

## Fabulous February Worship

Even though the weather is still cold and there's ice and snow on the ground, the days are lengthening — and have you noticed the definite touch of spring in the air. February's weather can be quite changeable, and we wait for the true spring to appear. It's a great month to get out and attend worship at Wesley. This February, in addition to the regular Sunday 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship times, you have the opportunity to attend a special Wednesday evening service. See all the details below, and plan to join us as often as possible during these last weeks in the season of Epiphany.

### February 6: The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

The Sermon: "*Flavor and Shine*"

The Scripture basis will be *Matthew 5: 13 - 20*

The winter season continues — long nights and darkness. Spring-boarding off of the Epiphany theme of light, this service will help us reflect about how we can be "flavor" (salt) and "shine" (light) to those with whom we come in contact.

### February 13: The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

The sermon: "*The Gift of Reconciliation*"

The Scripture basis will be *Matthew 5: 21 - 25*

What purpose does anger serve? Why hold a grudge? Who suffers most? (You!) Reconciliation is a gift to both the giver and the recipient — a freeing experience. Both the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services will conclude with a time of anointing and healing.

### February 20: The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

The sermon: "*Sand vs. Concrete*"

The Scripture basis will be *I Corinthians 3: 10 - 11 and 16 - 23*

When constructing a building, it is important to carefully construct the foundation upon which that building will reside. So it is with ourselves as the temple of God.

### February 27: The Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany

The sermon: "*Blot Out Your Worries*"

The Scripture basis will be *Matthew 6: 24 - 34*

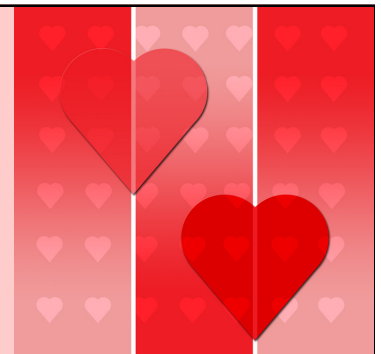
Worry and anxiety can not only affect our mental and spiritual health but also our physical health as it gnaws at our insides. We do not need to *be* God. Rather we need to offer up our worries *to* God.

## "Love Feast" Worship

Wednesday, February 23, 2011

7 p.m.

The Love Feast is a service that recalls the meals Jesus shared with the disciples during His ministry and expressing the koinonia — community, sharing, fellowship — enjoyed by the family of Christ.



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This Month’s Insert:

February Calendar

## From The Desk Of Pastor Jay

By Jay E. Jones, Pastor



To The Wesley Church Family:

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ, God revealed to us!

Our lives are a journey! We have a certain beginning and a certain ending and many moments in between. At times, life can be a roller coaster, with many ups and downs and twists and turns and breakneck speeds. At other times, life can be a fallen leaf, floating ever so gently on the slow ripples of a pond. Whatever our experience, life *is* a journey, moving ever forward.

The same can be said about our spiritual lives. Our spiritual lives, too, are a journey. And, I believe that one of my roles as a pastor of this congregation is to do all I can to assist you in that journey. One of my most important roles is to help you grow ever closer in your relationship with Christ. And this is *any age* person within our congregation! I believe we are always in need of growing closer to Christ. Please don’t hesitate to contact me or Pastor Jane if you want to talk further about this.

That being said, we have begun a journey with some of our youth – this year’s confirmation class. We have really tried to approach this in a different manner. First, we do not want this to be a rite of passage. Our emphasis is that we grow together in our relationship with Christ. Each of the students and their parents have been briefed on this approach.

Second, we are doing some different things at different times to enhance this opportunity. We are meeting during Sunday School just a couple of times over the next several months. Outside of Sunday School, we are meeting during United Methodist Youth Fellowship, planning a one-day retreat, taking a trip to some of the missional/historical sites of United Methodism within a short drive, and learning more about some of the other churches in our area.

Third, we will be talking about what it means to become a member of the congregation, helping the youth identify their own spiritual gifts and seek ways they might use those gifts to serve God through this congregation. But ultimately, we will allow each of the youth to choose whether or not he or she wishes to become a full member of the congregation. We hope this may be a manifestation of their growth in Christ — but not necessarily an expectation.

I ask you to pray for me and Pastor Jane. And I ask you to pray for the following students who have made an initial commitment to be a part of this journey: Nate Babon, Amelia Davis, Dylan Everhart, Hannah Harder, Maddie Harder, Zak Kreischer, Josh Mumaw, Sarah Musselman, Kalina Nissen, Michael Parker, Nathan Steinruck, and Tristan Wright. Please encourage each person and do what you can to assist each on his/her journey of faith!

May God bless each and every one of you!

In Christ’s Service,

Jay E. Jones, Pastor

*Pursue love and strive for the spiritual gifts. ~ 1 Corinthians 14: 1 a*

# Wesley Tidings, Where Art Thou?

Did you notice that the delivery of *Wesley Tidings* has been erratic these last couple of months? It took over two weeks for the December issue to make it from the church office to your doorstep. It was hoped that, with the busy holiday season behind us, that the delivery service would improve. Not so! It was almost worse than before with the January issue. Some members received the newsletter the same week it was mailed, some got it the following week, and still others didn't receive it until the week after that — these were all local, in-town, deliveries. No one knows for sure what is happening to *Wesley Tidings* when it leaves the church office, but it sure isn't being delivered in a timely manner. Even a trip to the post office by your administrative assistant yielded no positive results. *So, what can we do?*



## Meet Published Deadlines!

The church office will do everything possible to get the newsletter to you in a timely manner. Some of it will depend on you. If you have information to be included in a particular issue of *Tidings*, please be sure to get it to the church office by the deadline date. Normally, the deadline is the thirteen of each (prior) month. It will help tremendously to have your information by this date. If you should happen to forget the deadline date, it is usually noted in the Sunday worship folder, and the deadline for the next month is always published in each month's issue of the newsletter.

