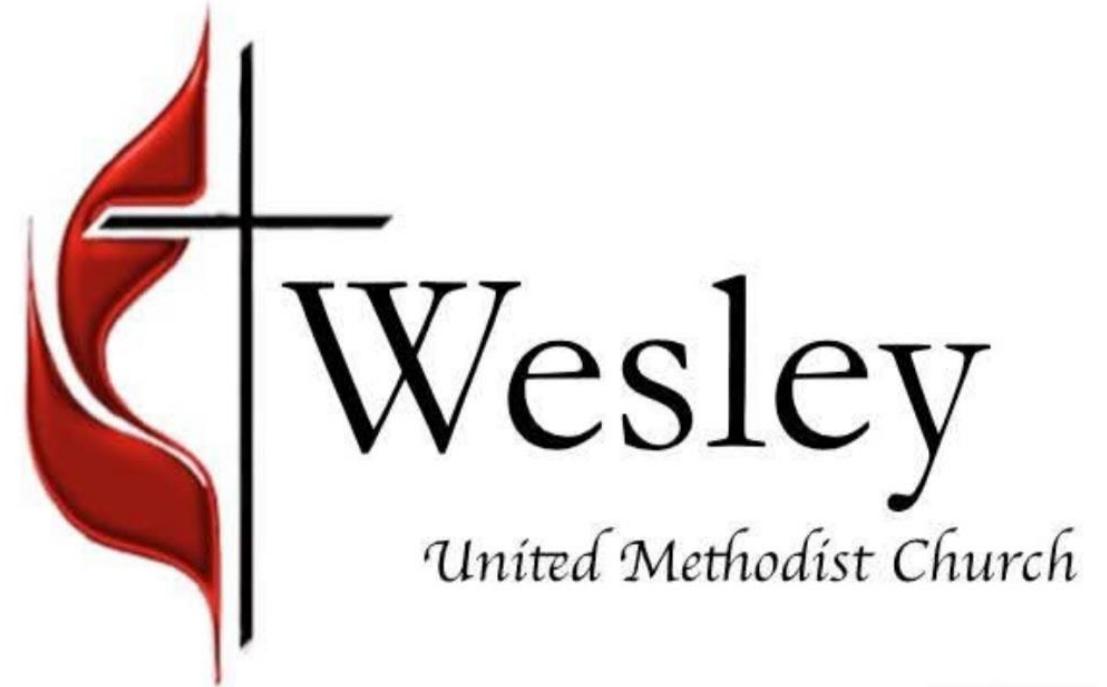


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*"Joining our neighbors and following Jesus
on a lifelong adventure to share God's love
in new places and empowering ways."*

LOVE Boldly
SERVE Joyfully
LEAD Courageously

**March 1, 2026
10:30 AM**

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Second Sunday in the Season of Lent
March 1, 2026 10:30 AM

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 "How Great Thou Art" #77 United Methodist Hymnal

*OPENING PRAYER OF CONFESSION, ASSURANCE, AND PARDON #890 UMH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*HYMN OF CENTERING "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" #297 UMH

SCRIPTURE LESSON(S)

*GOSPEL LESSON: John 3:1-17

Liturgist: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON/MESSAGE

CHORAL ANTHEM "Calvary" Arr. Linn

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

WORDS OF 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 AND GIVING OF OFFERINGS & TITHES

*CLOSING HYMN "Grace Alone" #2162 The Faith We Sing Hymnal

*ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION "7 Fold Amen"

*POSTLUDE

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

*Altar flowers are given by Laura Powell to the glory of God
and in loving memory of my mother, Betty Ludwig, on her birthday.*

Prayer List

Barbara & Bob Sorg
Tammy Ambrose
Family of Pat Frances
Maggie Leister
Carla Fedder
Sadie Schultz
Clare Jackson
David Miller
Candis Henry
William Beyers
Cheryl Beck
Dove Strayer
Marlene Hewlett
Brian Willis & Family
Sonny Frederick
Cathy Arnaout
Kathy Heddens & Family
Mary Kreisher

Active & Former Military

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

Family of Tom Cooper
Sally Snyder
Linda Dennen
Nancy Swisher & Family
Lisa Mitchell
Cameron Murphy
Barb Riley
James Doran
Donna Wallace
Family of Kamrin Adams
Family of Mary Janet Parker
John Bodenman
Carol DeGreen
Kyle Foust
Glover Family
Pat & Diane Hall
Rick Rogers
Arlie Thrush

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: Mike & Delle Moyer, Steve & Wendy Krum (3/1)
Gloria Young, Melanie Hosler, Terry & Missy Everhart (3/8)

Liturgist: Allison Burrell (3/1)
Kathy Beidler (3/8)

Children's Message: Kathy Beidler (3/1)
Pastor Mark (3/8)

Nursery Attendants: Louise Grove & Glenda Kowalski (3/1)
Kathy Heddens & Judy Ryan (3/8)

