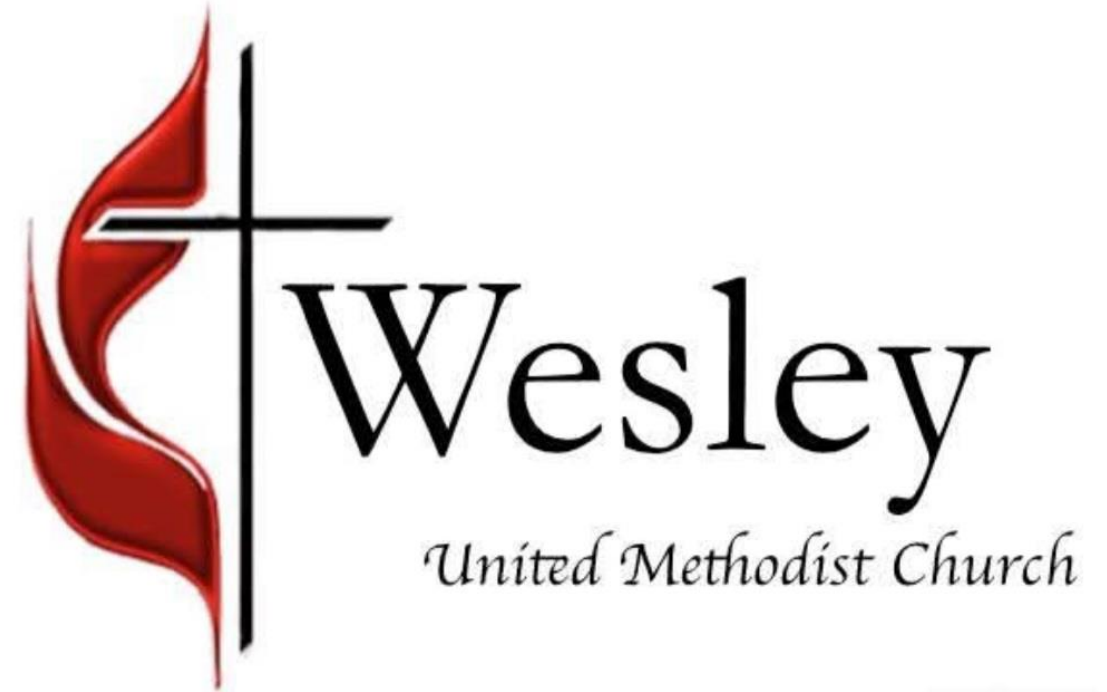


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*"Joining our neighbors and following Jesus
on a lifelong adventure to share God's love
in new places and empowering ways."*

LOVE Boldly
SERVE Joyfully
LEAD Courageously

**April 19, 2026
10:30 AM**

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

3rd Sunday of Easter
April 19, 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 "Thine Be the Glory" #308 United Methodist Hymnal

*OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, Lord of Resurrection and Life, today we invite you to be present in our moments of doubt. We like to pretend we have it all together, show a good face to those around us. And yet, there are times when we struggle. Be with us in those times. Remind us that there is faith even in the act of doubting, and in time, give us the assurance we need to follow you. Thank you for saints like Thomas, those who need a bit more reassurance. May your light shine for all who are in the darkness of uncertainty and doubt, and may we see your light and project it for others. All this we pray in the name of the Risen Christ, Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM Pg. 39 UMH

CHORAL ANTHEM "In Christ Alone" Arr. Angerman

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 "Christ Beside Me" #2166 The Faith We Sing Hymnal

SCRIPTURE LESSON(S)

*GOSPEL LESSON: John 20:19-31

Liturgist: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON/MESSAGE

GIVING & RECEIVING OF OFFERINGS & TITHES

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #95 UMH

*BLESSING OF OFFERINGS & TITHES

*CLOSING HYMN "I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry" #2051 TFWS

*ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" Lutkin

*POSTLUDE

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

***Altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in loving celebration of Lainey Sue Jenkins' baptism,
with love from Mommy, Daddy, and family.***