## “Go Green” With The Electronic Version Of *Tidings*!

Over the course of the last several months, Wesley Church has been making an effort to encourage its members to receive *Wesley Tidings* via E-mail. The time has come to make this a more serious endeavor. Many churches already have made the switch from a paper newsletter to an electronic newsletter for all those who have Internet access. Wesley Church is hopping on the band wagon beginning in April. Everyone who can receive the monthly newsletter via E-mail is asked to do so. Just think of all the paper that can be saved — and the trees from which it comes! With costs rising every day, if the church can save paper — and mailing expenses — the church will save money, too! Plus, you will receive your copy of *Wesley Tidings* in a timely and expedient manner.

Below, please find a form you can complete and return to the church office indicating the manner in which you would like to receive the newsletter. This choice is offered simply because not everyone has a computer to receive an electronic version. If you are able to receive the newsletter via E-mail, then you are requested to choose this method. In addition to the form below, beginning the first Sunday in February, similar forms will be distributed on Sunday mornings in both church and Sunday School. If you are someone who does not have a computer, but you frequent the church and/or the church office on a regular basis, talk with Eileen, and arrangements can be made for you to pick up your copy at the church — please note, however, if you choose this option, newsletters will not be mailed after the fact, and will be thrown away when the next month's issue is printed.



## Wesley Tidings Options For Delivery

Name (please print clearly): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number (only if clarification is necessary): \_\_\_\_\_

- I/we would like to sign up for the electronic version of *Wesley Tidings* and have indicated my/our E-mail address above in order to begin receiving this version.
- I/we do not have a computer and thereby opt to continue to receive the hard copy issue of the church newsletter.

## Pastor Jane To Travel To Greece

Beginning Monday, February 7, Pastor Jane will join Reverend Dr. Thomas L. Salsgiver (Lewisburg District Superintendent), Reverend Arlene Beechert (Williamsport District Superintendent), and other fellow clergy members from the Susquehanna Conference, on an Educational Opportunity to Greece. The eight-day journey will follow the footsteps of the apostle Paul and visit Philippi, Thessalonika, Athens, Corinth, and several other sites before returning home with a new understanding of Paul's life and ministry. During the journey, Pastor Jane will be engaging in some Biblical reading that will coincide with each day's opportunities. You can follow with Pastor Jane in this Biblical study as outlined below:



February 7 and 8 (arrival in Greece)

*Acts 16: 6 - 10, Acts 19: 21 - 22, and Acts 20: 1 - 6*

February 9 (Amphipolis, Philippi, and Neapolis)

*Acts 16: 11 - 40 and Philippians*

February 10 (Thessalonika and Veria)

*Acts 17: 1 - 14, I Thessalonians, and II Thessalonians*

February 11 (Meteora and Delphi)

*Acts 19: 21 - 41 and Psalm 115*

February 12 (Athens)

*Acts 17: 16 - 34 and Acts 2: 1 - 36*

February 13 (Corinth and Cenchræe)

*Acts 18: 1 - 18, Acts 19: 1, I Corinthians, and II Corinthians*

## Wednesday Morning Bible Study

The Wednesday morning Bible study at Wesley continues through March 2. Pastor Jay and Pastor Jane lead this study on *The Gospel of Luke*. It takes place in the Crusaders' Sunday School classroom (bride's room) from 11 a.m. - 12 noon each Wednesday. This study is open to anyone from the church and community. Take note of the following passages, and plan to join the group for this time of study and discussion.

February 2 ~ *Luke 11 - 13*

February 9 ~ *Luke 14 - 16*

February 16 ~ *Luke 17 - 19*

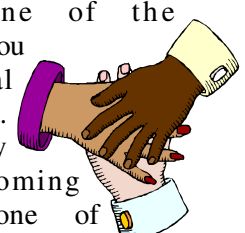
February 23 ~ *Luke 20 - 22*

March 2 ~ *Luke 23 - 24*

## Ministry Teams

Are you familiar with the Wesley ministry teams? Please don't forget that the meetings of the ministry teams are open meetings, meaning that anyone affiliated with the congregation is invited to attend and participate in them. Three ministry teams meet on the same night, every other month at 7 p.m., in the multi-purpose room on the first floor of the church. Those teams are Missions (chairperson: Sue Frederick), Evangelism (chairperson: Merrie Walter) and Christian Education (formerly, Nurture; chairperson: Dawn Bressler). The fourth ministry team is the Worship Team (co-chaired by Pastor Jay and Pastor Jane). This team meets on a separate night, also every other month and also at 7 p.m.

Please make note of the scheduled meetings listed below. Talk with one of the chairpersons if you have additional questions. Prayerfully consider becoming involved on one of Wesley's ministry teams!



