

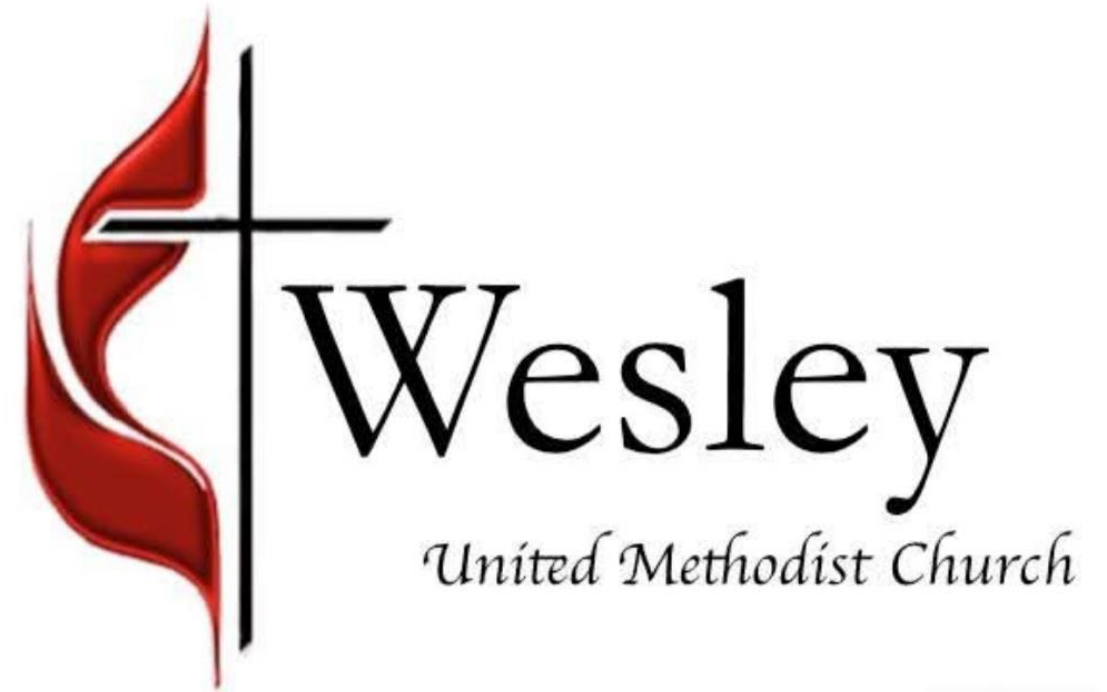
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on a lifelong adventure to share God's love
in new places and empowering ways."***

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SERVE Joyfully
LEAD Courageously

**September 27, 2026
10:30 AM**

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

18th Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 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 “The Voice of God Is Calling” #436 United Methodist Hymnal

*OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, shield of the oppressed, hear us as we pray for those who are hurting on this day, for the friendless, and the lonely. Be merciful to those who suffer, in body or in mind, to those who are in danger or distress, and all who have suffered loss. Let your love surround the poor and the aged. Be near those who feel unloved or unlovable. And use us, God, to carry your light to those in darkness. Let us be your hands and your feet, to serve and love your people and our neighbors. In the powerful name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

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 25:35-40

Liturgist: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE “Loving Boldly at Mission Central” Mira Hewlett, Executive Director

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 “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve” #2241 Faith We Sing Hymnal

*ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION “I Waited for the Lord” Woodhull

*POSTLUDE

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

Thank-you to Mira Hewlett for sharing today! It’s a joy to welcome you ‘home’ to Wesley UMC!

*Mission Central strives to “connect God’s resources with human need.”
This happens through over 5,000 volunteers, organizations and donors each year.
Learn more about how you can donate items, volunteer or
help sustain the work financially at missioncentral.org*

***Altar flowers are given today by Dave & Lisa Mitchell to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Lisa’s father, Glenn Tweed.
Happy Birthday, Dad!***

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Prayer List

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

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

Active & Former Military

John F. Bodenman
Marty Davis
Kayla Baldwin

Steven Cornelison
Drue Gerasimoff

Sermon/Worship Service Notes

Sunday Ministry Teams:

Greeters & Ushers: Men of Wesley (9/27)
Vicki Kieser, Gloria Young, John & Janet Bodenman (10/4)

Liturgist: Robert Dunkelberger (9/27)
Kathy Beidler (10/4)

Nursery Attendants: Judy Ryan & Glenda Kowalski (9/27)
Kathy Heddens & Glenda Kowalski (10/4)

This Week at Wesley

Sun.	9/27	7:00 AM-10:00 PM—Bloomsburg Fair (<i>Wesley UMC table in Industrial Bldg.</i>) 9:15 AM—Sunday School Classes for All Ages (<i>Education Wing Classrooms</i>) 10:30 AM—Worship Service (<i>Sanctuary & Facebook</i>) Guest Speaker: Mira Hewlett, Executive Director of Mission Central
Mon.	9/28	7:00 AM-10:00 PM—Bloomsburg Fair (<i>Wesley UMC table in Industrial Bldg.</i>)
Tues.	9/29	7:00 AM-10:00 PM—Bloomsburg Fair (<i>Wesley UMC table in Industrial Bldg.</i>)
Wed.	9/30	7:00 AM-10:00 PM—Bloomsburg Fair (<i>Wesley UMC table in Industrial Bldg.</i>)
Thurs.	10/1	7:00 AM-10:00 PM—Bloomsburg Fair (<i>Wesley UMC table in Industrial Bldg.</i>)
Fri.	10/2	<i>Church Office Closed</i> 7:00 AM-10:00 PM—Bloomsburg Fair (<i>Wesley UMC table in Industrial Bldg.</i>)
Sat.	10/3	7:00 AM-10:00 PM—Bloomsburg Fair (<i>Wesley UMC table in Industrial Bldg.</i>) 10:30 AM-12:30 PM—Community Friendship Meal (<i>Social Hall</i>)
Sun.	10/4	9:15 AM—Sunday School Classes for All Ages (<i>Education Wing Classrooms</i>) 10:30 AM—Worship Service w/ Holy Communion (<i>Sanctuary & Facebook</i>) Guest Speaker: Retired UMC Elder, Rev. John Rauhut