Prayer List

Barbara & Bob Sorg
Tammy Ambrose
Family of Pat Frances
Maggie Leister
Carla Fedder
Sadie Schultz
Clare Jackson
Terry Werkheiser
Candis Henry
William Beyers
Cheryl Beck
Dove Strayer
Marlene Hewlett
Julie Williams
Sonny Frederick
Cathy Arnaout
Kathy Heddens & Family
Mary Kreisher
Joseph & Eileen Donato

Active & Former Military

Pat Backer
Michael Bejger
John F. Bodenman
Steven Cornelison
Marty Davis
Alex Gunsch
Ashley Long
Ryan Roger
Michael Rich
Joshua Schaffer

Sunday Ministry Team:

Greeters & Ushers: Women of Wesley (4/19)
Men of Wesley (4/26)

Liturgist: Dawn Bressler (4/19)
Ben Willis (4/26)

Children's Message: Pastor Mark (4/19)
Tim Latsha (4/26)

Nursery Attendants: Judy Ryan & Jane Bercher (4/19)
Kathy Heddens, Glenda Kowalski (4/26)

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
Michael Zimmerman
Rick Rogers
Susan Vannan

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.	4/19	9:00 AM—Women of Wesley Meeting (<i>Coffee Café</i>) 9:15 AM—Sunday School Classes for All Ages (<i>Education Wing Classrooms</i>) 10:30 AM—Worship Service w/ Holy Baptism (<i>Sanctuary & Facebook</i>) 1:00 PM-3:00 PM—Dwell Orphan Care Volunteer Day (<i>Social Hall</i>) 2:00 PM—Starlight Ministry (<i>Coffee Café</i>)
Mon.	4/20	6:00 PM—Steering Team Meeting (<i>Coffee Café</i>) 7:00 PM—Bloomsburg Singers Rehearsal (<i>Social Hall</i>)
Tues.	4/21	
Wed.	4/22	6:00 PM—Online Bible Study w/ Rev. Jay Jones (<i>Online Only</i>)
Thurs.	4/23	5:30 PM—Happy Hearts Preschool Art Show (<i>Coffee Café</i>) 7:00 PM—Choir Rehearsal (<i>Choir Room, 2nd Flr.</i>)
Fri.	4/24	<i>Church Office Closed</i>
Sat.	4/25	<i>Downtown Bloomsburg Renaissance Jamboree Festival</i> 8:00 AM—Men of Wesley Breakfast @ Wesley UMC (<i>Coffee Café</i>) 10:00 AM-5:00 PM—Men of Wesley Hot Dog Stand (<i>Market St. Steps</i>) 10:30 AM-12:30 PM—Community Friendship Meal (<i>Social Hall</i>)
Sun.	4/26	9:15 AM—Sunday School Classes for All Ages (<i>Education Wing Classrooms</i>) 10:30 AM—Worship Service w/ Blessing of Prayer Shawls <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-Wednesday, 9am-Noon, 1-4pm

John Stone, Treasurer: Monday & Wednesday, 9am-2pm

Tim Latsha, By Appointment

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, April 20, 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. 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 April will go toward Wesley's Starlight Ministry. 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 April are soup and canned vegetables.

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, May 17.

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, April 25. *The April breakfast will be held at Wesley UMC in the Coffee Café in order to get ready for that day's hot dog stand at the Bloomsburg Renaissance Jamboree.* All are invited!

Wesley Ministries & Opportunities to Serve

New Members & Baptisms: If you, or anyone you know, is interested in learning more about becoming a member of Wesley and/or being baptized at Wesley UMC, 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 most 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!

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 taking two weeks off before starting a new study on April 22. To join, or for more info., e-mail Pastor Jay at: jjones@susumc.org.

Happy Hearts Preschool Spring Art Show: Happy Hearts invites you to Wesley for a special evening, Thursday, April 23, 5:30pm-7:30pm, celebrating the creativity of their children. Artwork from the current school year will be on display for all to enjoy. Light refreshments will also be provided.

