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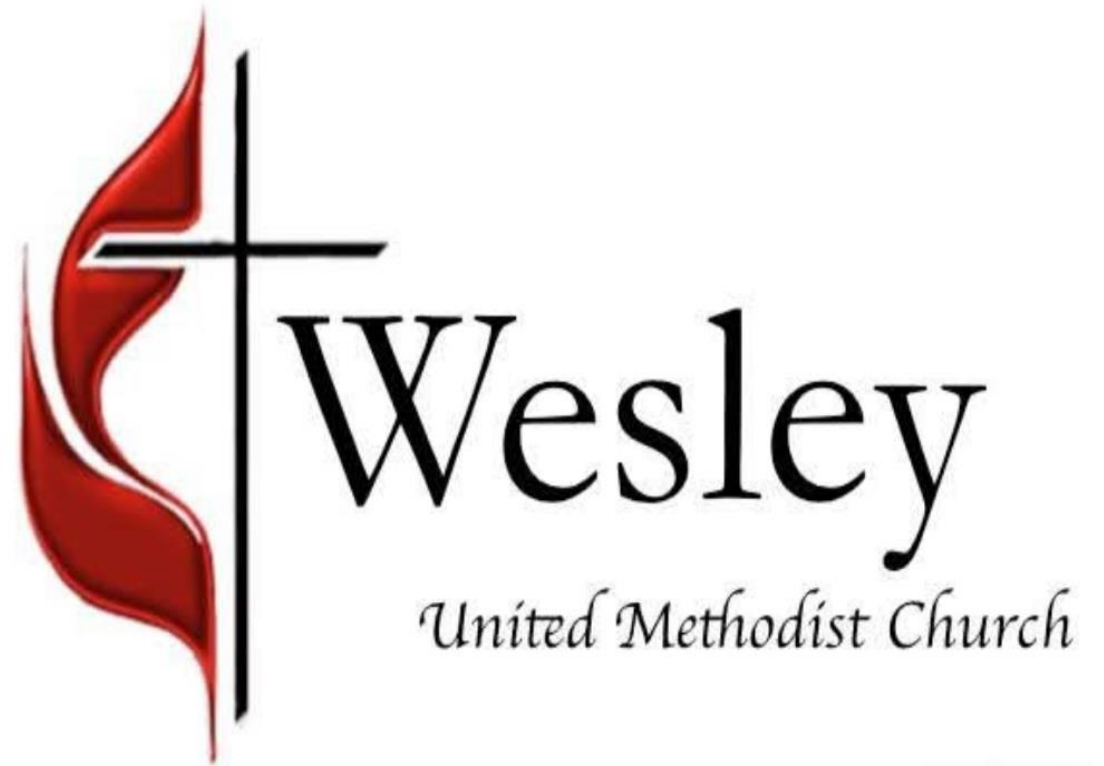
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Wesley United Methodist Church

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

**June 1, 2025
10:30 AM**

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

7th Sunday of the Easter Season
Heritage Sunday
June 1, 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 “And Are We Yet Alive” #553 United Methodist Hymnal

*OPENING PRAYER
Ever-living God, through your grace and power you have built and strengthened your church for every age. Through your servants like Paul and Peter, Ruth and Mary, St. Francis and St. Mother Teresa, John and Charles Wesley, and countless others who have loved and blessed each of us, the Good News of Jesus has been proclaimed. Help us to take our place in that line. May we receive and give love in bold ways, that we here at Wesley United Methodist Church, might carry the light and love of Christ into our world and to all people. This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

RECOGNITION OF 50-YEAR MEMBERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON(S)

EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 3:14-21

Liturgist: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

HERITAGE SUNDAY MESSAGE Mr. Robert Dunkelberger, Wesley UMC Historian

*HYMN OF MEDITATION “I Love to Tell the Story” #156 UMH

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

WORDS BLESSING & CONSECRATION OF BREAD & CUP

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.

RECEIVING OF BREAD & CUP

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS, OFFERINGS, AND TITHES

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*DOXOLOGY & PRESENTATION OF GIFTS
“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” #95 UMH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN “Forward Through the Ages” #555 UMH

*ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in celebration of the heritage and history of Wesley United Methodist Church.*

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
Family of Robin Hammaker
Cathy Arnaout
Bodenman Family
Donna Wallace

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 Janet Parker
Rick Heddens
Carol DeGreen
Kyle Foust
Glover Family
Family of Terry Zeisloft
Robyn Smith
Pat & Diane Hall

Active & Former Military

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

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

Sunday Ministry Team:

Greeters & Ushers:

Laura Powell, Gloria Cope, Fran Petersen, & Claudia Webb (6/1)
Beth Fish, Gloria Young, Terry & Patti Hock (6/8)

Liturgist:

Bob Dunkelberger (6/1)
Cynthia Willis (6/8)

Nursery Attendants:

Kathy Heddens, Bev & Taylor Wintersteen (6/1)
Louise Grove & Glenda Kowalski (6/8)

This Week at Wesley

Sun.	6/1	9:15 AM—Sunday School Classes (<i>Education Wing Classrooms</i>) 10:30 AM—Worship Service (<i>Sanctuary</i>) 11:45 AM—Vacation Bible School Meeting (<i>Coffee Café</i>) <i>(If you’d like to help at VBS but can’t attend today’s meeting, please contact Alicia Reisinger: keistalicia@hotmail.com)</i>
Mon.	6/2	2:00 PM—Happy Hearts Preschool Graduation (<i>Gym</i>) 6:00 PM—Community Bible Study @ “Bill’s House” (<i>4th & West Streets</i>)
Tues.	6/3	
Wed.	6/4	7:00 PM—Stepping Stones to Recovery, Al-Anon Support Group (<i>Ed. Wing</i>) <i>(For more info., e-mail to: stepstone2re@gmail.com)</i>
Thurs.	6/5	
Fri.	6/6	<i>Church Office Closed</i>
Sat.	6/7	10:30 AM-12:30 PM—Community Friendship Meal (<i>Social Hall</i>)
Sun.	6/8	9:15 AM—Sunday School Classes (<i>Education Wing Classrooms</i>) 10:30 AM—Pentecost Worship Service w/ Pastor Lisa Mitchell (<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: *Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday, 9am-Noon*
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, June 19, 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, June 9, 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 June are canned tuna and toilet paper.

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 June will go toward the choir ministry at Wesley. There are tables in the back of the sanctuary where you can drop your change. \$59.13 was collected in May to support the scouting programs at Wesley.

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, June 28. 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*):

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

The final day for Sunday School classes before their summer break will be Sunday, June 8

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.

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!

Starlight Ministry Sunday: Wesley’s Starlight Ministry will once again lead the 10:30am worship service on Sunday, June 15. Invite a friend to join you for this always Spirit-filled time of worship together!

Graduate Recognition Sunday: Wesley will take time to recognize our graduates in our 10:30am worship on Sunday, June 22. Always a great Sunday, plan to attend to celebrate and support those members of Wesley who are celebrating a graduation in 2025!

Vacation Bible School: All kids, from preschool age through 6th grade, are invited for a week of learning, singing songs, making crafts, and having fun, as we join the VBS mascot, Scout, for a “Road Trip: On the Go with God” adventure! July 13-17, 6pm-8pm, each evening. Register on the Wesley UMC website: wesleybloom.com. If you’re interested in being a VBS helper, contact Phyllis in the church office!



Today is a special day in the life of Wesley Church – in addition to the rich tradition of this United Methodist Church, those who have been part of the Wesley congregation for 50 years or more are recognized and thanked for their accomplishment. Please be sure to acknowledge and congratulate all of these people.

Wesley's Newest 50-Year Members:

Susanne Norton

Michael Parker

Roger Stone

Wesley's 50-Year Membership:

*Sharon Beagle Ahearn
John Barton
Jennie Beyer
Robert Beyer
Norma Travelet Beyers
William Beyers
Dawn Marie Bressler
William Brobst
Eileen Albertson Chapman
Sandra Cooper
Tom Cooper
George Richard Cope
Gloria Seeley Cope
Shirley Cunningham
Linda Edwards
Martha Louise Eister
Gary Erwine
Joan Erwine
Patsy Kline Faux
Peggy Jane Fiedler
William Scott Fisher
Jack Foust
Janice Kitchen Foust
John Gensemer
Bernard George
Beverly Harmon
Marlene Hewlett
Robert N. Hewlett, Jr.
Timothy Hoffman*

*Gayla Jean Horn
Karen Crawford Houseknecht
Jeffrey Howe
Thomas James, Jr.
Frances Johnson
Harry Katerman
Gail C. Keller
Joan Keyser
Jennie Ann King
Peggy Kopitsky
Shelley Ann Kuziak
Mary Laubach
Janet Lee
Sally Longenberger
Thomas Madden
John Martin
Elizabeth "Betty" Meckley
Gerald Meckley
Norma Middleton
Robert Middleton
Gary Miller
Larry Michael Miller
Madelyn Miller
Amy Jo Montgomery
Sandra Norton
Linda Harmon Page
Timothy Pelton
Colleen Hack Randolph
Richard Randolph
Helen McVey Reese*

*Chris Laubach Roberts
Elmer Robinson
Jean Robinson
Jean Brewer Schulz
Norma Black Shultz
Jamie Zeisloft Smith
Donald Bruce Sneiderman
Leslie Sneiderman
Stephen Craig Sneiderman
Diane Hewlett Snyder
Doris Hewlett Snyder
Robert Snyder
Jacqueline Sheatler Starr
Mark Streater
David Swisher
Nancy Herman Swisher
John Thompson
Diane Sheatler Van Horn
Susan Vannan
Timothy Wagner
Arlene Webb
Maxine Werkheiser
Terry Werkheiser
Charles Werner
Christine Katerman Wheadon
Marie Williams
Eric Wintersteen
James Wintersteen
Tammy Lea Wintersteen
Joanne Wright*