This Week at Wesley

Sun.	3/1	9:15 AM—Sunday School Classes (<i>Education Wing Classrooms</i>) 10:30 AM—Worship Service w/ Holy Communion (<i>Sanctuary & Facebook</i>) 1:00 PM—Wesley Bowling & Pizza Party @ Midway Lanes (1405 Montour Blvd., Rt. 11, Danville)
Mon.	3/2	
Tues.	3/3	
Wed.	3/4	7:00 PM—Choir Rehearsal (<i>Choir Room, 2nd Flr.</i>)
Thurs.	3/5	
Fri.	3/6	<i>Church Office Closed</i>
Sat.	3/7	10:30 AM-12:30 PM—Community Friendship Meal (<i>Social Hall</i>)
Sun.	3/8	9:15 AM—Sunday School Classes (<i>Education Wing Classrooms</i>) 10:30 AM—Worship Service (<i>Sanctuary & Facebook</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-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 children's 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.

Email and Bulletin Announcements: If you have announcements you would like included in our weekly 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.

Wesley Steering Team: The primary governing body of Wesley UMC, the Steering Team, meets on a monthly basis. All 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 next ST meeting will be on Monday, March 16, 6pm, in the Coffee Café. Contact Pastor Mark (mreisinger@susumc.org) with any questions.

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, crocheters, or those who would like to learn, are invited to Wesley's Prayer Shawl Ministry, meeting the 2nd Monday of every month at 1pm in Wesley's Coffee Café. The next gathering will be Monday, March 9, 1pm. If you know of someone who would appreciate a prayer shawl, or for more information, contact Mollie Harris: 570-387-0368.

Collections For Veterans: Wesley UMC is collecting items to be distributed to military veterans through the Columbia County VA Clinic. Current needs are toilet paper and hygiene products. Bring donations to the table located in the Third Street entry area. Thank you for your generosity to help our local veterans!

"Keep It Flowing" Quarter Collection: The Women of Wesley are collecting quarters! Each month all money collected will be donated to a ministry of Wesley UMC. Money collected in March will go toward Wesley's Community Friendship Meal. There are tables in the back of the sanctuary where you can drop your change.

Bloomsburg Food Cupboard: Wesley UMC, year-round, collects food to be donated to our neighbors in need through the Bloomsburg Food Cupboard. Donations can be left at the "Donation Station" area in the Murray Ave. entry. Specific items being collected in March are rice and canned potatoes.

Women of Wesley: The WoW will meet throughout 2026 on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 9:00am in the Coffee Café. All women are invited to participate in this time of planning and fellowship. The next meeting will take place on Sunday, March 15.

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 gathering will be on Saturday, March 28. All are invited!

Wesley Ministries & Opportunities to Serve

New Members Class: Pastor Mark will be holding sessions of a new members class Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour (9:15am), March 15, 22, & 29 in the "Conference Room" of Wesley's Education Wing for anyone interested in learning more about becoming a member of Wesley and/or being baptized here. If you're interested, or know someone who is, contact Pastor Mark: mreisinger@susumc.org.

What's Happening @ Wesley Weekly E-mail: Every week Wesley UMC 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.

Online Giving to Wesley UMC: Wesley offers an online giving option to financially support the ministries of Wesley UMC. 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 greatly appreciated!

Community Friendship Meal: We are scheduling groups to prepare and serve the weekly Community Friendship Meal for Saturdays in 2026. If you know of a group that might be willing to serve, have them check out the information found on the Wesley UMC website – wesleybloom.com, clicking on the Friendship Meal link. Questions can be emailed to Brian & Jane Bercher at bloomfriendshipmeal@gmail.com.

Sunday School Classes: The following Sunday School classes meet each Sunday at 9:15am in Education Wing classrooms: Pre-K Class: Ms. Beverly & Ms. Jeanne, Rm. 2R-4. Kindergarten-2nd Grade: Ms. Kathy & Ms. Jeanne, Rm. 2R-4. Grade 3-7: Ms. Jane & Mr. Ira, Rm. 2R-2B. Youth, Grade 8-12: Ms. Kathy & Ms. Kelly, Rm. 2R-2C. Adults: Julie Millard, Rm. 2R-1.

Wesley UMC Choir: Wesley's choir rehearses Thursday nights at 7pm in the choir room (2nd floor), and YOU'RE invited to add your voice to this fun ministry that adds so much to our weekly worship. Contact our Director of Music Ministry, Tim Latsha (music@wesleybloom.com) for more information!

Due to a scheduling conflict, this week's choir rehearsal will be held on Wednesday at 7pm.

Online Bible Study Opportunity: Rev. Jay Jones, retired former pastor of Wesley, is offering a weekly online Zoom Bible study, Wednesdays at 6pm, open to anyone who wants to join. They are currently studying the book of 1 Samuel. To join in, or for more info., e-mail Pastor Jay at: jjones@susumc.org.