Men of Wesley Hot Dog Stand: The MoW will be hosting their annual hot dog stand during the Bloomsburg Renaissance Jamboree festival on Saturday, April 25, 10am-5pm, on Wesley's Market Street steps. Plan to check-out this always beautiful, fun community event and get a delicious hot dog from Wesley UMC!

Wesley UMC Scholarship Program: Applications and instructions are now available for the 2026-2027 Wesley UMC Scholarship Program for students in post-secondary education. Materials can be picked up in the church office and found on Wesley's website. The deadline for all materials is June 5. Questions should be directed to Dr. Janet Bodenman, Wesley UMC Scholarship Committee facilitator: jbodenma@commonwealthu.edu.

Piano & Organ Concert: Dr. Alan Hack and Carl Ruck will be presenting a concert of organ/piano duets at St. Matthew Lutheran Church (123 Market St.) at 2pm on Sunday, April 19. Orchestral, operatic, and sacred music pieces will be shared. All are invited to this free event!

Sunday, April 19, 2026

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:13-35

Life is a journey that must be traveled no matter how bad the roads and accommodations. —Oliver Goldsmith

I have enjoyed hiking since my youth. The longest backpacking, back-country hike I've experienced was a three-day foray up Cascade Canyon in the Grand Teton National Park, to Lake Solitude and over Paintbrush Divide. But I have friends who've walked more than 400 miles on the Camino de Santiago until they reached the great Spanish cathedral in Santiago de Compostela. Truth is, some journeys in life are long, slow and sometimes difficult, unless we realize that the road itself is as meaningful as the destination.

Luke 24 tells us about two disciples making another kind of pilgrimage. They were walking the seven miles from Jerusalem to Emmaus, discouraged after Jesus' death. Their hopes were shattered. But as they walked, a stranger joined them. He explained the Scriptures, reminding them of God's promises. Later, when they sat down to eat, the stranger broke bread — and suddenly their eyes were opened. It was Jesus himself, risen and alive!

This story shows us that *faith is a journey*, too. The journey may not involve long roads or mountains, but it's still real. Every day has its steps: time in prayer, a word of encouragement for others, patient endurance in hardship. And here is the good news: *Jesus walks beside us*, even when we don't immediately recognize him. He listens to our worries, opens our hearts, and strengthens our hope.

Like the Camino pilgrims, we're on our way to a holy destination — our eternal home with God. But we don't travel alone. Jesus is our companion, making himself known in the breaking of bread, in the reading of Scripture and in the quiet assurance of his presence.

So, when the road feels long, we keep walking in hope, knowing the risen Lord is with us.

*Oh, when I come to the end of my journey,
Weary of life, and the battle is won,
Carrying the staff and the cross of redemption,
He'll understand and say well done.*

—Lucie Eddie Campbell (1885-1963)

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank you for walking with me every step of life's journey. Open my eyes to see you, even in ordinary moments. Keep my heart burning with hope until I arrive at my true home with you. Amen.

Week of April 19, 2026

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: Luke 10-13

Monday: Judges 9-12

Tuesday: Judges 13-15

Wednesday: Judges 16-18

Thursday: Judges 19-21

Friday: 1 Samuel 1-3

Saturday: Psalms 40-42

FISHY WORDS

There's something fishy about these words. What is it?

See answer below.

CARPET

CODES

SPIKED

SOLEMN

RUTH

Last week, we read the book of Ruth. Let's review. It is a very moving love story. The words to the right are in the Word Search, and they are all from the book of Ruth. Can you find them?



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barley, Bethlehem, Boaz, David, Elimelech, gleaning, grain, harvest, Jesse, Judah, Kilion, kinsman, Mahlon, Mara, Moab, Naomi, Obed, Orpah, Ruth, sandals, threshing, vinegar, winnow.

RIDDLE

What is greater than God,
 more evil than the devil?
 The poor have it, the rich need it,
 and if you eat it, you'll die?

Fish: carp, cod, pike, sole; **Riddle:** *Nothing* is greater than God, and *nothing* is more evil than the devil. The poor have *nothing*, while the rich need *nothing*. Finally, if you eat *nothing*, you will die. This riddle is known as Paul Harvey's riddle.