### Ministry Teams

(Missions, Evangelism, Christian Education)

February 1

April 5

June 7

August 2

October 4

December 6

### Worship Team

February 9

April 13

June 15

August 17

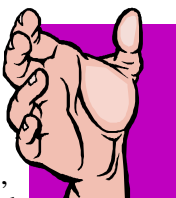
October 12

December 14

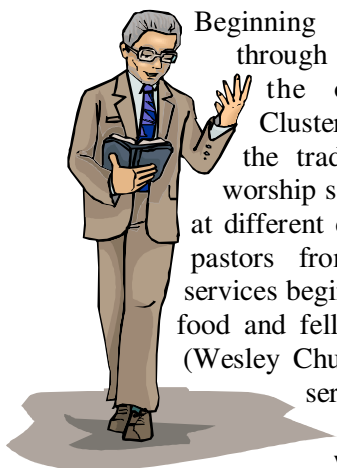
*Lent 2011 begins on Ash Wednesday, March 9  
Palm Sunday is April 17 and Easter Sunday is April 24*

## Every Member Outreach

Wesley Church is in the planning stages of an every member outreach. Currently there is a committee of members from the Church Council engaging in the planning — recruiting willing visitors, setting up training of those visitors, and caring for other details about the visitation. The tentative dates for the visitation are May 1 - June 12. Please be in prayer for the work of this committee.



## Cluster-Wide Lenten Worship



Beginning on March 13 and continuing through April 17, Wesley will join with the other Bloomsburg/Catawissa Cluster United Methodist churches for the traditional Sunday evening Lenten worship services. The services will be held at different church buildings with one of the pastors from the cluster preaching. The services begin at 6 p.m. and end with a time of food and fellowship at approximately 7 p.m. (Wesley Church will be hosting the worship service on April 3.) Please plan to participate in these inspiring worship services.

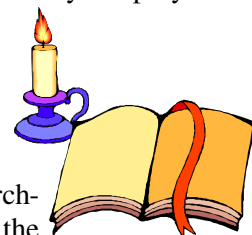
## Men's Breakfast

Every second and fourth Saturday of the month, the men of Saint Matthew Lutheran Church sponsor a men's breakfast, and all the men of Wesley are invited to attend. On each of these occasions, the breakfast will be held at 8 a.m. and will include a guest speaker. Bloomsburg mayor, Dan Knorr will be the special guest speaker on Saturday, February 12. Reservations are required by Monday of the week of the breakfast. Men who would like to attend should contact Shawn McCreary or Bill Finnerty.



## Worship Volunteers Sought

Pastor Jay and Pastor Jane are looking to encourage additional participation in Wesley's worship services. To that end, they are seeking volunteers to serve as lay readers (at either or both worship services) and volunteers to lead the Children's Chat at both worship services (as per the given worship theme). If you are interested in serving in one or both of these ways, please contact Pastor Jay or Pastor Jane today so that you can be added to a rotation. Thanks for your prayerful consideration.



## Church-Wide Study and Sermon Series

During the season of Lent at Wesley Church, Pastor Jay and Pastor Jane will lead a church-wide study and sermon series on the spiritual disciplines. The series and study will be based upon the book Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth written by Richard J. Foster. We would like to encourage as many church members and Sunday School classes to join us in the study/series by purchasing a copy of the book and following along (use the form below to do so).

In addition to some of the Sunday School classes, Pastor Jay and Pastor Jane will lead a small group study on the book as well. The particular disciplines selected from Foster's book to be included in the study/series are: confession, meditation, fasting, simplicity, and prayer. Please pray that this may be a time of spiritual growth for each of us!



Yes, I would like to order a copy of the book Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth so that I may take part in the study on spiritual disciplines.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Number of copies of the book: \_\_\_\_\_

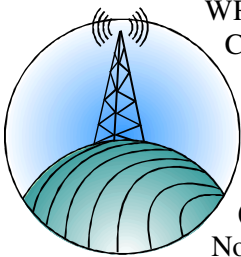
\*Cost per book is \$12. Please include payment with order. Deadline to place an order is February 20.

# Communication!

By Kelly Cope

Do you love Wesley? Do you love all the things we do at the church? Would you love to show our community what we do? If so, then join me this year in enhancing our communication to others.

Wesley has many wonderful opportunities to reach out to the community through various activities and fundraising events. Internally, we have a great way of communicating such happenings through the newsletter, worship screens, website, bulletin, mailings and, on occasion, an article in the newspaper. There are many other resources available to get the word out: WHLM AM/WHLM FM, WRGN, WGRC, Columbia-Montour Visitor's Bureau, WNEP, PA HomePage (WYOU and Northeastern PA), WVIA, Danville News, Benton News, Wesley Express, and Lewisburg District Electronic News. All of these are free resources through which we can advertise without cost. Let us use these resources to promote our ministries here at Wesley. All you have to do is send your information to me, and I will do the rest.



What I need is the following information: *what* is the name of this event, *where* this event is taking place, *when* this event will happen, and *who* is the point of contact (include a telephone number where you can be reached in case there are questions). You may send me this information via E-mail (technology@wesleybloom.org), my facebook account, or a telephone call (784.1407). Many of the aforementioned need at least three weeks notice in order to advertise, so be sure to submit your information in a timely manner.

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# UMW February Activities

By Marg Laytar, UMW President

## Valentine Cookie Box Project

Monday, February 7

9 a.m. ~ In The Social Room



The Wesley United Methodist Women will once again sponsor the Valentine Cookie Box Project whereby cookie/snack boxes will be sent to all Wesley college students and to those serving in the military. To help with this project, your donations are appreciated and should be dropped off in the church kitchen (or the church office) by Sunday, February 6. Some of the most welcome items include goodies like cookies, brownies, candy, and individually bagged pretzels, crackers — but contributions of any snack item you can think of will be greatly appreciated. It will be helpful if cookies and other homemade treats were put in individual serving bags. All are welcome to help assemble the bags on February 8, beginning at 9 a.m., in the social room.

