

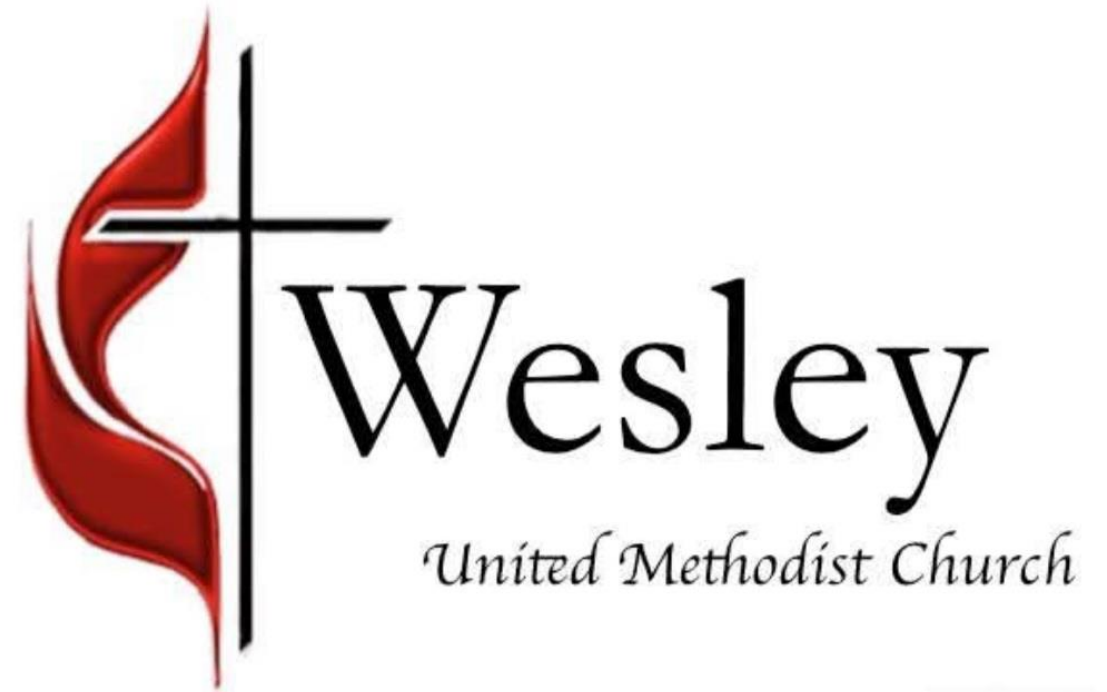
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on a lifelong adventure to share God's love
in new places and empowering ways."***

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**October 18, 2026
10:30 AM**

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

21st Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 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 “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” #381 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 and holy desire. Enable us to do more perfectly the work to which you have called us, that we may not fear the coming of night, when we shall resign into your hands the tasks which you have committed to us. So may we worship you not with our lips at this hour, but in word and deed all the days of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

CHORAL ANTHEM “Revelation 1” Arr. Schrader

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)” Arr. Bennett
Maggie Hosler, Flute
Jaime Flook, Bassoon

SCRIPTURE LESSON(S)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS: Genesis 25:19-28 & Obadiah 1:1-4

Liturgist: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE Todd Davis

GIVING & RECEIVING OF OFFERINGS, GIFTS, & TITHES

OFFERTORY MUSIC

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

*BLESSING OF GIFTS

*CLOSING HYMN “It Is Well with My Soul” #377 UMH

*ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION “Father, I Adore You”

*POSTLUDE

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

Thank-you to Todd Davis for sharing your message at Wesley today!