Ascension Sunday, June 1, 2025

Scripture Reading: Acts 1:1-11

At his ascension our Lord entered heaven, and he keeps the door open for humanity to enter. —Oswald Chambers

The Apostles' Creed, in summarizing the teachings of the apostles, identifies Christ's ascension as a key part of this little statement of faith: "I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who ... was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again from the dead; *he ascended into heaven*, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty" (emphasis added). The expression is also repeated in the Nicene Creed and the Athanasian Creed, as well as others. For Christians, it would seem, the ascension of Christ is an important aspect of our faith. But why? And what does it mean for us today?

For the disciples, the moment was both awe-inspiring and bittersweet. The disciples watch as Jesus is "taken up," disappearing from sight, leaving them with a promise and a command. He assures them they will receive power through the Holy Spirit and charges them to be his witnesses "to the ends of the earth."

In other words, this is the "hand-off" moment that marks the end of Jesus' earthly ministry and the beginning of the disciples' mission. Until now, Jesus had done all the heavy lifting. Henceforth, it was up to the apostles, and now is up to us! Their mission, as is ours, would be to spread the message of hope, love and salvation to all people.

As we celebrate this event, we are reminded that *our faith is not passive*. Sometimes, we may feel inadequate, just as the disciples must have felt as they watched Jesus leave. Yet, he assures us that the Holy Spirit will empower us.

Ascension Sunday not only reminds us that we are empowered to do God's work in the world, but that we are called *to live with hope*. The angels told the disciples that Jesus would return (v. 11). So, we live in the hope of Christ's return. This hope, in turn, compels us to live faithfully, knowing that our daily lives reflect his kingdom here on earth, even as we await its fullness.

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Lord Jesus, you gave the disciples a task. You have given me a task. Give me also the power and love to bring it to completion. In your name. Amen.

HERD, HORDE AND HUDDLE

Collective nouns are words that are given to groups of animals. That's why we refer to kittens as a "**litter** of kittens." The words in the title above are collective nouns: a **herd** of goats, a **horde** of gnats and a **huddle** of penguins. **Match the GROUP NAMES in Chart B to the ANIMALS in Chart A.** (We did "Flamingoes" for you as an example.) *Answers below.*

CHART A : The Animals

Clams		Flamingoes	A	Raccoons		Turkeys	
Coyotes		Foxes		Prairie dogs		Vultures	
Crows		Geese		Porcupines		Zebras	
Dolphins		Grouse		Owls		Wolves	
Eagles		Hawks (flying)		Hyenas		Whales	

CHART B: The Collective Nouns

A. Stand	I. Bed	Q. Gaze
B. Pack	J. Prickle	R. Murder
C. Rafter	K. Pod	S. Covey
D. Convocation	L. Zeal	T. Gaggle
E. Coterie	M. Skulk	
F. Venue	N. Parliament	
G. Cackle	O. School	
H. Kettle	P. Band	



What do you call a
group of frogs?

(an army, colony or knot of frogs?)

ANSWERS: A=Flamingoes; B=Wolves; C=Turkeys; D=Eagles; E=Prairie dogs; F=Vultures; G=Hyenas; H=Hawks; I=Clams; J=Porcupines; K=Dolphins; L=Zebras; M=Foxes; N=Owls; O=Whales; P=Coyotes; Q=Raccoons; R=Crows; S=Grouse; T=Geese. **FROGS:** An army

Daily Bible Readings — Sunday: John 4-6; **Monday:** 1 Kings 17-19; **Tuesday:** 1 Kings 20-22; **Wednesday:** 2 Kings 1-3; **Thursday:** 2 Kings 4-6; **Friday:** 2 Kings 7-10; **Saturday:** Psalms 55-57

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



Graduate Recognition Sunday
To Be Observed on June 22, 2025

Graduates, please provide your graduating information...

Wesley Church is proud of all its 2025 graduates and can't wait to recognize each one in church on Sunday, June 22nd. During the worship service on that day graduates of high school, college or any other institutions of higher education will be recognized for their achievement.

So that no one is missed, graduates are asked to supply the church office with the information regarding this milestone in their lives. The information you provide will be included with the Sunday worship bulletin on June 22nd. To help the church office receive the proper statistics, graduates are asked to provide the information required by completing this form and placing it in the Sunday offering plate or bringing it to the church office *by Sunday, June 15th*. Thanks for helping to make this a meaningful celebration for all Wesley graduates.

Graduate's Name: _____

Graduating School: _____

Parents of Graduate: _____

Degree Earned: _____

Future Plans (further education [school and major area of study]) or
Employment: _____



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Knoebels

AMUSEMENT RESORT

Church
Picnic

REGISTER
TODAY!