Special note to parents: Please contact the church office (784.1407) if there is a possibility your daughter or son's address is not on the Wesley mailing list. Let's continue to support and make it a great Valentine's Day for all of Wesley's young adults who are away from home.

## UMW General Meeting

Thursday, February 10

1 p.m. ~ In The Multi-Purpose Room

It is with regret that the January UMW meeting was canceled because of inclement weather. Please know that there will be a rescheduling of a speaker from the Animal Rescue Center in the fall. Until then, plan to attend the general meeting on February 10 when Maggie Gillespie from Bloomsburg University's Protestant Campus Ministry will present the program. The meeting starts at 1 p.m. with refreshments provided by Merrie Walter and Elsie Kreider and devotions by Kay Hammaker. All women are invited. Please join us!

## Annual UMW Bake Sale — Your Donations Needed!



Once again, in conjunction with the Men of Wesley Spaghetti Dinner on February 19, the United Methodist Women will hold its annual Bake Sale. Your donations of cakes, pies, cookies, breads or other homemade items will be appreciated. Please bring a homemade baked good of your choice to the church on Friday afternoon, February 18, or Saturday morning, February 19. Please label and identify the baked good by name, and indicate if it contains nuts. For additional information, contact bake sale chairperson, Sandy Norton (784.7693). The members of the Wesley United Methodist Women appreciate your support of this annual fund-raising project that benefits missions.

# The Green Page



The green-minded person may want to find ways to be even more green on the holiday that usually has everyone thinking the color red — as in red hearts, red roses, red greeting cards, and fancy wrapped red boxes of chocolates. Yes, Valentine’s Day is right around the corner! If it’s a time when you remember those you love — both family and friends — then you can also show a bit of love for the environment, too. Take a look at these “green” facts and suggestions to consider as Valentine’s Day approaches . . .

- ♥ Approximately one billion Valentines are sent each year globally, making the day the second largest card-sending holiday of the year behind Christmas. The one billion cards laid end to end would stretch around the world five times. That’s a lot of trees! Consider sending an E-card instead of a paper one — or, if you prefer paper — consider making your own — or, if nothing else, purchase one that has been made with recycled paper.
- ♥ Buying chocolates? Whoa! Think of all the calories — not to mention the additives that are put into store-bought chocolates. If you must, buy chocolates, fair trade or organics — or purchase them at your hometown chocolatier.
- ♥ If flowers are your preference, look for locally grown flowers. They *are* available in this area. Purchase flowers locally, not on the Internet, and you will be more assured the blooms will have been grown close by. In addition, buying locally cuts down on gas and emissions that are created through shipping.

- ♥ Want to go out for dinner? Plan dinner at a local restaurant specializing in organic or locally grown food. Perhaps make dinner yourself using locally grown or organic ingredients.
- ♥ Embellish the surroundings with earth-friendly candles. Whether there’s two tapers gracing the dining room table, or a handful of votives providing ambiance around the house, candles can light up your life in more ways than one. But besides casting that gentle flicker, candles can also emit carcinogens and neurotoxins. Eco-friendly candles made from palm oil, beeswax, and soy ensure you clean-burning illumination that’s also longer-lasting and petroleum-free.
- ♥ Take a walk in the snow! If it’s not too cold, enjoy nature and the beauty of the scenery at this time of year. Afterwards, come in and warm by the fire, sip a cup of hot cocoa, and share memories of days gone by.

There are a lot of ways to share Valentine’s Day with those you love and care for — and, you can do it without spending a ton of money — and, you can help save the environment, too.

## Recycle These At Wesley

Have you visited Wesley’s “recycling room?” It is on the basement level, and is easy to find. Please remember that you can now bring several items to Wesley for recycling — items that you cannot leave at your curb or take to the local recycling center. Wesley’s recycling room is just the place to deposit your items. It can be found in the catacomb area of the building — just follow the signs. There are marked containers for your specific items. The following list shows what items will be accepted.

### Batteries:

alkaline ~ nickel ~ cadmium ~ lithium,  
nickel metal hydride ~ iron, zinc  
carbide ~ silver  
AA ~ AAA ~ C ~ D ~ 9-V



### Styrofoam:

all Styrofoam accepted  
— except that which has touched food

### Plastics:

#3 PVC ~ #4 LDPE  
#5 PP  
#6 PS ~ # 7

### Fluorescent lamps:

4’ T-12s ~ 4’ T-8s (only)

# OTRA (On The Road Again)

By Byron Krapf

It's time to hop on the bus, and join the OTRA gang as it travels the highways and byways both near and far. The new year is here, and I am ready to begin coordinating trips for the members and friends of Wesley Church. I am including, once again, the list of some one-day tours for you to peruse. Also included are two, three-day, two-night, trips which may be of interest.

