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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 11, 2025
10:30 AM**

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

3rd Sunday of the Easter Season
Mother's Day
May 11, 2025 10:30 A.M.

Welcome to Wesley Church!
*We gather in this place as friends and siblings united in Christ.
You are loved and welcomed here at Wesley.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME & SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*OPENING HYMN “Now the Green Blade Riseth” #311 United Methodist Hymnal

*OPENING PRAYER
 Thank you, Lord, for mothers. We remember today their loving care and ceaseless love for us. May we show them by our gifts, our words, and our actions, that we love them and care about them. We thank you, God, for the ways you give us an example of a mother’s love. As we pray, too, for mothers who were unable to love or care for their children, we thank you for the family of the Church. Through this family, you give all of us mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, to love us, pray for us, and accompany us on our journeys. May we love others in the way you have loved us. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD & MOTHER’S DAY BLESSING

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 “Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth” #2050 The Faith We Sing

SCRIPTURE LESSON(S)

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Hosea 11:1-4 & Isaiah 66:12-13

*GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 13:31-35
 Liturgist: The word of the Lord.
 People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE/SERMON

GIVING OF OUR OFFERINGS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*DOXOLOGY & PRESENTATION OF GIFTS
 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” #94 UMH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN “Our Parent, by Whose Name” #447 UMH

*ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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

*Altar flowers are given by Patti & Terry Hock to the glory of God,
in memory of our infant daughter, Holly Lea, and in honor of all mothers on Mother’s Day.*

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Prayer List

Family of Nelson Kulp
Tammy Ambrose
Family of Pat Frances
Charlotte Stryker
Carla Fedder
Family of Seann O’Brien
Clare Jackson
Roberta Berger
Candis Henry
William Beyers
Cheryl Beck
Family of Dave Ford
Marlene Hewlett
Josh Lahr Family
Delle Moyer & Family
Cathy Arnaout
Bodenman Family
Family of Cindy Williams

Active & Former Military

Pat Backer
Michael Bejger
John F. Bodenman
Steven Cornelison
Marty Davis & Bold Tigers
Alex Gunsch
Ashley Long
Tayler Murren
Michael Rich
Joshua Schaffer

Sunday Ministry Team:

Greeters & Ushers: Mollie Harris, Terry & Maxine Werkheiser (5/11)
Women of Wesley (5/18)

Liturgist: Bob Dunkelberger (5/11)
Lisa Mitchell (5/18)

Children’s Message: Bev Wintersteen (5/11)
Pastor Mark (5/18)

Nursery Attendants: Jane Bercher & Jeanne Bejger (5/11)
Louise Grove, Bev & Taylor Wintersteen (5/18)

Tom Cooper
Sally Snyder
Linda Dennen
Nancy Swisher & Family
Robin Payne Buchert
Cameron Murphy
Barb Riley
Family of Kathy Bohl
Donna Wallace
Sandy Norton
Mary Jane Parker
Rick Heddens
Carol DeGreen
Kyle Foust
Glover Family
Family of Terry Zeisloft
Robyn Smith

Jason Bejger
Matt Brewer
Todd Campbell
Jason Drumm
Drue Gerasimoff
Andrew Hikes
Gabe Slodysko
Kayla Baldwin
Caleb Ross
Jared Slodysko

This Week at Wesley

Sun.	5/11	9:15 AM—Sunday School Classes (<i>Education Wing Classrooms</i>) 10:30 AM—Worship Service (<i>Sanctuary</i>) 2:00 PM—Starlight Ministry (<i>Coffee Café</i>) 4:00 PM—Cub & Boy Scouts Meetings (<i>Social Hall & Ed. Wing</i>)
Mon.	5/12	6:00 PM—Community Bible Study @ Bill’s House Apartments (<i>381 West St.</i>) 1:00 PM—Prayer Shawl Ministry (<i>Coffee Café</i>)
Tues.	5/13	
Wed.	5/14	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.	5/15	6:30 PM—Steering Team Meeting (<i>Coffee Café</i>)
Fri.	5/16	Church Office Closed
Sat.	5/17	10:30 AM-12:30 PM—Community Friendship Meal (<i>Social Hall</i>) 11:30 AM-4:30 PM—Men of Wesley Drive-Up Chicken BBQ (<i>Market Street</i>)
Sun.	5/18	9:00 AM—Women of Wesley Meeting (<i>Coffee Café</i>) 9:15 AM—Sunday School Classes (<i>Education Wing Classrooms</i>) 10:30 AM—"Happy Hearts Sunday" Worship Service (<i>Sanctuary</i>) 2:00 PM—Starlight Ministry (<i>Coffee Café</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. Staff contact information can be found on the back of the bulletin.

