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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.”

May 12, 2024
10:30 AM

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Ascension Sunday
Mother's Day
May 12, 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

WELCOME & SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*OPENING HYMN "And Are We Yet Alive" #553 UMH

*OPENING PRAYER

Spirit of promise, Spirit of unity, we thank you that you are also the Spirit of renewal. Renew in your United Methodist Church that passionate desire to share the Good News of Jesus that binds us together in mission and ministry. May we grow deeper in love with you and with one another, especially those on the margins or struggling in places of darkness. Save us from seeking first our own desires, and shape our hearts to be more like the heart of Jesus. Help us to always follow where you lead, making disciples of Jesus Christ and transforming our world. It's in the mighty name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

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 "Let Us Plead for Faith Alone" #385 UMH

SCRIPTURE LESSON(S)

PSALTER: Psalm 46 *(Read responsively)*

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*HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 43:1-7, 14-21

Liturgist: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON "UMC General Conference 2020"

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*DOXOLOGY & PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

#94 UMH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #384 UMH

*ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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

*Altar flowers are given by Terry & Patti Hock to the glory of God,
in memory of Holly Lea Hock, and in honor of all mothers.*

Wesley's worship service is also available on Facebook,

*Wesley Church holds licenses with CCLI to display hymn lyrics and livestream weekly services.
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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
Norma Beyers

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
Carol DeGreen
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

This Week at Wesley

Sun.	5/12	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.	5/13	7:00 PM—Bloomsburg Singers Rehearsal (<i>Choir Room, 2nd Flr</i>)
Tues.	5/14	1:00 PM—Prayer Shawl Ministry (<i>Coffee Café</i>)
Wed.	5/15	7:00 PM—Stepping Stones to Recovery, Al-Anon Support Group (<i>Ed. Wing</i>) (For more info., e-mail to: stepstone2re@gmail.com)
Thurs.	5/16	
Fri.	5/17	<i>Church Office Closed</i>
Sat.	5/18	10:30 AM-12:30 PM—Community Friendship Meal (<i>Social Hall, Basement</i>) 11:30 AM-4:30 PM—Men of Wesley Drive-Thru Chicken BBQ (<i>Market St. Steps</i>)
Sun.	5/19	9:15 AM—Children & Youth Sunday School Classes (<i>Education Wing</i>) 10:30 AM—Pentecost & Heritage Sunday Worship Service (<i>Sanctuary</i>) 2:00 PM—Starlight Ministry (<i>Coffee Café</i>) 4:00 PM—Scouts Meeting w/ Court of Honor & Rank Advancement (<i>Social Hall</i>)

Hospitality Team:

Greeters & Ushers: Dave & Jill Hogue, Gloria Young, Linda Stiansen (5/12)
Women of Wesley (5/19)

Liturgist: Lisa Mitchell (5/12)
Bob Dunkelberger (5/19)

Nursery Attendants: *Open for use, Not staffed* (5/12)
Jane Bercher, Bev & Taylor Wintersteen (5/19)

Children's Message: Pastor Mark (5/12)
TBD (5/19)

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. Staff contact information can be found on the back of the bulletin.

Rev. Mark Reisinger, Pastor: Monday-Thursday, 9am-Noon
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, 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.

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 Wednesday, May 29, in the Education Wing. Please note the change from the regular Monday meeting, due to Memorial Day on Monday, May 27. 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) 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

Prayer Shawl Ministry: All knitters and crocheters are invited to the next gathering of Wesley's Prayer Shawl Ministry on the 2nd 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 3rd St. entry area. Specific items being collected in May are peanut butter and jelly (plastic jars).

Men of Wesley: The Men of Wesley meet monthly for breakfast on the 4th Saturday of the month. All men are invited to share in this time of food and fellowship. The next gathering will be on Saturday, May 25, 8am, at Morris Family Restaurant (6305 Columbia Blvd).

The Bodenman Family invites our Wesley UMC family to attend the wedding ceremony of Elizabeth Bodenman & Tyler Ellis at Wesley Church on Sunday, May 26, 4pm. Please join us in a celebration of love and fellowship!

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).

Community Friendship Meal: 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, 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 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-2nd Grade: Ms. Kathy Heddens, Rm. 2R-3C; 3rd Grade-6th 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) with your First Friday ideas.

"Keep It Flowing" Quarter Collection: The Women of Wesley are collecting quarters! Each month all change collected will be donated to a different ministry of Wesley UMC. Change collected in May will go toward Wesley's Scouting Program. There's a table in the back of the sanctuary where you can drop your quarters.

Men of Wesley Chicken BBQ: The Men of Wesley will once again be selling their amazing chicken bbq on Saturday, May 18, 11:30am until 4:30pm, or until they're sold out. They'll be set up on Wesley's Market Street steps, so come by early to get the best bar-b-q chicken around!

Heritage Sunday: Wesley will celebrate our annual "Heritage Sunday" during worship on May 19. Our church historian, Bob Dunkelberger, will speak this year about the history of Wesley's church parsonages. We'll also celebrate our 50-year members on this day. It will be a special time of worship to celebrate Wesley's history!

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.

Summer Sunday School: Wesley will be running our one-room summer Sunday School class for kids, Sundays during the worship hour, 10:30am, from June 16-August 11. This year's theme is "Passport to the Fruit of the Spirit." Lessons are pre-planned and easy to facilitate, and we need 1-2 volunteers to help each week. If interested, please e-mail Alicia Reisinger: keistalicia@hotmail.com.

Items Needed for Vacation Bible School: Wide-mouth clear glass jars, pressed flowers & leaves, & empty toilet paper tubes. Bring items on Sunday mornings or to the church office. Thank you for your help!