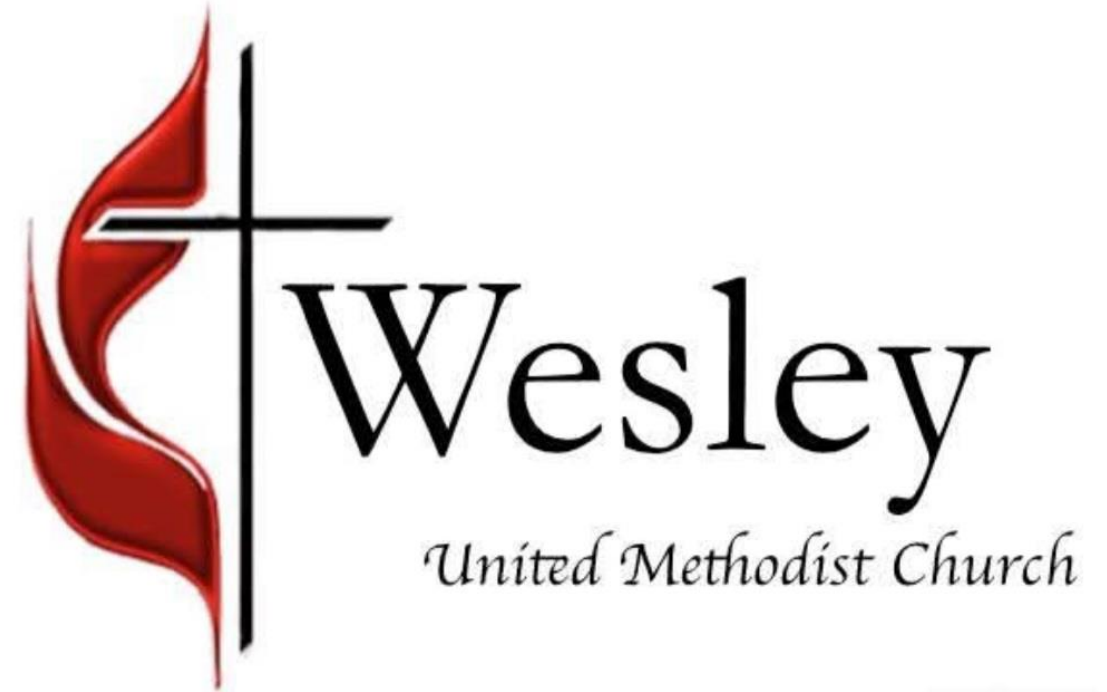


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in new places and empowering ways."*

**LOVE** Boldly  
**SERVE** Joyfully  
**LEAD** Courageously

**May 31, 2026  
10:30 AM**

# WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Heritage Sunday  
May 31, 2026 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 "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" #569 United Methodist Hymnal

\*OPENING PRAYER \*\*See Bulletin Insert\*\*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

RECOGNITION OF 50 YEAR MEMBERS OF WESLEY UMC

SPECIAL MUSIC "Dank sei Dir, Herr" (All Thanks to Thee, Lord) Handel/Attr. Ochs  
--Dr. Joseph Stuligross

\*HYMN OF CENTERING "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" #117 UMH

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.**

CHORAL ANTHEM "The Prayer with Lead Us Lord" Arr. Fettke

SCRIPTURE LESSON(S)

HEBREW BIBLE SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Psalm 121 & Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Liturgist: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

HERITAGE SUNDAY MESSAGE "Highlights from the Wesley Church Archives"  
Mr. Robert Dunkelberger, Wesley United Methodist Church Historian

GIVING OF OFFERINGS, GIFTS, & TITHES

OFFERTORY MUSIC

\*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Pg. 95 UMH

\*BLESSING OF GIFTS

\*CLOSING HYMN "Go, Make of All Disciples" #571 UMH

\*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 on this blessed day by Mark & Laura Powell to the glory of God  
and with wishes for our son, Joshua, to have a Happy 35<sup>th</sup> Birthday!**

## Prayer List

Joseph & Eileen Donato  
Tammy Ambrose  
Jackie Kurelja & Family  
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 Arnaut  
Kathy Heddens & Family  
Mary Kreisher