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: By Appointment

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 part of a leadership retreat at Wesley Forest the weekend of October 17-18. The next meeting at Wesley will be on Monday, November 16, 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, October 12. 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 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, October 18.

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, October 24. 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!

Fall Sunday School Classes: Wesley's Sunday School classes meet 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 is 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 once again has 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:



2026 Church Conference Meeting: Wesley's 2026 Church Conference meeting has been scheduled for 9am, Saturday, October 24, at Lightstreet UMC (1640 Main St.). This important annual gathering is a time to celebrate the ministries of Wesley and receive/adopt a variety of required forms, such as electing 2027 leadership. All are invited to attend, and all members of Wesley are eligible to vote on reports.

Mission Central Volunteer Day: Wesley will be taking a day-trip to volunteer at Mission Central on Saturday, Nov. 7. We'll be leaving Wesley UMC at 8am, spending time learning about and working at Mission Central throughout the day, and returning to Wesley around 5pm. Save the date, and watch for more information!

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 old saw-horses, non-working oil lamps, portable dress/coat racks, old-looking baskets, burlap (any size), and 5'x10' & 6'x20' tarps. Items can be brought to the church office during office hours (M-Th, 9am-2pm) and on Sunday mornings.

Sunday, September 27, 2026

Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

The heat of autumn is different from the heat of summer. One ripens apples, the other turns them to cider. —Jane Hirshfield, The Heat of Autumn

You may have noticed from previous messages over the years that I love autumn. It's my favorite season. Today is the first Sunday after the fall equinox, and, as such, it feels a little like the Earth has taken a long, contented breath. The light softens. Mornings grow cooler. Trees begin their slow, glorious work of letting go. John Donne once wrote that autumn is "the sunset of the seasons," full of rich beauty unlike anything else in the year. And poet Henry Ward Beecher called it "the year's last, loveliest smile."

Autumn has a way of inviting us *to notice things*. The turning leaves remind us that life is always changing, always moving, always unfolding into something new. For many of us, this season stirs memories — of raking leaves into crisp piles, of children heading back to school, of harvest gatherings, of the smell of apples and woodsmoke. Autumn touches both the heart and the senses.

But autumn is more than nostalgia. *It is also a teacher*. The trees teach us the wisdom of release. Leaves don't cling; they trust the timing of their Creator. They let go so that new life can come in spring. Autumn encourages us to consider: *What am I holding on to* that I no longer need? What worries, regrets or burdens has God been gently inviting me to release?

Autumn also teaches us *quiet endurance*. Even as the world prepares for winter, creation rests without fear. The trees aren't anxious about the cold ahead. Perhaps this is why autumn is such a comforting season for those who are slowing down, facing change or waiting for strength to return. This season promises that rest is not the end; *it is preparation for renewal*.

And finally, autumn teaches us *to savor the beauty* of the present moment. The leaves do not rush their turning. They brighten gradually — first a hint of gold, then flame, then russet — reminding us that God's work in us is often slow, steady and full of color we do not always recognize at first.

So, on this early autumn Sunday, may the world outside your window speak gently to your spirit. May falling leaves remind you that God is faithful in every season. May the cooler air remind you of God's refreshing grace. And may the turning of the year assure you that, even now, new life is being prepared in you.

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Creator God, thank you for the beauty of autumn and for the lessons it brings. Teach us to release what we no longer need, to trust you in seasons of change, and to rest in your faithful care. Amen.

Week of September 27, 2026

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: 1 Corinthians 1-4

Monday: Ezekiel 22-24

Tuesday: Ezekiel 25-27

Wednesday: Ezekiel 28-30

Thursday: Ezekiel 31-33

Friday: Ezekiel 34-36

Saturday: Psalms 109-111

VERSE TO REMEMBER

*For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and
God's weakness is stronger than human strength.*

—1 Corinthians 1:25

TWO DEFINITIONS — SAME WORD

Directions: A homonym is a word that sounds the same and is spelled the same, but has two meanings. Find the pair of meanings and write the homonym in the center box and draw lines from each meaning to the box. We have provided one example.

He got up _____	ROSE	The amount of butter you might buy
A direction one might turn		Olive oil is created when subjected to this
To attempt to hit a ball		A sightless, nocturnal mammal that flies
An incendiary stick		The blossom of a flower with thorns
A financial institution		Amount of celery you might buy
Queen Elizabeth was one		Your pillow might be filled with this
A hammer is used to do this		For example, a tennis contest
Repeatedly follow someone		You might use one as a straight-edge
A tasty treat from some palm trees		A special evening with your inamorata
Direction a stone falls when dropped		To be correct
Journalists might also be known as this		An otter might slide down one

ANSWERS: The homonyms for left column top to bottom: rose, right, bat, match, bank, ruler, pound, stalk, date, down, press.





————• 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**.