***Altar flowers are given today to the glory of God
and in honor of our parent’s 51st wedding anniversary.
Congratulations, Jim and Barb! Love, Josh, Jaime, Ethan, & Isaac.***

Prayer List

Susan Vannan	Lisa Mitchell
Terry Werkheiser	Jean Bright
Marlene Hewlett	Rick Rogers
Rev. Dr. Russell Hart	Sadie Long
Maureen Fisher	Angela Gennaria
Nathan Diehl	Dr. Jennifer Dufford
Sandy & Katie Minth	Sonia Fisher
Jim Crissman	Mary & Red Kreisher
Lindsay Alarcon	Rob Ikeler
David & Beth Miller	Family of Sally Snyder
Ruth Pankuch	

Active & Former Military

Kayla Baldwin	Steven Cornelison
Marty Davis	Drue Gerasimoff
John F. Bodenman— <i>John’s ship has just been deployed this month.</i>	
<i>If you’d like to send John a card to let him know he’s thought of, his address is:</i>	
<i>LTJG Bodenman, John</i>	
<i>CG Division</i>	
<i>Unit 100400 Box 1308</i>	
<i>FPO AP 96694</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- Thursday, 9am-Noon

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

This Week at Wesley

Sun.	10/18	<i>Steering Team Planning Retreat @ Wesley Forest</i> 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/ Todd Davis Speaking <i>(Sanctuary & Facebook)</i> 2:00 PM—Starlight Ministry <i>(Coffee Café)</i>
Mon.	10/19	
Tues.	10/20	
Wed.	10/21	6:00 PM—Advent “Journey to Bethlehem” Bible School Mtg. <i>(Coffee Café)</i>
Thurs.	10/22	7:00 PM—Choir Rehearsal <i>(Choir Room, 2nd Floor)</i>
Fri.	10/23	<i>Church Office Closed</i>
Sat.	10/24	8:00 AM—Men of Wesley Breakfast @ Wesley UMC <i>(Coffee Café)</i> 9:00 AM—Church Conference Meeting @ Lightstreet UMC <i>(1640 Main St.)</i> 10:30 AM-12:30 PM—Community Friendship Meal <i>(Social Hall)</i> 11:30 AM-4:30 PM—Men of Wesley Chicken BBQ <i>(Market Street Steps)</i>
Sun.	10/25	9:15 AM—Sunday School Classes for All Ages <i>(Education Wing Classrooms)</i> 10:30 AM—Worship Service <i>(Sanctuary & Facebook)</i> 2:00 PM—Starlight Ministry <i>(Coffee Café)</i> 4:00 PM—Men of Wesley Pumpkin Fest @ The Gatehouse <i>(21 Gate House Drive, Danville)</i>

Sunday Ministry Teams:

Greeters & Ushers:	Women of Wesley <i>(10/18)</i> Men of Wesley <i>(10/25)</i>
Children’s Message:	Laura Davis <i>(10/18)</i> Janet Bodenman <i>(10/25)</i>
Liturgist:	Kelly Stiner <i>(10/18)</i> Jaime Flook <i>(10/25)</i>
Nursery Attendants:	Bev & Taylor Wintersteen, Glenda Kowalski <i>(10/18)</i> Judy Ryan & Louise Grove <i>(10/25)</i>

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, November 9. 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 October will go toward Wesley’s Starlight Ministry. There are tables in the back of the sanctuary where you can drop your change.

Wesley UMC Choir: Wesley’s Chancel Choir is back for the fall season, and all are invited to add their voices to this fun group! Rehearsals are Thursday evenings at 7pm. Contact Wesley’s Music Director, Tim Latsha (music@wesleybloom.com), for more information!

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. *The October breakfast will take place at Wesley UMC to prepare for the chicken bbq.*

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.

Halloween Candy Collection: The Women of Wesley will be handing out candy bags during Bloomsburg’s trick or treat night, Saturday, Oct. 31. Candy donations are needed! A collection box is in the 3rd St. entry. Thank you!

Crusade For Food: Throughout the month of October, the Men of Wesley are leading their “Crusade For Food” for the Bloomsburg Food Cupboard. Food items can be brought in and left in the back of the sanctuary. All non-perishable food items are welcome. Each week we will weigh the donations, and the hope is to beat the 700 lbs. of food donated in 2025! Thank-you for your donations for the Bloomsburg Food Cupboard!

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.

Chicken BBQ: The Men of Wesley are hosting another chicken bbq on Wesley’s Market St. steps, beginning at 11:30am (until sold out), on Saturday, Oct. 24. Meals are \$15. See the insert in today’s bulletin for information.