### Active & Former Military

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

Susan Vannan  
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  
Drew Hikes  
Michael Zimmerman  
Rick Rogers  
Rev. Dr. Russell Hart

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

### Sunday Ministry Team:

Greeters & Ushers: Donna Gillaspy, Jonathan & Junior Else (5/31)  
Starlight Ministry Members (6/7)

Liturgist: Bob Dunkelberger (5/31)  
Starlight Ministry Members (6/7)

Children's Message: Pastor Mark (5/31)  
Starlight Ministry Members (6/7)

Nursery Attendants: Kathy Heddens & Glenda Kowalski (5/31)  
Judy Ryan & Louise Grove (6/7)

## This Week at Wesley

Sun.	5/31	10:30 AM—Heritage Sunday Worship Service ( <i>Sanctuary &amp; 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.	6/1	2:00 PM—Happy Hearts Preschool Graduation ( <i>Gym</i> ) 7:00 PM—Bloomsburg Singers Rehearsal ( <i>Social Hall</i> )
Tues.	6/2	
Wed.	6/3	6:00 PM—Online Bible Study w/ Rev. Jay Jones ( <i>Online Only</i> )
Thurs.	6/4	
Fri.	6/5	<i>Church Office Closed</i>
Sat.	6/6	10:30 AM-12:30 PM—Community Friendship Meal ( <i>Social Hall</i> )
Sun.	6/7	10:30 AM—Starlight Ministry Worship Service with Holy Communion ( <i>Sanctuary &amp; Facebook</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**

**Cheri Reinaker, Administrative Assistant: Monday-Thursday, 9am-2pm**

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

**Tim Latsha, Director of Music: 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](mailto: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. At this time, the ST is not planning to meet in-person in June, unless needed. The next meeting will then be on Monday, July 20, 6pm, in the Coffee Café. Contact Pastor Mark ([mreisinger@susumc.org](mailto: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](https://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 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month at 1pm in Wesley’s Coffee Café. The next gathering will be on Monday, June 8. 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 recreation activity items, including adult coloring books, playing cards, journals/notebooks, crossword, word search, or sudoku books, colored pencils, crayons, and markers. Bring donations to the table located in the Third Street entry. 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 or in our community. Money collected in June will go toward Wesley’s choir 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 June are canned tuna and packages of toilet paper.

**Women of Wesley:** The WoW meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at 9:00am in the Coffee Café. All women are invited to this time of planning and fellowship. The next meeting will take place on Sunday, June 21.

**Men of Wesley:** The MoW meet for breakfast at 8am on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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, June 27. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](https://wesleybloom.com), clicking on the Friendship Meal link. Questions can be emailed to Brian & Jane Bercher at [bloomfriendshipmeal@gmail.com](mailto:bloomfriendshipmeal@gmail.com).

**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 2 Samuel. To join, or for more info., e-mail Pastor Jay at: [jjones@susumc.org](mailto:jjones@susumc.org).

**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](mailto:jbodenma@commonwealthu.edu).

**Green Membership Update Form:** If you haven’t turned in your green membership info. form yet, PLEASE do so TODAY so that we can move on to the next phase of our membership update project. You can also update information online. Scan the QR Code at the table in the Third Street narthex.

**Starlight Sunday:** Wesley’s Starlight Ministry will once again lead our 10:30am worship service on Sunday, June 7. This service is always a beautiful celebration of God’s love and the ministry of Starlight. Invite a friend!

**Wesley UMC Workday:** Members of Wesley’s Steering Team will be gathering to do mulching and yard work around the church on Saturday, June 13. Many hands make light work, so all are invited to help out! Bring your work gloves, garden tools, and come to help any time after 8am.

**Wesley Family Fun Day:** The Men of Wesley ministry is hosting a day for the entire Wesley UMC family at the PPL Susquehanna Riverlands (*634 Salem Blvd., Berwick*) on Saturday, June 20. Arrive when you can, from 8am-Dusk, for games, fishing, hiking on nature trails, fellowship by the lake, and a lunchtime picnic. Bring a dish to share for lunch, your comfy chair, a game to play, and your walking shoes. All are invited!

