

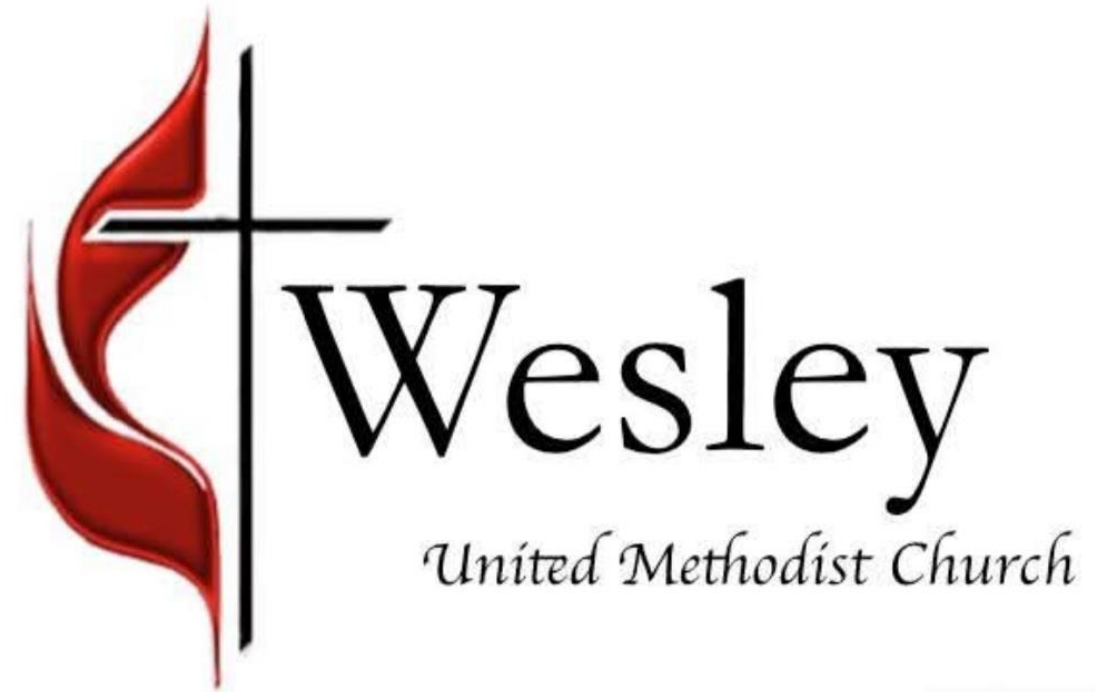
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***"Joining our neighbors and following Jesus
on a lifelong adventure to share God's love
in new places and empowering ways."***

LOVE Boldly
SERVE Joyfully
LEAD Courageously

**August 2, 2026
10:30 AM**

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10th Sunday after Pentecost
August 2, 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 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” #139 United Methodist Hymnal

*OPENING PRAYER

O God, our Guide and Guardian, you have led us apart from the busy world into the quiet of your house. Grant us grace to worship you in Spirit and in truth, to the comfort of our souls and the upbuilding of every good purpose and holy desire. Enable us to do more perfectly the work to which you have called us, that we may love and serve you on this day and every day to come. May we worship you not simply with our words during this hour, but in word and deed all the days of our lives; through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN OF CENTERING *Congregation’s Choice*

SCRIPTURE LESSON(S)

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 Samuel 3:1-4

Liturgist: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE/SERMON

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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 “Here I Am, Lord” #593 UMH

*ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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

***Altar flowers are given today by Dave & Lisa Mitchell
to the glory of God and in memory of our father, Garrett Mitchell.***

Prayer List

Susan Vannan	Lisa Mitchell
Terry Werkheiser	Gene Rostucher
Marlene Hewlett	Rick Rogers
Rev. Dr. Russell Hart	Sadie Long
Maureen Fisher	Angela Gennaria
Nathan Diehl	Dr. Jennifer Dufford
Sandy & Katie Minth	Sonia Fisher
Rev. Jay Jones	

Active & Former Military

John F. Bodenman	Steven Cornelison
Marty Davis	Drue Gerasimoff
Kayla Baldwin	

Weekly Prayer Calendar

Monday: Pray for those on Wesley’s Prayer List, that they might feel God’s presence and know they are loved.

Tuesday: Pray for the Vacation Bible School starting tonight at Wesley. Pray especially for all the leaders and helpers, that they might be energized and blessed as they begin this ministry.

Wednesday: Pray again for Wesley’s Vacation Bible School. Pray today especially for the young people who are attending, that they might know they are loved and be blessed by this ministry.

Thursday: Pray for the final night of Vacation Bible School. Pray that God would bless this entire ministry and all involved, that all would leave having learned a bit more about God’s love and go forth to share God’s love in the world!