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!

Christmas Eve: Collection: Items are needed for the Community Christmas Eve Celebration...including old wooden saw-horses & weathered planks, non-working old glass oil lamps, old-looking baskets, & 100+ hangers (any type). Bring items to the church office during the week or on Sunday mornings.

Sunday, October 18, 2026

Scripture Reading: Matthew 22:15-22

Your priorities must be God first, God second and God third, until your life is continually face to face with God. —Oswald Chambers

When we lived in China, Chairman Mao's face was plastered on just about every banknote. In Canada, where I grew up, Queen Elizabeth II appeared on bills and coins as naturally as maple leaves. Here in the United States, the loose change in our pockets bears the image of some of our presidents, like Lincoln (penny), Roosevelt (dime), Washington (quarter) and JFK (half dollar).

And if you travel the world, you find the same pattern: leaders, queens, poets, inventors or national heroes stamped on the money of their countries. Currency always tells you something about who holds authority and whose image carries weight.

The Pharisees and Herodians came to Jesus with a trap disguised as a question: "Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor?" If Jesus said yes, he'd anger the Jewish faithful. If he said no, he'd be accused of rebellion. Either way, they thought they had him.

But Jesus was never trapped by the narrow choices others tried to impose. He asked for a coin and held it up: "Whose image is this?"

"Caesar's," they said.

"Then give to Caesar what is Caesar's," Jesus replied, "and to God what is God's."

It's a brilliant answer, but it's also a deeply spiritual one. Coins bear Caesar's image. But we bear God's. The real question isn't whether to pay taxes, but whether we're giving God what belongs to God: our hearts, our trust and our daily lives.

Matthew's telling of this encounter should be encouraging. Even if abilities have changed, even if roles have shifted, the image of God in us hasn't faded. We still belong to God. We still matter to God. We still carry divine dignity.

The world often treats people according to usefulness, productivity or youthfulness. But God sees something deeper. God sees God's own imprint stamped upon your very being. Paying taxes may be part of civic life, but offering ourselves to God is part of eternal life.

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: O God, whose image we bear, help us to give our lives back to you with joy. When we feel diminished, remind us of the dignity you have placed within us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: 1 Corinthians 13-16

Monday: Ezra 1-4

Tuesday: Haggai 1-2; Zechariah 1-2

Wednesday: Zechariah 3-6

Thursday: Zechariah 7-10

Friday: Zechariah 11-14

Saturday: Psalms 120-123

Verse to Remember

*And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three;
and the greatest of these is love.*

—1 Corinthians 13:13

WORD CHAIN

DIRECTIONS: Work with the words below to get from the first to the last by changing just one letter in each step. Each word must be a real word! Give it a try!

Example:

Change Diver to Major

DIVER

DINER

MINER

MINOR

MANOR

MAJOR

RIDER

HOPES

RIPEN

LONER

Which statement is false?

1. Isaiah was a prophet to the southern kingdom.
2. Isaiah served in the court of King Hezekiah.
3. Before going to the court of the king, Isaiah was a shepherd.
4. When Isaiah's king was dying, the king prayed, and God added 15 more years to his life.

Answers to Word Chain:
Rider, riser, rises, roses,
hoses, hopes; ripen, ripen,
river, liver, lover, loner.
Statement 3 is false.



Drive-Up
Chicken BBQ



October 24th

11:30 - 4:30

while supplies last

Wesley U.M.C. Bloomsburg
Market & Third Streets

***Half Chicken**

***Baked Beans**

***Macaroni Salad**

***Sweet Cornbread**

only

\$15.00

~bring (6 or more) canned or boxed food donations~

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a Men's Retreat

November 20th – 21st

Friday Evening thru Saturday

White Pine Lodge at Wesley Forest



Special Guest: **Steven Wright** author 'The Weight I Carried'

"A lifelong outdoorsman, coppersmith, builder, and father, Steven has spent his life shaping metal, wood, and stone. But nothing shaped him more than love and loss.

After the death of his beloved wife, Sandy, he turned to the Appalachian Trail – a dream they once shared – as a way to reconcile his loss with his faith.

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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**.

