

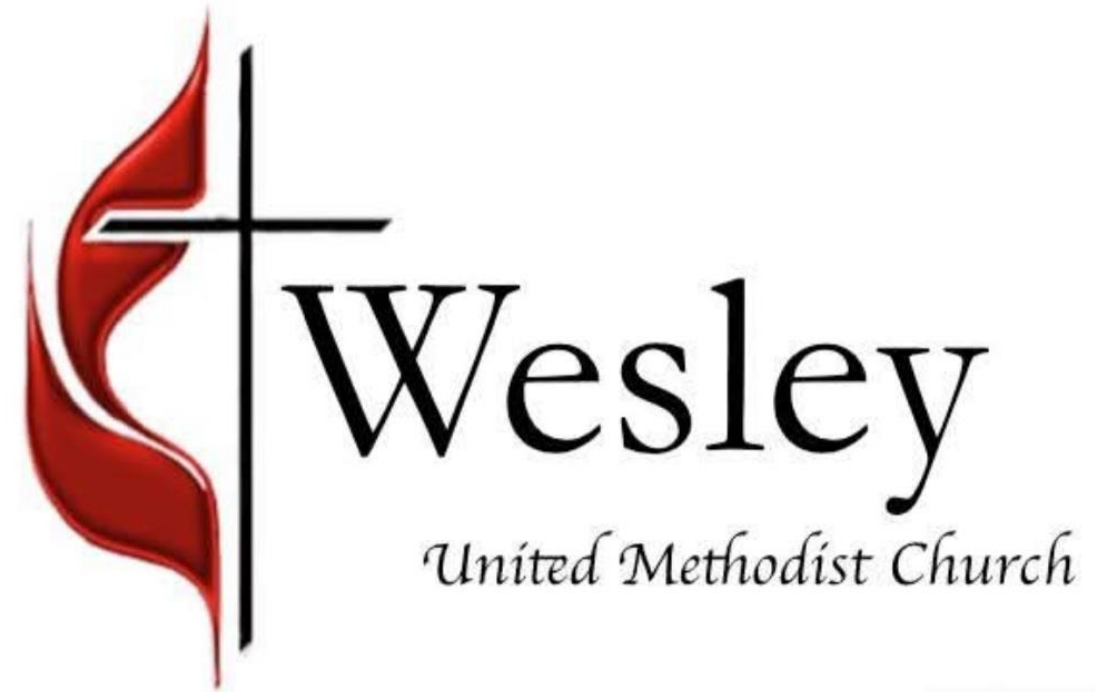
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***"Joining our neighbors and following Jesus
on a lifelong adventure to share God's love
in new places and empowering ways."***

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SERVE Joyfully
LEAD Courageously

**September 13, 2026
10:30 AM**

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 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 “God, How Can We Forgive” #2169 The Faith We Sing Hymnal

*OPENING PRAYER

God of Grace, we come today recognizing our own weakness when it comes to forgiveness. Too often we pass judgment on others while seldom looking at our own faults. We receive your forgiveness without offering our own. Help us, Lord, to forgive as we have been forgiven. Give us your grace, that we may speak words of grace to others and live lives that reveal your grace and your love to all around us. This we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing with Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King”
Maggie Hosler, Flute Arr. Jeff Bennett

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 “We Sing the Mighty Power of God” Hopson
Maggie Hosler, Flute

SCRIPTURE LESSON(S)

***GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 18:21-35**

Liturgist: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

GIVING & RECEIVING OF OFFERINGS, GIFTS, & TITHES

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*DOXOLOGY “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” #95 United Methodist Hymnal

*BLESSING OF OFFERINGS

*CLOSING HYMN “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive” #390 UMH

*ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION	"I Waited for the Lord"	Woodhull
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*POSTLUDE

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

*Altar flowers are given today by Wesley Reisinger to the glory of God
and in celebration of his birthday on September 19th!*

Wesley Church holds licenses with CCLI to display hymn lyrics and livestream weekly services.
CCLI General License #599132 CCLI Streaming License #CSPL118159

Prayer List

Susan Vannan
Terry Werkheiser
Marlene Hewlett
Rev. Dr. Russell Hart
Maureen Fisher
Nathan Diehl
Sandy & Katie Minth
Rev. Jay Jones
Lindsay Alarcon
David & Beth Miller