Friday: Pray today for the Steering Team & staff of Wesley UMC. Give thanks for those God has called and put in place to guide and lead the ministries of Wesley at this time. Pray that they might be sustained for their work, and that in blessing others, they, too, would be blessed.

Saturday: Pray for today’s Community Friendship Meal. Pray for the volunteers preparing and serving the meal and for all who will come to be fed. May all feel welcome here at Wesley and be blessed through this ministry.

This Week at Wesley

Sun.	8/2	10:00 AM—First Sunday Fellowship Time <i>(Coffee Café)</i> 10:30 AM—Worship Service w/ Holy Communion <i>(Sanctuary & Facebook)</i>
Mon.	8/3	
Tues.	8/4	6:00 PM—8:00 PM—Vacation Bible School <i>(Enter @ Murray Ave. Door)</i>
Wed.	8/5	6:00 PM—8:00 PM—Vacation Bible School <i>(Enter @ Murray Ave. Door)</i>
Thurs.	8/6	6:00 PM—8:00 PM—Vacation Bible School <i>(Enter @ Murray Ave. Door)</i>
Fri.	8/7	<i>Church Office Closed</i>
Sat.	8/8	10:30 AM-12:30 PM—Community Friendship Meal <i>(Social Hall)</i>
Sun.	8/9	10:30 AM—Worship Service w/ Todd Davis Preaching & VBS Presentation <i>(Sanctuary & 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 & Tuesday, 9am-3pm

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

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

Tim Latsha, Director of Music: By Appointment

Sunday Ministry Teams:

Greeters & Ushers: Terry & Missy Everhart, John & Janet Bodenman *(8/2)*
Gloria Cope, Claudia Webb, & Bev Wintersteen *(8/9)*

Liturgist: Brian Willis *(8/2)*
Dawn Bressler *(8/9)*

Nursery Attendants: Judy Ryan & Glenda Kowalski *(8/2)*
Jane Bercher & Kathy Heddens *(8/9)*

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 meeting will be on Monday, August 17, 6pm, in the Coffee Café. Contact Pastor Mark (mreisinger@susumc.org) or ST Chair, John Bodenman (jbodenm2@commonwealthu.edu) 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 on Monday, August 10. 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. Money collected in August will go toward expenses for Wesley’s weekly altar flowers. 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 August are dried macaroni and paper towels.

Women of Wesley: The WoW meet on the 3rd 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, August 16.

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, August 22. 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 remaining 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.

Bulletin Prayer List: We will be ‘refreshing’ the prayer list in the bulletin this summer to keep it current with prayer needs and requests. If you have a person you’d like to be added to the new list, please contact the church office or Cynthia Willis (sheelike55@gmail.com). Thank you!

Vacation Bible School: Wesley UMC is hosting our 2026 Vacation Bible School ministry from Tuesday, Aug. 4-Thursday, Aug. 6, 6pm-8pm. Check out today’s bulletin insert for more information, and register online at Wesley’s website: wesleybloom.com

Knoebels Grove Worship & Church Picnic: Wesley will be holding our annual ‘end of summer’ worship service and picnic at Knoebels Grove Amusement Resort on Sunday, Aug. 23. An informal service of worship will begin at 11am in Pavilion T with the picnic to follow. Chicken and drinks will be provided, and if able, others are asked to bring a side dish to share as well as your own place settings. Ride tickets will be available for registered kids. Check out the insert in today’s bulletin for details and to register. All are invited! There will be no service at Wesley that day, though we will plan to stream the Knoebels service on our Facebook page.

Williamsport Crosscutters Baseball Game & Picnic: The Men of Wesley are sponsoring their annual trip to the Williamsport Crosscutters on Saturday, Aug. 29. We’ll gather at one of the pavilions at Williamsport’s Bowman Field for a picnic at 4:30pm with the game to follow. Mark your calendars, and watch for registration info.

Ethan Flook Presentation: Ethan will be sharing stories and pictures from his recent trip to Ireland and participation in the Methodist Global Young People’s Convocation as part of Wesley’s 10:30am worship service on Sunday, August 30. There will be a reception following the service to ask questions and talk to Ethan more about the trip and GYPC. Be sure to be present to support Ethan and hear more about his experience!

Church Newsletters Wanted: The Wesley Archives is looking to complete its set of church newsletters, called for most of its run "The Wesley Tidings." Any issues are welcome, but the two large gaps in the Archives' collection are from January 1997 to March 1999, and from March 2011 to the final issue in March 2020. Issues can be dropped off at the church office.