In order to get the wheels turning, a gathering will be held for all who might be interested in any or all of these outings (or any others you might want to consider). Please join me in the social room



on Sunday, February 20, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

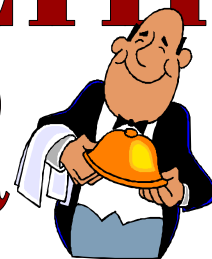
A light lunch will be served, and these trips will be discussed. Take a look at the list, or bring it with you if you'd like — either way, plan to join us to take a closer look at the following trip possibilities:

- ▶ a cherry blossom cruise, Washington, D.C.
- ▶ the world famous Horseshoe Curve and Railroad Museum, Altoona, PA
- ▶ The 57th Annual Choir Festival, Ocean Grove, NJ (takes place on Sunday, July 10)
- ▶ a Hiawatha Riverboat cruise, the Little League Museum, and a Crosscutters baseball game at Bowman Field, Williamsport
- ▶ a visit to Neighborhood Center, Mission Central, and the Civil War Museum, Harrisburg, PA
- ▶ The U.S. Naval Academy and harbor cruise, Annapolis, MD
- ▶ Baltimore Inner Harbor and National Aquarium
- ▶ Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular, NYC
- ▶ Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.
- ▶ shopping and meal at Shady Maple, Lancaster County
- ▶ major league baseball games . . . Yankees, Phillies, or Orioles
- ▶ three-day, two-night trip to Williamsburg, VA (\$314)
- ▶ three-day, two-night trip to Boston, MA (\$274)

Don't forget, join me on February 20, and we'll start planning some fun adventures!

## 62nd ANNUAL

# SPAGHETTI DINNER



Sponsored by The Men of Wesley  
*In Honor of Myron Eister & Jack Foust*

## SATURDAY FEBRUARY 19, 2011

### In The Wesley Church Gym

### Serving 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

***All you can eat . . .***

***Salad & Dessert Included ~ Take Outs Available***

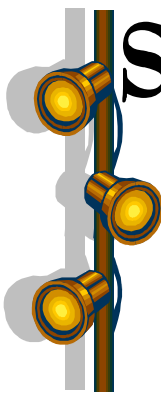
***Tickets at the door, in advance  
from any member of the UMM,  
or in the church office.***

**Adult Donation: \$7**  
**Children 6 - 12: \$3**  
**Under age 6: Free**

**UMW Bake Sale  
held in conjunction with  
the dinner!**

***In addition: Starlight will sponsor a "warm and loving" coat check.***

# Staff Spotlight



Some of you have asked for it . . . so here it is — your chance to learn more about the staff at Wesley Church. In each issue of *Wesley Tidings*, you will find a different member of the staff here on this same page — and in the spotlight. You will learn what each staff person does on the job and what he or she likes to do when *not* working! You'll also find out where everyone was born and a little about their family life — plus, maybe some little known facts that will surprise you! So, check the center of *Tidings* each month to learn about the staff spotlight member of the month.

## Lynace Pabst Director of the Children's, Carol, and Youth Choirs

Lynace Anne Pabst joined the Wesley staff in September 2010 serving as the director of the Children's Choir (ages 4 - Grade 1), the Carol Choir (Grades 2 - Grade 5), and the Youth Choir (Grades 6 - 12).

Lynace was born (April 2) in Morristown, New Jersey, but moved with her family to Danville (PA), when she was three. Her father, Wallace G. Pabst, Jr., who has recently been dealing with health issues and not working, is an ordained Presbyterian minister who also drove the NICU ambulance for Geisinger Medical Center. Her mother, Lynne A. Pabst, is the coordinator of the early childhood education program at Luzerne County Community College in Nanticoke and, at the Grove Presbyterian Church in Danville, she serves as the director of Christian education, directs the Cherub Choir, and is the Kindermusik teacher. Lynace has one brother, Wallace G. Pabst, III.

Lynace graduated from Danville High School. She earned a bachelor of music in music education at Susquehanna University and a master of arts in Christian education from Princeton Theological Seminary. In addition to her responsibilities at Wesley Church, Lynace also is part of the adjunct faculty at Luzerne County Community College. There she teaches two courses in music and movement for children — the class is for adults who will, in turn, teach children.

After graduating from Princeton Theological Seminary, Lynace came back home to help care for her father, and to find employment in the area. This is how Lynace found Wesley Church.

Here at Wesley, Lynace is currently helping the children of the Children's Choir explore their voices, move their bodies, learn about the church, and praise God. The children of the Carol Choir are focused on breathing, learning notes/rhythms, and, above all, praising God with their voices. Lynace strives to create an environment of learning and fun. Her hope is that choir will serve as a time for spiritual formation and musical literacy, culminating with the choir helping to lead worship on a regular basis throughout the year.

In addition to directing the children's and youth choirs, some of Lynace's other official duties include:

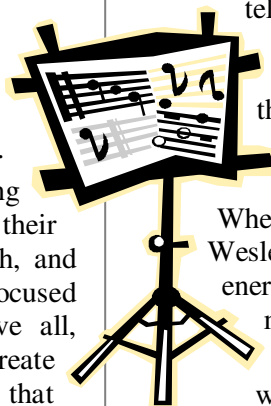
- ♪ ordering music and choosing that which will excite and engage participants according to their age group and that which will enhance Wesley's worship services,
- ♪ scheduling choir performances in consultation with the minister of music,
- ♪ organizing rehearsal schedules congruent with those of the local schools,
- ♪ maintaining a data base of all children and youth choir members, communicating with them and their parents in regard to performance dates, and developing a list of parents who can help during rehearsals and performances.

In addition to the aforementioned, Lynace attends Wesley staff meetings and other staff get-togethers and is a part of the Worship Team.