**Graduate Recognition Sunday:** Wesley will recognize 2026 graduates in our 10:30am worship service on Sunday, June 21. In order to be recognized, please complete the graduate form found in the bulletin and return to the church office by Sunday, June 14. Scholarships from Wesley’s Scholarship Endowment program will also be awarded that Sunday. Be sure to be present to share in this time of graduate & scholarship celebration!

## **Heritage Sunday Opening Prayer**

Almighty God, you have raised up servants  
to proclaim the gift of redemption and a life of holiness.

**For our spiritual forebears,  
Susanna, John, and Charles Wesley;  
Barbara Heck, Jacob Albright,  
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inspired by your Spirit, we give thanks.**

In their ministry, through their difficulties,  
and in spite of their weaknesses,  
you were their hope and their salvation.

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We praise you for those persons, young and old,  
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And we give you thanks for the place of our rich tradition  
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Trinity Sunday, May 31, 2026

## Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

*The proof of love is in the works. Where love exists, it works great things.*  
—Thomas à Kempis

Obedience is not always an easy thing. It's as though we just naturally get our hackles up when someone tells us what to do. In Texas, folks might say that someone who's ornery and quick-tempered could start a fight in an empty house, or that she makes a hornet look cuddly, or that he has horns holding up his halo. But Jesus says, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (John 14:15).

At first, this might sound like a test, as though we must prove ourselves worthy of Christ's affection. But Jesus isn't setting a trap. Instead, he's teaching that true love naturally expresses itself in action. Just as we show love to a friend by being present, or love to a spouse by keeping promises, so love for Christ is shown by living in obedience.

This obedience is not about rule-keeping for its own sake. It's not just about making our beds in the morning, or putting things back after using them. It's about aligning our lives with the heart of Jesus. His commandments center on love itself: loving God and loving neighbor. When we live this way, Jesus promises something remarkable: the gift of the Spirit. We're not left alone to figure out how to live faithfully. The Spirit guides, strengthens and reminds us that Christ's presence is near.

Some of us have limited physical mobility. Our opportunities for visible service have decreased. Yet, the love of Christ can still be expressed in powerful, obedient ways — through prayer, kindness, words of encouragement, or even patient endurance. Every act of obedience, no matter how small, bears witness to our love for the one who loved us first.

And here is the greatest promise of all: "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you" (John 14:18). *The God who calls us to obedience also stays with us in love.*

Jesus was right. The truth is that love leads to obedience; obedience is sustained by the Spirit; and the Spirit assures us of Christ's abiding presence. It's a circle of life that begins and ends with God's love.

We are not left on our own to prove anything. Instead, we are drawn deeper into a relationship in which love, obedience and the divine presence all weave together into a beautiful whole.

—Timothy Merrill

*Prayer: Lord Jesus, help me to keep your commandments through the strength of your Spirit, and remind me daily that I am never alone, because you abide with me. Amen.*

## Verse to Remember

*I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly.*

—John 10:10

## WORD SEARCH

Find the hidden words from the list below.

### Holy Trinity

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### Trinity Targets

Using only the numbers **1, 2, 3** (each number may be used **once** per line) and the operations **+ - × ÷** plus parentheses, make each target number.

- **6** =  $1 \times 2 \times 3$
- **7** = \_\_\_\_\_
- **8** = \_\_\_\_\_
- **9** = \_\_\_\_\_

### Trinity Grid (3x3 Latin Square)

Fill the grid with 1, 2, 3 so that each row and each column contains all three numbers exactly once.

Row 1: 1 \_ \_  
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### Trinity "Did You Know?" Factoid

A little educational tidbit:

*The word "Trinity" does not appear in the Bible. It was first used by Tertullian (about 200 AD) to describe the mystery of one God in three Persons.*

Solution to  
Trinity Targets  
and Trinity  
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Trinity  
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6 =  $1 \times 2 \times 3$   
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8 =  $(1 + 3) \times 2$   
9 =  $(1 + 2) \times 3$   
Trinity Grid:  
Row 1: 1 3 2  
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Row 3: 2 1 3

# **Wesley Family Day**

**Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**

**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



Matthew 22:36-40



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