Rev. Mark Reisinger, Pastor: Tuesday, 9am-Noon & 1pm-5pm
Phyllis Jones, Administrative Assistant: Monday-Thursday, 9am-2pm
John Stone, Treasurer: Monday & Wednesday, 9am-2pm

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 Wesley’s infant nursery room.

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 and other important announcements and news about what’s happening at Wesley Church. If you’d would like to receive this weekly e-mail, contact Pastor Mark: mreisinger@susumc.org.

Wesley Steering Team: The primary governing body of Wesley UMC, the Steering Team, meets on a monthly basis. All members of Wesley are invited to attend 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. The ST will next meet on Thursday, May 15, 6:30pm, in the Coffee Cafe. Contact Pastor Mark (mreisinger@susumc.org) with any questions.

PAW Ministry: The latest, Easter, 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 Monday 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). The next gathering will be on Monday, May 12, at 1pm.

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 & jelly in plastic jars.

Soup For Veterans: Wesley is collecting cans of soup to be distributed to military veterans through the Columbia County VA Clinic. Bring your cans of soup each Sunday to the table located in the Third Street entry area.

“Keep It Flowing” Quarter Collection: The Women of Wesley are collecting quarters! Each month all money collected will be donated to a different ministry of Wesley UMC. Money collected in May will go toward the Scouting ministry at Wesley. There are tables in the back of the sanctuary where you can drop your change. In April we collected \$31.80 for Happy Hearts Preschool.

Men of Wesley: The MoW meet for breakfast at 8am on the 4th Saturday of each month at Morris Family Restaurant (*6305 Columbia Blvd*) for a time of fellowship and event planning. The next breakfast gathering will be on Saturday, May 24. All are invited!

Wesley Ministries & Opportunities to Serve

Becoming a Member of Wesley UMC: If you feel as if it might be time to make a new commitment in your journey of following Jesus and participating in the life of Christ’s Church, now is a great time to consider becoming a member of Wesley UMC. If you 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).

Online Giving to Wesley UMC: In an effort to be better stewards of our financial resources and create an easier process for online financial giving to Wesley in 2025, we moved to a new online giving company, American Church. Reach out to Wesley’s Treasurer, John Stone (treasurer@wesleybloom.com) with questions and to sign-up for regular online giving. You can also scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin to be taken directly to the site for online giving. As always, your financial generosity to Christ’s work at Wesley is appreciated!

Sunday School Classes: Wesley’s regular Sunday School classes meet every Sunday morning at 9:15am.

All are invited to attend these times of learning & fellowship.

Here’s a list of our current Sunday School class offerings, all meeting in Wesley’s Education Wing (*Flr. 2R*):

Adult “Pilgrimage” Class: Rm. 2R-1, Studying Paul’s letters, led by Dennis Frohlich

Youth SS Class (Grades 6-12): Rm. 2R-2C, led by Kelly Stiner & Kathy Beidler

Grades 3-5 Kids SS Class: Rm. 2R-2B, led by Jane Bercher

Grades K-2 Kids SS Class: Rm. 2R-4, led by Kathy Heddens

Preschool SS Class: Rm. 2R-4, led by Bev Wintersteen

Community Friendship Meal: We are continuing to schedule groups to prepare and serve the weekly Community Friendship Meal for Saturdays in 2025. If you know of a group that might be willing to serve, please have them check out the information found on the Wesley United Methodist Church website – wesleybloom.com, and clicking on the Friendship Meal link. Questions can be emailed to Brian & Jane Bercher at bloomfriendshipmeal@gmail.com.