In her spare time, Lynace likes to crochet, do needlepoint, and bake. She also enjoys watching movies with her family — especially old movies and old television shows (her dad's favorite is Bonanza). TC Veit is the special young man in Lynace's life. TC (Theodore Charles) is the coordinator of student development at Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts located in Natchitoches, Louisiana.

When asked what she likes best about working at Wesley Church, Lynace replied: "I love how energetic the children are, and I love making music with them!"

If you haven't taken the opportunity to welcome Lynace, please be sure to do so next time you see her. She now also sings in the Sanctuary Choir! Look for her, and offer her a warm handshake and a huge smile.

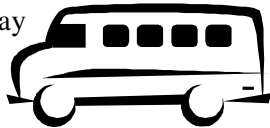


# LAMs Ministry News

By Cynthia Willis, LAMs Ministry Coordinator

## The Wesley Van Rides Again!

Need a ride to the Sunday worship services at Wesley Church? Now you can acquire a ride via the Wesley Church van.



All those who would like a ride should call the church office (784.1407) or contact Frank Worthington (784.5574). Please call by Thursday so that your pick-up can be scheduled.

## Communion at Bloom Health Care

A short time of worship and Holy Communion takes place at Bloomsburg Health Care Center each month during the year. This time of open Protestant Holy Communion takes place on the third Thursday every month at 2:30 p.m. Nancy and Dave Swisher coordinate this event and invite any Wesley members to join them when possible. Talk to Nancy and Dave for additional details. The following is a list of the Bloom Health Care Communion dates for the remainder of 2011:



February 17 ~ March 17 ~ April 21  
May 19 ~ June 16 ~ July 21 ~ August 18  
September 15 ~ October 20  
November 17 ~ December 15

## February LAM of the Month

*Mr. Doyle Zimmerman* 

Doyle took part in the first spaghetti dinner sponsored by the men at Wesley Church. He has many fond memories of how that all came about — especially creating the signature recipe sauce.

Doyle's Birthday is on February 28 when he will be 97 years young! Happy Birthday, and thank you, Doyle, for all of your years of service to Wesley UMC.

*Many best wishes, Doyle!*

Join us in thanking Doyle by sending a card or greeting to: Mr. Doyle Zimmerman, 1023 Catherine Street, Bloomsburg, PA 17815

# Winter Elder Survival Tips

During the winter months, snow, sleet, and ice can present dangers to everyone — but especially to the older generation when slips and falls increase because of wintry weather conditions. Sometimes even a simple trip to the mailbox or to pick up the newspaper can result in a fall. Since we're still in the midst of snow and cold weather, use the following tips for keeping yourself and those you care for safe during this time of year.

- ▶ **Treat sidewalks and driveways.** Have your driveway and walkways shoveled and treated with a non-skid, ice melt product. Rather than do this yourself, you may want to consider hiring one of the youth in your neighborhood.
- ▶ **Dress appropriately.** When you do go out, make sure you are adequately clothed for the cold. Wear rubber-soled, non-skid shoes or boots. Layer clothing so that you can add or remove layers easily. Since you lose heat through all extremities wear gloves and socks — in addition to the hat!
- ▶ **Eat properly.** Winter months mean a lot of cakes, candy, and goodies. Make sure you eat regular, nutritious meals. Your body will make good use of the nutrients and give you added strength.
- ▶ **Lighting.** Be sure there is adequate lighting on walkways and driveways. Winter brings gray days and dark nights. Make sure there are working bulbs in all outdoor lighting fixtures. Use a flashlight if necessary.
- ▶ **Test the walk.** Before charging out the front door or down the driveway, test the surface to see if it is icy. Be sure to take it slow and, if necessary, have someone at your side. When needed, use devices such as walkers and canes.
- ▶ **Vision.** Have your vision checked regularly. Glasses that are out of focus cause walkways to appear to be wet when they may, in fact, be icy.
- ▶ **Change your schedule.** In cases of extreme weather, reschedule appointments so you can stay inside. Do grocery shopping ahead of time or find someone to deliver needed items to your doorstep.



The month of February can bring a lot more snow and cold. Whatever you do, take your time and be safe.

# United Methodist Youth February Events

## Girls Gathering for God

Friday, February 4 - Saturday, February 5

*Girls Gathering for God* provides an overnight retreat for girls in Grades 7 - 12.

This year's event is being held at Fishing Creek Salem United Methodist Church, Etters, PA.

*For those girls who wish to take part, permission slips are needed by January 30 for this event. Registered girls should connect with Mrs. Bodenman for transportation information.*

## Souper Bowl of Caring



Saturday, February 5 - Sunday, February 6

Youth will help prepare a soup and sandwich lunch which will be served following the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, February 6. Watch for additional details.

## Spread The Love

Sunday, February 13: 2 - 5 p.m.

Members of the UMYF will deliver Valentines to Wesley LAMs.

*Permission slips for this event are needed by Sunday, February 6.*



## Snow Tubing at Sno Mountain

Sunday, February 20: 1 p.m.

*Permission slips for this event are needed by Sunday, February 13.*



## 30 Hour Famine

Friday, February 25 - Saturday, February 26

Youth: please arrive by 6 p.m. on Friday.

The 30-Hour Famine is an overnight fast to bring awareness to hunger in our world.