Lisa Mitchell
Jean Bright
Rick Rogers
Sadie Long
Angela Gennaria
Dr. Jennifer Dufford
Sonia Fisher
Mary & Red Kreisher
Rob Ikeler

Active & Former Military

John F. Bodenman
Marty Davis
Kayla Baldwin

Steven Cornelison
Drue Gerasimoff

Sermon/Worship Service Notes

Sunday Ministry Teams:

Greeters & Ushers: Libby Snyder, Donna Gillaspy, & Barb Coladonato (9/13)
Women of Wesley (9/20)

Liturgist: Dawn Bressler (9/13)
Janet Bodenman (9/20)

Nursery Attendants: Kathy Heddens & Louise Grove (9/13)
Jane Bercher & Bev Wintersteen (9/20)

This Week at Wesley

Sun.	9/13	9:15 AM—Sunday School Classes for All Ages (<i>Education Wing Classrooms</i>) 10:00 AM— Coffee & Fellowship Time (<i>Coffee Café</i>) 10:30 AM—Worship Service (<i>Sanctuary & Facebook</i>)
Mon.	9/14	1:00 PM—Prayer Shawl Group (<i>Coffee Café</i>)
Tues.	9/15	
Wed.	9/16	7:00 PM—Choir Rehearsal (<i>Choir Room, 2nd Floor</i>)
Thurs.	9/17	
Fri.	9/18	<i>Church Office Closed</i>
Sat.	9/19	10:30 AM-12:30 PM—Community Friendship Meal (<i>Social Hall</i>)
Sun.	9/20	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 (<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 & Wednesday, 9am-1pm

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

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

Tim Latsha, Director of Music: Monday, 9am-2pm & Thursday, Noon-8pm

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, September 21, 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, September 14. 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 toiletries, including toothpaste, deodorant, soap, and shampoo. 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 September 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 September are dried pasta and spaghetti sauce.

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, September 20.

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, September 26. 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.

Fall Sunday School Classes: Wesley’s Sunday School classes are now meeting every Sunday morning at 9:15am in Education Wing classrooms. This year we’ve got the following classes to begin the new SS year:

Preschool-Grade 2, Miss Kathy & Miss Beverly, Rm. 2R-4

Grades 3-6, Miss Jane, Rm. 2R-2B

Youth, Grades 7-12, Miss Kelly & Miss Kathy, Rm. 2R-2C

Adults, Dawn Bressler will be leading a study on the book “The Shack,” Rm. 2R-1

Online Bible Study: 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. A new 10-week study on the book of Acts is just starting. To join the study, or for more information, please contact Pastor Jay: jjones@susumc.org.

Bloomsburg Fair Table: Wesley will once again have a table in the Industrial Building at the Bloomsburg Fair (Sept. 25-Oct. 3). From face painting to simply smiling and greeting those who walk by, help is needed to be present and represent Wesley during Fair hours. A Fair pass will be given for those who sign-up. Call or e-mail the church office (570-784-1407 or office@wesleybloom.com), or scan this QR code to sign-up:



Items Needed for Christmas Eve: We’re now collecting items for the Community Christmas Celebration, hosted here at Wesley at 6pm on Dec. 24. Needed items include gray duct tape, tarps of any size (good condition, no holes), boxes of tea lights, old looking baskets & barrels. Items can be brought to the church office during church office hours (M-Th, 9am-2pm) and on Sunday mornings.

Christmas Eve Costume Sewing: If you’re able to sew, your help is needed! We’re beginning the phase of creating the costumes for our Christmas Eve experience. There are patterns, material, and directions available in the Third Street entry that can be picked up today after worship.

Sunday, September 13, 2026

Scripture Reading: Exodus 14:19-31

As we work to create light for others, we naturally light our own way.

— Mary Anne Radmacher

On a cool September evening more than 130 years ago, a man named Thomas Edison invited a small group of neighbors into his workshop. He'd been working on a new kind of lamp — one that didn't flicker like gaslight or smoke like oil, one that didn't need constant tending. He hoped it would be a light steady enough to change the way people lived.

When he switched it on, the room filled with a warm, gentle brightness. No one spoke. One woman later said it felt “as though the sun had remembered us.” People had expected something impressive, but what surprised them most was how comforting the light was. It wasn't harsh. It didn't hurt the eyes. It simply made the darkness step back.

Edison reportedly said, “I just wanted something that would help people see a little better.”

I think there's a quiet lesson in that moment. Most of us aren't inventors. We don't create world-changing technologies or reshape industries. But every day we have the chance to do something that helps someone “see a little better.”