Community Bible Study: All are invited to a weekly community Bible study, presented by the Bloomsburg churches, on Monday evenings, 6:00pm, at “Bill’s House” transitional living facility (*4th & West Streets*). The current study is on the book of Micah led by Pastor Josh Yorks.

Chicken BBQ: The Men of Wesley will be holding another one of their chicken bbq drive-up events on Wesley’s Market Street steps on Saturday, May 17, 11:30am-4:30pm (or while supplies last). Stop by early to pick-up your delicious chicken bbq meal, and bring a friend to help support the ministries of the MoW!

Happy Hearts Sunday: As the first year of Wesley’s Happy Hearts Preschool comes to a close, we’ll be inviting the HH staff, students, and families to help celebrate the Happy Hearts ministry as part of a special “Happy Hearts Sunday” in our 10:30am worship on Sunday, May 18. It will be a fun, blessed time of worship to celebrate God’s children at Wesley UMC and the great work of Happy Hearts Preschool!

Heritage Sunday: Our church historian, Bob Dunkelberger, will once again be sharing a piece of Wesley’s history with us on Sunday, June 1, in our 10:30am worship service. We’ll also recognize this year’s 50-year members and share in Holy Communion on that day. Bring a friend to help celebrate God’s work at Wesley!

Wesley Family Fun Day: All are invited to the PPL Susquehanna Riverlands (*634 Salem Rd., Berwick*) on Saturday, June 14, 8am-Dusk, for a relaxing day at the lake, including a picnic, nature trails, games, fishing, and great fellowship! Bring a dish to share, a comfy chair, and walking shoes for a fun day with your Wesley family!

Sunday, May 11, 2025

Scripture Reading: John 10:22-30

*There's no way to be a perfect mother,
and a million ways to be a good one. — Jill Churchill*

The Bible says in Isaiah 66:13, “As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you.” Today is Mother’s Day — a special time to celebrate the love, sacrifice and nurturing spirit that mothers embody. The Bible frequently uses the imagery of a mother’s care to reflect God’s love for us — a love that is tender, persistent and comforting. One of my favorite Mother’s Day stories beautifully illustrates the essence of this love.

In May 2008, a deadly earthquake in China flattened whole villages and towns in the mountains and surrounding areas. Nearly 90,000 people died or were missing and presumed dead, including more than 5,300 children, the bulk of them students attending classes. As rescue efforts unfolded, volunteers found a woman curled over her infant child under the rubble of a collapsed building. Though the mother had perished, the child was found alive under her protective embrace. In the woman’s hands was a cellphone with a message that read: “If you survive, remember that I love you.”

This is *maternal* love — enduring, sacrificial and selfless. It is also a snapshot of *divine* love, as the Isaiah verse reminds us. Just as a mother protects her child, God shields us through the trials of life. God’s love, like a mother’s, never abandons us, even in the hardest moments. On Mother’s Day, we honor the mothers who reflect God’s heart through their care, and we are reminded that, just as a mother comforts her child, so God comforts us.

Actress Goldie Hawn is reputed to have said, “The truth is that no matter how old we are, as long as our mothers are alive, we want our mother.”

So true! This Mother’s Day, may we be inspired by stories of sacrificial love and be reminded that God’s love for us is even greater than we can imagine.

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Loving God, we thank you for mothers and for the love that nurtures and sustains us. Thank you for those who reflect your heart through their daily sacrifices, care and compassion. We pray for strength and encouragement for mothers everywhere, that they may feel your love sustaining them. May we all remember to share love with the mothers and caregivers in our lives, today and every day. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Week of May 11, 2025

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: Luke 18-21
Monday: 1 Samuel 21-24
Tuesday: 1 Samuel 25-28
Wednesday: 1 Samuel 29-31
Thursday: 2 Samuel 1-4
Friday: 2 Samuel 5-8
Saturday: Psalms 46-48

Verse to Remember

*God is our refuge and strength, a very
 present help in trouble. Therefore, we will
 not fear.*

—Psalm 46:1-2

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The Language of Love!