*Permission slips for this event are needed by Sunday, February 20.*

### February Ushers/10:30 a.m

Cindy Gensemer, head usher  
Joe Darlington ~ Tom Gensemer  
David Hogue ~ David Norton  
Sandra Norton ~ Marie Williams



### February Greeters/Ushers/8 a.m.

February 6 ~ Bob Naunas and Jim Wintersteen  
February 13 ~ Patti and Terry Hock  
February 20 ~ Bob Naunas  
February 22 ~ Melissa and Terry Everhart

### February Greeters ~ 10:30 a.m.

The 10:30 a.m. greeter schedule was not available for publication.



### February Altar Guild

Janet Lee and Eileen Thomas

### Additional Words of Thanks



Dear Wesley Untied Methodist Church:

*On behalf of Journey Mate Ministries, I would like to thank all of you for everything you did in helping us to offer our first Community Christmas Celebration Dinner to the Bloomsburg community. With your help, the dinner and all preparation went very smoothly. We were happy with the outcome and the dinner was a success. Thank you, and may God continue to bless you.*

*Sincerely,  
Janis Labour, Event Chairperson  
Journey Mate Ministries*

*It is with much gratitude that we, members of the Wesley congregation, say thank you to Giant Food Stores — especially in Bloomsburg — for the continued generosity and kindnesses extended through various donations to groups within Wesley Church. This year, the local store has presented contributions that have benefitted the Community Friendship Meal, the Holy Club Christmas Luncheon, Sanctuary Choir hoagie sales, UMW soup-making, and many more. Thank you, Giant Food Stores management and personnel, for this past year's generous contributions. They are appreciated.*

*Better is a dinner of vegetables where love is than a fatted ox and hatred with it. Proverbs 15: 17*

### LAMs February Birthdays

#### Noreen Livengood ~ February 1

523 Drinker Street  
Bloomsburg, PA 17815

#### Madelyn Miller ~ February 3

525 Park Street  
Bloomsburg, PA 17815

#### Hilda James ~ February 5

Loyalton at Bloomsburg  
420 Shaffer Road  
Bloomsburg, PA 17815

#### Harold Kirkendall ~ February 9

8 York Road  
Bloomsburg, PA 17815

#### Carolyn Derr ~ February 21 (1928)

3800 Shamrock Drive  
Charlotte, NC 28215

#### Doyle Zimmerman ~ February 28

1023 Catherine Street  
Bloomsburg, PA 17815



### February Acolytes

#### February 6:

Audrey Kovach, 8 a.m.  
Kalina Nissen, 10:30 a.m.

#### February 13:

Hanna Everhart, 8 a.m.  
Andy Dorion, 10:30 a.m.

#### February 20:

Katie Fest, 8 a.m.  
Elizabeth Bodenman ~ 10:30 a.m.

#### February 27:

Nicholas Beers, 8 a.m.  
Nathan Reibsome, 10:30 a.m.



### Deadlines To Remember

The deadline to submit information to be included in the Sunday worship folder is 9 a.m. on the Tuesday prior to the corresponding Sunday.



The deadline for the March issue of *Wesley Tidings* is Sunday, February 13. Please be prompt!

## February Nursery Volunteers

### February 6:

Connie and John Kocher  
~ Combined, 8 a.m.

Bethany and Shane Pepe  
~ Infant, 10:30 a.m.

Kathy and Sarah Heddens  
Dana McCreary  
~ Toddler/Pre-School,  
10:30 a.m.

### February 13:

Stacey Mitchell  
~ Combined, 8 a.m.

Judy Snyder  
~ Infant, 10:30 a.m.

Marg Laytar  
Elizabeth Bodenman  
Elizabeth Isenberg  
~ Toddler/Pre-School,  
10:30 a.m.

### February 20:

Melissa and Terry Everhart  
~ Combined, 8 a.m.

Cassie Jones  
~ Infant, 10:30 a.m.

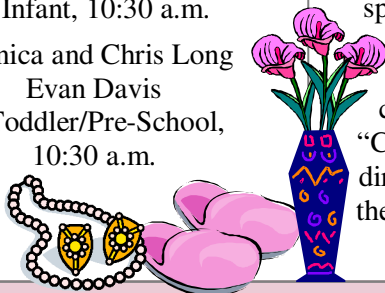
Melanie Hosler  
Kalina Nissen  
~ Toddler/Pre-School,  
10:30 a.m.

### February 27:

Connie and John Kocher  
~ Combined, 8 a.m.

Kara and Eric Hawrelak  
~ Infant, 10:30 a.m.

Monica and Chris Long  
Evan Davis  
~ Toddler/Pre-School,  
10:30 a.m.



## Wesley's Financial Report Ending December 31

| Category              | Received<br>December | Received<br>To Date   | Budget Needs<br>To Date        |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Envelopes/Loose Plate | \$54,274.00          | \$529,879.00          | \$571,340.00                   |
| Special Offerings     | 3,038.00             | 29,454.00             | 32,000.00                      |
| Sunday School         | 317.00               | 3,339.00              | 3,500.00                       |
| Interest and Other    | 3.00                 | 87.00                 | 100.00                         |
| <b>Totals</b>         | <b>\$57,643.00</b>   | <b>\$562,759.00</b>   | <b>\$606,940.00</b>            |
|                       | Expended<br>December | Expenses To<br>Date   | Anticipated To<br>Date Expense |
| Staff Compensation    | \$29,503.00          | \$344,372.00          | \$353,797.00                   |
| Annual Conference     | 14,825.00            | 88,954.00             | 88,954.00                      |
| Church Program        | 3,199.00             | 58,547.00             | 91,700.00                      |
| Church Office         | 1,651.00             | 20,864.00             | 19,500.00                      |
| Church Property       | 8,764.00             | 82,899.00             | 98,349.00                      |
| <b>Totals</b>         | <b>\$57,942.00</b>   | <b>\$595,636.00</b>   | <b>\$652,300.00</b>            |
| <b>Balance (Loss)</b> | <b>(\$ 310.00)</b>   | <b>(\$ 32,877.00)</b> | <b>_____</b>                   |

