wesley Church. A Zoom option is available. Meeting minutes are provided in the Third Street entry area and via our weekly e-mail blast. Contact Pastor Mark ([mreisinger@susumc.org](mailto:mreisinger@susumc.org)) with any questions.

**Altar Flowers:** There is a sign-up sheet in the Murray Ave. entry area for those who would like to sign-up to sponsor Sunday morning altar flowers. The cost is \$50., and the flowers are yours to keep following worship.

**PAW Ministry:** The latest edition of Wesley's Prayer AnyWhere online prayer ministry, coordinated by Cynthia Willis, is available on Wesley's Facebook page...check it out! [www.facebook.com/wesleybloomsburg](https://www.facebook.com/wesleybloomsburg)

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** All knitters and crocheters are invited to the next gathering of Wesley's Prayer Shawl Ministry on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 1pm in the Coffee Café. If you know someone who would appreciate the comfort a prayer shawl brings, or for additional information, contact Mollie Harris (570-387-0368) or Janet Lee (570-847-4895). *\*\*Next meeting is Tuesday, May 14\*\**

**Bloomsburg Food Cupboard Collection:** The Bloomsburg Food Cupboard requests specific donations, items that are greatly needed, each month of the year. Please consider picking up a few items to donate, leaving them at Wesley's "Donation Station," just inside the Murray Ave. door or at the designated location in the 3<sup>rd</sup> St. entry area. Specific items being collected in April are canned vegetables and soup.

**Men of Wesley:** The Men of Wesley meet monthly for breakfast on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month. All men are invited to share in this time of food and fellowship. The next gathering will be on Saturday, April 27, 8am, at Wesley Church to share in a meal and prepare for the Renaissance Day Hot Dog Stand, that day from 10am-5pm.

**Soup For Veterans:** Wesley is collecting cans of soup to be distributed to veterans through the Columbia County VA Clinic. Bring your cans of soup each Sunday to the table located in the back of the sanctuary to bless those men and women who have served our nation in this way.

## Wesley Ministries & Opportunities to Serve (continued)

**Becoming a Member of Wesley UMC:** The Easter season is a great time to make a new commitment in your journey of following Jesus and participating in the life of Christ's Church. If you're interested in becoming a member of Wesley UMC in the near future, or would like to talk more about what it means to be a member, reach out to Pastor Mark (570-784-1407 or [mreisinger@susumc.org](mailto:mreisinger@susumc.org)).

**Community Friendship Meal:** Do you have a group that you meet with at Wesley Church or a group of friends or family that like to do ministry together? The Community Friendship Meal is looking for groups to sign up to prepare and serve a meal on a Saturday morning. Sign-up is easy for this important and fulfilling ministry. To schedule a future date, simply to [wesleybloom.com](http://wesleybloom.com), click on Community Friendship Meal from the homepage and scroll down to the calendar. Pick an available date on the calendar and send an email to [bloomfriendshipmeal@gmail.com](mailto:bloomfriendshipmeal@gmail.com) to request the date. Once your date is confirmed, you will receive an information letter to help you get acquainted with what you need to know and do. Thank you for your help!

**Sunday School:** Classes for Preschool, grades K-2, 3-6, & youth jr./sr. high, are now meeting at the regular SS time, 9:15am every Sunday, with all classes meeting in Wesley's Education Wing.  
*Pre-School:* Ms. Beverly Wintersteen, Rm. 2R-4; *Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:* Ms. Kathy Heddens, Rm. 2R-3C; *3<sup>rd</sup> Grade-6<sup>th</sup> Grade:* Ms. Jane Bercher & Mr. Ira Hauck, Rm. 2R-3A; *Youth:* Ms. Kelly Stiner & Ms. Kathy Beidler, Rm. 2R-2B.

**First Fridays @ Wesley:** Wesley UMC is planning to participate regularly in the Bloomsburg "First Friday" events throughout 2024, the first Friday evening of each month. We're looking for YOUR ideas and help as to what would be a fun First Friday ministry/event that Wesley could hold in the future. Reach out to Melanie Hosler ([mjhosler73@aol.com](mailto:mjhosler73@aol.com)) with your First Friday ideas.

**"Keep It Flowing" Quarter Collection:** The Women of Wesley are collecting quarters! Each month quarters will be donated to a different ministry of Wesley UMC. The April ministry is Happy Hearts Preschool, opening here at Wesley this fall. There's a table in the back of the sanctuary where you can drop your quarters.

**Women of Wesley Covered Dish Dinner:** The WoW are hosting a covered dish meal at 5pm on Tuesday, April 23, in Wesley's Social Hall. All women are welcome, and we invite everyone to bring a favorite dish to share. Come meet and get to know others from your Wesley family and share in this time of food and fellowship! There is a sign-up sheet in the 3<sup>rd</sup> St. entry area, outside of the sanctuary, to register.