On Mother's Day we are given an opportunity to remember those we love and those who love us. Think of the words of the apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 13.

Study each line carefully to see what letter is NOT in the row and write it in the blank provided. If all letters are present, consider that a space between words.

When you've completed the puzzle, write this statement about love in the space provided below.



WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF BLOOMSBURG, PA
2025-26 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM
(Please type or print; save in word .docx or .pdf form for submission)

1. Applicant Information:

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

2. What year did you become a member of Wesley United Methodist Church? _____

3. Name and complete address of high school from which you will graduate or have graduated prior to 2025.

Name of High School: _____

Mailing Address: _____

School Principal: _____ Year of Graduation: _____

4. (Complete ONLY if you are a college graduate using scholarship award to apply for a graduate degree)
Name and complete address of colleges/universities from which you will graduate or have graduated prior to 2025.

Name of College/University: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Degree earned _____ Year of Graduation: _____

5. Name the college, university, or vocational/technical post-secondary school that has accepted you or that you are attending.

Name of School: _____

Mailing Address: _____

6. Names of two recent instructors who you have asked to be recommenders/references:

7. First time and previous candidates who apply for a scholarship award must have a completed application. An incomplete or late application will not be reviewed or considered. Submit the following through email attachments to Dr. Janet Bodenman at jbodenma@commonwealthu.edu no later than Tuesday, July 1st, 2025 at 5:00pm.

The following checklist is provided for your use: _____ Attach this completed Application Form

_____ Attach a letter (in .docx or .pdf file) explaining why you wanted to attend this particular school. In addition, comment on why you enrolled in the academic program you selected. It is very important that you describe your education objectives, and the year you will be in school in Fall 2025 (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, grad school, other).

_____ *(only for applicants who have previously been awarded a Wesley Scholarship)* Include in the application letter an update on your educational experiences from the most recent time you were awarded a Wesley UMC Scholarship. Include the dates (example: 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, etc.) of all previous Wesley Scholarship Awards.

_____ Attach a list and description of your involvement in various activities at Wesley United Methodist Church. The following are some examples: GLOW youth fellowship participation, UM Women or UM Men participation, leadership positions, volunteering time serving the church through choir membership, VBS, Community Friendship Meal, Wednesday Lunch Give-Away, being an acolyte, assisting in the nursery, serving on a Mission Team, attending church retreats or workshops, regular Worship and Sunday School attendance, etc.

_____ Attach a list and description of activities that you participated in at your last school *(high school if you are just graduating from high school; college if you are just graduating from college; graduate school if in graduate school)* and/or the community.

_____ Attach a current transcript (Spring 2025) from your current school *(high school if you are just graduating from high school, college if you are just graduating from college, graduate school if you are enrolled in grad school)*.

_____ Request two letters of recommendation, from recent instructors who can speak about your academic progress toward earning your degree (or ability to earn degree you plan to earn). Recommendations can be sent to Dr. Janet Bodenman, through email to jbodenma@commonwealthu.edu from the instructor's email address.

Send email to Dr. Janet Bodenman with attached application form (can be in one file or in many), letter of application with list of activities at Wesley UMC & list of activities in current school, current spring 2024 school transcript, and contact information for two references. If recommendation letters are being sent they must come *from recommender's email address* and be received (to email address at jbodenma@commonwealthu.edu no later than Tuesday, July 1st, 2025 at 5:00pm.



**WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF BLOOMSBURG
2025-26 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
INSTRUCTIONS (4/30/25)**

Please note that the 2025-26 Scholarship Committee is keeping the same scholarship application process that has been followed since 2020.