Wesley Soup Cook-Off: The Women of Wesley are sponsoring a Soup Cook-Off after church in the Wesley gym on Sunday, March 22. Interested soup-makers are encouraged to whip up their best recipes in one of 5 categories (Chili, Chowder, Noodle, Vegetable, or "Other"). We will also have hoagies, drinks, & baked goods for sale. For details on pricing, registration, and more information, see the flyer in today's bulletin or contact Allison: alburrell75@gmail.com or 570-594-5449.

Holy Week @ Wesley:

Holy/Maundy Thursday, April 2: Worship w/ Holy Communion, 7pm, (Sanctuary & Facebook)

Good Friday, April 3: Worship, 7pm, (Sanctuary & Facebook)

Easter Sunday, April 5: Sunrise Service, 7am, (Market St. Steps)

Easter Breakfast, 8am, (Coffee Café)

Easter Egg Hunt for Kids, 9am, (Sanctuary)

Easter Worship, 10:30am, (Sanctuary & Facebook)

Second Sunday in Lent, March 1, 2026

Scripture Reading: John 3:1-17

*My main ambition in life is to be on the Devil's Most Wanted list.
—Leonard Ravenhill*

My mother was born about 10 months before the armistice of 1918. She lived to be 102 and thus lived through many seasons of life — the hopeful beginnings, the challenging middles and the quiet endings. Like her, you've watched new generations come into the world, witnessed friends move away or pass on, and felt the changing contours of your own heart. Sometimes life can feel like a long chapter nearing its end. But in this beautiful conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus found in today's Bible reading, we're reminded that with God every ending can be a new beginning.

Nicodemus came to Jesus under the cover of darkness, puzzling over deep questions. An older man, learned and faithful, he wondered if it was too late to truly understand the ways of God. Jesus answered with an invitation that still speaks to us today: "You must be born from above" — born anew by the Holy Spirit.

To be "born again" means different things to different people. But surely, it doesn't mean forgetting or erasing the past. It rather means allowing God to reshape the heart that has felt both the sting and sweetness of a long life. It means accepting that, no matter how old we are or how many years have passed, the Holy Spirit can still whisper new beginnings. This new birth is available every morning, every moment we pray, every time we open ourselves to God's grace. It's a renewal that doesn't depend on physical strength or earthly status. It rests upon the deep and unchanging love of God.

And that's the heart of John 3:16-17. God loved the world including this world of questions and quiet moments, of cherished memories and unfulfilled dreams. So, God gave his Son. Not to condemn, but to save. Not to judge, but to embrace. Not to discard, but to call each of us, at every stage of life, to a fresh and hopeful longing.

Today, if you feel tired or uncertain, if your heart is weighed down by regrets or loneliness, remember this: Jesus came for you. The Spirit is still at work within you. No matter your age or circumstance, you are deeply loved, deeply valued and deeply known. New beginnings can come even now if you whisper a quiet prayer, a hopeful thought or a solemn, "Yes, Lord."

You may not live as long as my mother; or, indeed you may live longer. But, whatever the case, each breath you draw is a reminder that the Holy Spirit is closer than you imagine, inviting you to live fully in the warmth of God's unfailing love.

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Loving God, thank you for reminding me that it is never too late for new beginnings. Renew my heart and spirit today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Daily Bible Readings

- Sunday:** Leviticus 1-4
- Monday:** Leviticus 5-7
- Tuesday:** Leviticus 8-10
- Wednesday:** Leviticus 11-13
- Thursday:** Leviticus 14-16
- Friday:** Leviticus 17-19
- Saturday:** Psalms 22-24

Verse to Remember

*“The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.”*

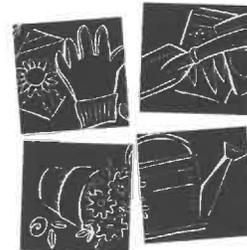
—Psalm 23:1

Think Spring!

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Soon, the winter snow will begin to melt if it hasn't already. Rain will fall and mud season will be in full swing! Find the following forms of water in the word search puzzle to the left:

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| cloud | reservoir | dew | river |
| fog | sleet | frost | snow |
| geyser | spring | glacier | steam |
| hail | vapor | humidity | ice |
| hydrate | iceberg | lake | ocean |
| perspiration | | rain | |
| artesian well | | mineral waters | |
| waterfall | | | |



Brain Stumpers:

1. What gets wetter and wetter the more it dries?
2. What can you catch but not throw?
3. What's black and white and red all over?

- Brain Stumpers:**
1. A towel
 2. A cold
 3. A newspaper

Compete to win
the coveted
"Golden Ladle"!



Wow

SOUP COOK-OFF

Sunday, March 22, 2026 at noon

Wesley UMC gym

Register to
cook and/ or
sample and
vote!

Soup tasting & Voting:

Adults= \$5

Children under 10= \$3

(\$1 more at the door)

Hoagie (3" piece)= \$4

(\$1 more at the door; cannot be
guaranteed without preorder)

Drinks= \$1

Baked Goods will also be available
for purchase at the event

Preorder and register to make
soup by 3/17!

REGISTER NOW!



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