**"Rogue Renaissance" Hot Dog Stand:** The Men of Wesley will be hosting a hot dog stand on the Market Street steps of Wesley Church during Bloomsburg's Renaissance Festival, Saturday, April 27. They'll be set up from 10am-5pm. Come enjoy the fun of Renaissance in Bloomsburg, and get a delicious hot dog or two!

**Bloomsburg Singers Concert:** The Bloomsburg Singers will share a spring concert, "I Never Saw Another Butterfly," based on the poetry of children imprisoned at the Terezin concentration camp, at Wesley UMC on Saturday, April 27, 6pm. The free concert will also feature works by Louis Lewandowski, Johannes Brahms, Ola Gjeilo, and Eric Whitacre.

**Wesley Scholarship Program:** Applications are now available for the 2024-2025 Wesley UMC Scholarship Program. Applications and instructions can be picked up in the church office, via e-mail, or downloaded from Wesley's website. Complete applications and supporting materials will be due by 5pm, Saturday, June 1.



Sunday, April 21, 2024

## Scripture Reading: Psalm 23

*It takes some of us a lifetime to learn that Christ, our Good Shepherd, knows exactly what he is doing with us. He understands us perfectly.*

*—Phillip Keller*

**T**his story is about how a well-known hymn emerged from the horror of the American Civil War, and is told by the author of the lyrics, Joseph Gilmore.

He had been speaking at a mid-week service in March 1862, and his subject was Psalm 23. It was a text with which he was quite familiar for he had used it several times in his ministry. This time, however, he couldn't get past the words, "He leadeth me." The entire verse is "He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul" (KJV). He said, "Those words took hold of me as they had never done before, and I saw them in a significance and wondrous beauty of which I had never dreamed."

He went on to explain that "It was the darkest hour of the Civil War. ... [I] realized that God's leadership is the one significant fact in human experience, that it makes no difference how we are led, or whither we are led, so long as we are sure God is leading us."

After the service, he grabbed a blank sheet of paper and quickly scrawled out the words to a hymn as though inspired by the Holy Spirit. Later, unbeknownst to him, his wife sent the lyrics to a publisher. They were set to music, and, in subsequent decades and to this day, continue to provide inspiration and comfort to those who hear it or sing it.

*He leadeth me, O blessed thought!  
O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be  
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.  
He leadeth me, He leadeth me,  
By His own hand He leadeth me;  
His faithful follower I would be,  
For by His hand He leadeth me.*

—Timothy Merrill. Adapted from Hymnary.org.

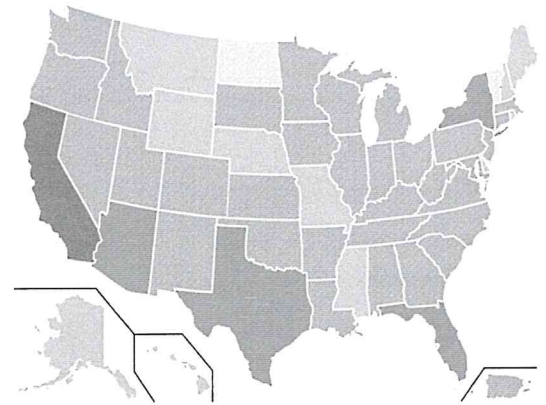
*Prayer: Loving God, I praise your name for being my Shepherd and for leading me to green pastures and still waters. Thank you for your loving care! In Jesus' name. Amen.*

## Daily Bible Readings

**Sunday:** Luke 7-9; **Monday:** Joshua 19-21; **Tuesday:** Joshua 22-24; **Wednesday:** Judges 1-4; **Thursday:** Judges 5-8; **Friday:** Judges 9-12; **Saturday:** Psalms 37-39

### HOW MANY STATES HAVE YOU VISITED?

We live in a beautiful country with many national parks and big cities. Our country features rugged mountains, sprawling farmland, deserts and spectacular coastlines. This activity will help you relive some of your experiences. Place a check mark beside each state you have visited. Think about what you did, or who you saw, while there. Perhaps you visited a friend or family member, or went to a museum and saw some wonderful scenic areas. The next time a friend comes to visit you, show them your list. Ask them what states they have visited.



### THE 50 STATES OF THE U.S.A.

State	✓	State	✓	State	✓	State	✓
Alabama		Indiana		Nebraska		S. Carolina	
Alaska		Iowa		Nevada		S. Dakota	
Arizona		Kansas		N. Hampshire		Tennessee	
Arkansas		Kentucky		New Jersey		Texas	
California		Louisiana		New Mexico		Utah	
Colorado		Maine		New York		Vermont	
Connecticut		Maryland		N. Carolina		Virginia	
Delaware		Massachusetts		North Dakota		Washington	
Florida		Michigan		Ohio		W. Virginia	
Georgia		Minnesota		Oklahoma		Wisconsin	
Hawaii		Mississippi		Oregon		Wyoming	
Idaho		Missouri		Pennsylvania			
Illinois		Montana		Rhode Island			



*“April showers bring forth May flowers.”* —English proverb

## WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH STEERING TEAM MEETING 3/25/2024

**Our Mission:** To make new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

**Our Vision:** Joining our neighbors on a lifelong adventure following Jesus to share God’s love in new places and empowering ways.