HISTORY OF SCHOLARSHIP

The Wesley United Methodist Church of Bloomsburg Scholarship Fund was established in 1988 to assist students in defraying some of the costs of a post-secondary education. Monetary gifts provided by Mrs. Grace Keller, Mrs. Alice Magee, Dr. C. Stuart Edwards, and other contributors made it possible to finance this program. Wesley Church remains indebted to their generosity in establishing this scholarship program for the congregation.

The Wesley Church Board of Trustees created the Scholarship Committee in 1988 in order to establish guidelines and administer the selection process for qualified recipients to receive a scholarship. The committee shall not take into consideration, and must disregard, the age, race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, and national origin of the applicants.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Appointed by church steering committee and minister, and made up of 3-5 active members of Wesley United Methodist Church, Bloomsburg, PA, to serve a 1-3 year term. If scholarship committee members themselves plan to apply for a scholarship, or have a family member applying for a scholarship they may participate in deliberations but may not vote.

The minister of Wesley United Methodist Church or a staff member may participate in The Scholarship Committee deliberations. However, they cannot vote in selecting candidates for scholarship awards. Only members of the Scholarship Committee may vote.

The Scholarship Committee responsibilities include determining the application process for that year, soliciting and reviewing completed scholarship applications, awarding scholarships, notifying applicants of award status, and communicating results to the congregation.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROCESS

Applications for a scholarship award will be available on May 1st, 2025, at the church office, located on the second floor, through email, and through the Wesley website.

Applications are to be submitted to Dr. Janet Bodenman, facilitator of 2025-26 Scholarship Committee and non-voting member, through email at jbodenma@commonwealthu.edu no later than **Tuesday, July 1st, 2025, by 5:00pm. Late or incomplete applications will not be reviewed or considered.**

The scholarship is no longer a one-time award. Previous recipients are encouraged to apply. The number of scholarships and the amount of the award will fluctuate from year to year depending on the number of applications and the income generated from the scholarship endowment fund (which is subject to yearly market fluctuations).

The scholarship committee will notify each student applicant regarding the status of their application. The committee holds the sole responsibility in determining the number of awards and their monetary value.

If a candidate, for some reason, was not awarded a scholarship, the candidate may re-apply the next year to receive a possible scholarship from the Wesley United Methodist Church Scholarship Fund.

ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOLARSHIP

To be eligible for a scholarship award, an applicant must be:

- A current active member of Wesley United Methodist Church, Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania.
- Accepted to attend or currently attending an accredited college, university, or vocational/technical post-secondary school to earn a degree.
- Able to provide a current transcript to verify good academic standing.
- Able to provide two letters of recommendation from recent instructors/professors.
- Using (if awarded) the scholarship money to supplement the cost for admission to an accredited college, university, or vocational/technical school post-secondary education. In addition, money awarded to student can be used for purchasing textbooks, a computer, and/or housing rental fees.
- Able to submit all parts/requirements of the application by the deadline.
- Willing (if awarded) to send the scholarship committee a letter in which they describe how they used the money to reduce some of the costs for going to school.
- Willing (if receiving award) to be present in person or virtually at a Graduate Recognition Sunday to share a few words describing your goals.

Drive-Up

Chicken BBQ



May 17th

1 1:30 - 4:30

while supplies last

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***Baked Beans**

***Macaroni Salad**

***Sweet Cornbread**

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Wesley Family Day

Saturday, June 14th

8:00 am – Dusk (picnic at noon)

PPL Susquehanna Riverlands

634 Salem Blvd, Berwick

Easy Access with Parking at the Pavilion – Just look for the



Join your church family for a relaxing day at the lake - to include a Lunchtime picnic, nature trails, games, fishing, and good fellowship.

Bring a dish to share, your comfy chair, and your walking shoes too. Take some time to soak in all the beauty around Lake Took-a-While

It's YOUR day!



The PPL Susquehanna Riverlands is a 1,200-acre recreation park and wildlife area near Berwick that is known for its diversity of habitats, with an abundance of wildlife including Great Blue Herons, Beavers, Painted Turtles, and more. ⚠️ Fishermen require a valid PA fishing license & trout stamp.



Sponsored by the Men of Wesley