Sunday, August 2, 2026

Scripture Reading: Matthew 14:13-21

Little is much when God is in it. —Kittie Suffield (1884-1972)

Every summer, at least once during the summer months, often in August, and after the final “Amen” rings out in the sanctuary, a second, equally important service begins on the church lawn: the annual church potluck. For a congregation of about 100 people, this isn’t just lunch. It’s a meticulously planned, community-driven act of love, fellowship and a grand culinary choreography of social engineering.

The preparation starts days in advance with the sign-up sheet, a silent contract ensuring a balanced spread. Then, as the service concludes, the great migration begins. Every family arrives bearing their offering: a bubbling tuna noodle casserole in an insulated carrier, a massive cooler of sweet tea, platters of ham and cheese sliders, the ubiquitous green bean casserole and sticky “no-bake” cookies. This is a dance of abundance, where volunteers move like ninjas, setting up folding tables, running cords for crockpots, and deploying the industrial coffee urn.

It’s this familiar, generous overflow that offers us a perfect entry point into the ancient story of the loaves and fishes covered in today’s reading from the gospel of Matthew.

Jesus and the disciples are facing a ravenous crowd of not 100 souls, but more than 5,000! All they can find is a boy’s lunch — five loaves and two fish. It is laughably inadequate. But Jesus simply says, “Bring them here to me” (v. 18).

This is the heart of this story. Jesus doesn’t ask for what we don’t have; *he asks for what we do have*. The miracle begins not with abundance but with scarcity. Jesus takes what is small, blesses it, breaks it, and multiplies it in his hands. And somehow, the little they bring becomes more than enough for everyone.

We understand the ache of limitations — fewer responsibilities, but also fewer abilities. Yet Jesus still says, “Bring what you have to me.” A prayer. A phone call. A word of kindness. A quiet offering of patience. Nothing is too small for him to use. The thing is, God does not measure the size of the gift; God measures the heart in the giver. When we offer our little, God fills it with his abundance.

And notice something beautiful: the *disciples are the ones who distribute the bread*. Jesus could’ve made bread fall from the sky. Instead, Jesus puts the miracle into their hands. Even when they feel inadequate, Jesus lets them serve. God is still doing that with us. God takes simple faith and turns it into nourishment for others.

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Lord Jesus, take what we have today — our limited strength, our simple offerings, our few loaves — and bless them for the benefit of others. In your name. Amen.

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: James 1-2
Monday: Jeremiah 9-12
Tuesday: Jeremiah 13-16
Wednesday: Jeremiah 17-20
Thursday: Jeremiah 21-23
Friday: Jeremiah 24-26
Saturday: Psalms 85-87

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Verse to Remember

This week's Verse to Remember is presented as a cryptogram. See if you can decode the message before looking up the verse in the Bible.

Clues: Y=T, D=I

YKTPY DX YJZ VQKR FDYJ
 OVV CQTK JZOKY, OXR RQ
 XQY KZVC QX CQTK QFX
 D X P D L J Y. — Proverbs 3:5 (NRSV)

WORD LADDER

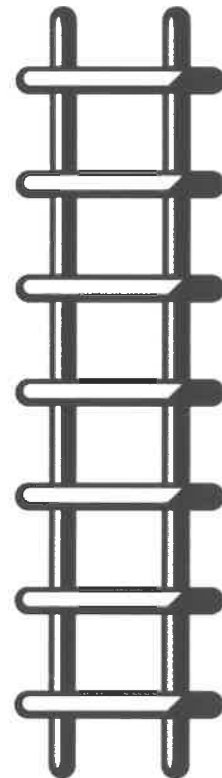
DIRECTIONS: At each step down, subtract one letter to form a new word. Each step has a clue.

SWEAT

_ _ _ _ chair
 _ _ _ consume
 _ _ location
 _ indefinite article

SPINET

_ _ _ _ _ backbone
 _ _ _ _ _ twirl
 _ _ _ brooch
 _ _ not out
 _ first person pronoun



ANSWERS: seat, eat, at, a / SPINET: spine, spin, pin, in, I



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026

Get ready to blast off on an **out-of-this-world adventure!**
Join us for an exciting Vacation Bible School filled
with:

-  Bible Adventures
-  Music & Worship
-  Crafts
-  Games
-  Snacks & Fun

Come discover how we can shine God's love throughout the
galaxy!

Dates:

Tuesday, August 4, 2026 6-8 p.m.

Thursday, August 6, 2026 6-8 p.m.

**Sunday, August 9, 2026 Celebration during 10:30
church service.**

We hope you will join us for this unforgettable VBS adventure!

 *Launch into fun and faith with us!* 

SAVE THE DATE

A Live Nativity: a Community Celebration of Christmas

Directed by Tim Latsha & DeAnne Casteel



Wesley United Methodist Church
— Christmas Eve, 2026 —