**Core Values:** Lord’s Table Inclusivity, Intentional Discipleship, Compassionate Hospitality, Selfless Generosity, Continuous Worship, Passionate Music, Creating Community and Risk-Taking Mission and Service.

<p><b>6:33 PM Opening Prayer</b></p>	<p>Terry</p>
<p><b>6:33 PM Attendance/Quorum (5 required)</b></p> <p>Pastor Mark, John Bodenman, John Stone, Allison Burrell, Kimberly Nissen, Melanie Hosler, Ben Willis, Terry Everhart</p>	<p>Kim</p>
<p><b>6:34 PM Approval of February minutes</b></p>	<p>Team</p>
<p><b>6:35 PM Leadership Equipping</b></p> <p>Multipling Love Chapter 2 – Love is the Highest Gift</p> <p>John led discussion of Chapter 2 with team</p>	<p>John B.</p>
<p><b>7:05 PM Pastor’s Report</b></p> <p>UMC General Conference will be held April 23, 2024, through May 3, 2024, in Charlotte, NC. Pastor will be absent for April Steering Team meeting. He is arranging coverage for May 5 worship and for emergency pastoral services during his absence.</p>	<p>Pastor Mark</p>

<p><b>7:08 PM Finance/Endowment Update</b></p> <p>John S. reviewed the Profit and Loss report from February 2024.</p> <p>Pastor Mark was notified that Wesley will be receiving funds from the Magee Foundation Education Grant. Amount unknown at time of this meeting.</p>	<p>John S.</p>
<p><b>New Business</b></p> <p>2023 Financial Audit was reviewed and received unanimously by the Steering Team. Thank you to Wendy Krum for completing this for Wesley.</p>	
<p><b>7:14 PM Trustee Update</b></p> <p>WTC working on obtaining more straps for the gutters, partially fixed now; they looked at gym walls today and will work on fixing them too.</p> <p>Broken sign removed from Market street. Ceiling tiles in education room replaced.</p> <p>Old garbage disposal was taken to Knoebel's.</p> <p>The team discussed mulching on a future Saturday. Date TBD.</p> <p>Bialecki's has begun work on AC units at the Parsonage.</p>	<p>Terry</p>
<p><b>7:25 Open discussion</b></p> <p>Happy Hearts Preschool Open House went well. Limited spots available for the fall. Looking to the future, the board would like to establish a scholarship program to provide financial assistance for students. Need to</p>	<p>Team</p>



<p>open a checking account for the preschool for accounting purposes.</p> <p>Melanie reported that the Women of Wesley continue to meet and plan events, including First Fridays. April 5 is plant a mystery bulb.</p> <p>John S continues to be in contact with the AGO for a July concert event which would include recruitment of a community choir.</p> <p>Pastor Mark stated that the Scouts might be interested in the church van. He attempted to contact Mission Central about the van and has not received a return call.</p>	
<b>7:45 PM Executive Session/Personnel (CONFIDENTIAL)</b>	Pastor Mark
<b>8:03 PM God Moments</b>	Team
<p><b>2024 Remaining Meeting Dates</b> starting at 6:30 PM, 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month, except as noted.</p> <p>4/22, <b>5/20</b> (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday due to Memorial Day), June (no meeting) 7/22, 8/26, <b>9/30</b> (5<sup>th</sup> Monday for Fair Week), <b>10/19-20</b> retreat 11/25, December (no meeting)</p>	Team
<b>8:14 PM Closure/Closing Prayer</b>	Kim
Next meeting Opening Prayer	John S.
Next meeting Leadership Equipping (Chapter 3)	Matt
Next meeting Closing Prayer	Allison

Action Items for Between Meetings:

Set up checking account for Happy Hearts Preschool at Journey Bank.

**2024 Goals**

- Children's Ministry: Establish and launch The Preschool at Wesley United Methodist Church

- Finance: Explore new vendor (e.g., American Church) to process electronic giving. Promote electronic giving in new ways (e.g., QR codes in pews)
- Finances: Explore installing solar panels on the church roof to save money on utilities (analyze upfront cost vs. expected savings long-term)
- Membership: Grow membership by 5 members with at least 3 new professions of faith
- Membership: Average weekly attendance goal of 90
- Missions: Offer at least 3 events to engage our community and neighbors in new ways. Aim for off-site events when possible.
  - o Possibilities include: showing the movie, "Blue Hawaii" during the winter (January or February), hosting a book club to discuss Laura Davis' book on pediatric cancer, participating in "First Friday" events on the steps, lighting the church façade for the holiday season, hosting hot chocolate during the Winterfest parade, and other events involving children.
- Missions: Engage college students in new ways, while maintaining the Choral Scholars program
- Worship: Offer 4 special services throughout the year, outside of Lent and Advent.
  - o These services should involve the congregation or community members. Examples include services focused more heavily on music, reading of scripture, prayer, or special events.