The world can be overwhelming — even more so when changes come quickly, when health shifts, when routines break, when familiar faces fade from view. But small lights still matter. A gentle encouragement, a simple act of generosity, a moment of laughter shared at the right time — these things don't make headlines, but they make life warmer.

And here's the quiet miracle: when we brighten someone else's day, a little of that light returns to us. Like Edison's first bulb, it may seem small, but its glow reaches farther than we imagine.

So, as we approach the fall season — when days shorten and evenings come sooner — may we remember that even a single warm light can make the darkness step back.

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Loving God, thank you for the simple lights you place in our lives — kindness, friendship, small acts of grace. Help us to notice them, cherish them and share them. Make us instruments of encouragement to those who need a gentle brightness today. Let your warmth shine in us and through us. Amen.

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: 2 Thessalonians 1-3

Monday: 2 Chronicles 23-25

Tuesday: 2 Chronicles 26-29

Wednesday: 2 Chronicles 30-32

Thursday: 2 Chronicles 33-36

Friday: Ezekiel 1-3

Saturday: Psalms 103-105

Verse to Remember

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits.

—Psalm 103:2

PROVERBIAL MIX-UP

The proverbs below have been split in half and rearranged. Match the phrase in the column on the right to the proper beginning in the column on the left.

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| _____ 1. All that glitters ... | A. ... is not gold. |
| _____ 2. Live and ... | B. ... make light work. |
| _____ 3. Practice makes ... | C. ... perfect. |
| _____ 4. Where there's a will ... | D. ... has a silver lining. |
| _____ 5. From little acorns ... | E. ... saves nine. |
| _____ 6. A stitch in time ... | F. ... nothing gained. |
| _____ 7. Don't count your chickens ... | G. ... don't make a right. |
| _____ 8. Nothing ventured ... | H. ... before they hatch. |
| _____ 9. Two wrongs ... | I. ... there's a way. |
| _____ 10. Every cloud ... | J. ... than never. |
| _____ 11. Out of sight ... | K. ... let live. |
| _____ 12. Honesty ... | L. ... big oaks grow. |
| _____ 13. Many hands ... | M. ... is the best policy. |
| _____ 14. You can't have your cake ... | N. ... out of mind. |
| _____ 15. Better late ... | O. ... and eat it, too. |



"To watch over mouth and tongue is to keep out of trouble."

—Proverbs 21:23

Answers: 1A, 2K, 3C, 4I, 5L, 6E, 7H, 8F, 9G, 10D, 11N, 12M, 13B, 14O, 15J.

Hidden proverb: The proof is in the pudding.

WHAT PROVERB DO YOU SEE HERE?
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————• A Live Nativity: A Community Celebration of Christmas •————

THANK YOU FOR HELPING WITH THIS COMMUNITY EVENT!

YOUR NAME: _____

YOUR PHONE NUMBER: _____

YOUR EMAIL: _____

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

- ☐ I WOULD LIKE TO **PARTICIPATE** IN THE EXPERIENCE IN SOME WAY (SHEPHERD, KING, TOWNSPERSON, etc.)
- ☐ I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE **CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR**.
- ☐ I WOULD LIKE TO **DANCE**.
- ☐ I WOULD LIKE TO **HELP THE TRAVELERS WITH COSTUMES** ON CHRISTMAS EVE
- ☐ I WOULD LIKE TO **SEW COSTUMES**.
- ☐ I WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH **PROPS**.
- ☐ I WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH **FOOD** ON CHRISTMAS EVE.
- ☐ I WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH **SPECIAL EFFECTS, LIGHTING OR SOUND**
- ☐ I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER MY HELP **WHERE NEEDED**
- ☐ I HAVE A CHILD/GRANDCHILD (**PRE-SCHOOL TO FIFTH GRADE**) WHO WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE
- ☐ I HAVE A **MIDDLE SCHOOLER** WHO WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE
- ☐ I HAVE A **HIGH SCHOOLER** WHO WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE

PLEASE PLACE IN THE BASKET ON YOUR WAY OUT OR IN THE FILE BOX

ON THE CARD TABLE IN THE NARTHEX. THANK YOU!

A Community Celebration of Christmas

If you would like to be part of this EXPERIENCE—from participating in the experience, to helping out in any way, please use the QR Code below, fill out the form on the other side of this sheet, or call the church office @ **570-784-1407**.