## The 2011 All-Church Retreat Takes Place Friday, April 8 - Sunday, April 10

The 2011 All-Church Retreat will be held April 8 - 10 at Wesley Forest campsite. Once again, for those not wanting to stay overnight, a day registration will also be offered. Wesley's retreat will combine Bible study and worship along with fun, food, and fellowship in the great outdoors. Please place this date on your calendars, and plan to join us. Additional details will be forthcoming.

### *Cleaning house?*

### *Getting rid of unwanted items?*

Don't forget, the members of the Crusaders Sunday School Class will sponsor their annual spring rummage sale in April. Want to get rid of some items you no longer need or use? — the Crusaders will take them. There is a new location where your rummage sale contributions are being collected, so you can bring items to the church any time. Clearly mark your donations for the "Crusaders," and drop them at the Murray Avenue entrance. Or, take them directly to the new storage room in the catacomb area — it's the fourth door on the left. Thank you for your support of the Crusaders Rummage Sale.

**Trash or Treasures Sale . . . at Catawissa First UMC, 228 South Street**

**Friday, February 18 (9a.m. - 4 p.m.) and Saturday, February 19 (8 am. - 2 p.m.)**

**One man's trash is another man's treasure. Come, check it out! Lunch will be available.**

# Thank You Thoughts



*A heartfelt thank you to all the members of Wesley Church for cards and kindnesses during my recent stay at the hospital. Fran Johnson was so kind with her visits and keeping me posted on all the doings of the church. The Crusaders did so much to keep my spirits high.*

*Sincerely,  
MaryAnn Hartman*

*The Bloomsburg High School Class of 1980 would like to thank the Wesley congregation for the use of your building to hold our planning meetings for our reunion. We would also like to thank you for generously loaning us the projector for use at our reunion in September.*

*Anita Hubler  
Bloomsburg High School Class of 1980*

*During the holiday season at The Bloomsburg Food Cupboard, our thoughts turn gratefully to those who made it possible (this year) for us to serve 875 different families including 336 new households. It is in this spirit we say thank you and best wishes for the new year.*

*Dear Wesley Congregation:*

*Thank you for your kindness in making a difference in the lives of our Head Start families. Your continued support of our families is a blessing to our program. May you all have a wonderful and prosperous new year.*

*Sincerely,  
Michele Phillips, Family Engagement Manager*

*Dear Christian Friends:*

*Through the Conference Advance Special, we thank you for the gift we received during the month of December in support of the mission and ministry of the Neighborhood Center of the United Methodist Church. We are grateful for your contribution. Thanks to your faithful support, we continue to serve the children, teens, young mothers, and elders of the Harrisburg Community.*

*Our Preschool, Before School, and After School Programs provide a safe, caring environment of the children who attend the Center. Our Teen Program is active and provides an alternative to the streets for young people seeking direction in their lives. The Young Mothers Together Program continues to offer encouragement and practical assistance to teen mothers facing the challenge of raising a child before they, themselves, have matured.*

*Neighborhood Center offers many programs to children and families of its community. Because so many of the families we serve are low-income, the majority of our programs are free or are offered at a reduced rate. Neighborhood Center's primary constituency resides in "uptown" Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, located in Dauphin County — a region inhabited by over 1,100 households at, or below, poverty level.*

*The continuation of the Center's work depends on the generosity of churches like you. Thank you for your support.*

*Sincerely,  
Vivian M. Thompson  
Executive Director, Neighborhood Center*

*Dear Pastor Jay:*

*From all of us who were fed and enriched by this year's Martin Luther King, Community Dinner, and on behalf of the Task Force on Racial Equity, a heartfelt thank you to you and your church for making it all happen: wonderful food, a program with both BTE readers and exceptional young singers, and a sense of fellowship that invited us to consider the meaning of Dr. King's words and work in our lives today.*

*Also, special thanks to Eileen Thomas and also to the people who prepared and served our dinner.*

*Thank you, again, for all you do!*

*Carol Endy*

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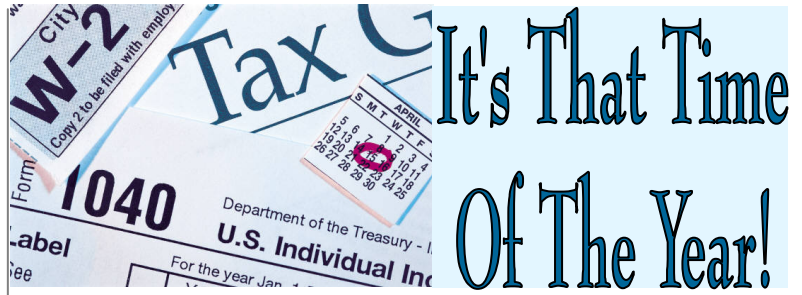
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**Wedding Hostesses:**  
*Donna Gillaspy*  
*Merrie Walter*



Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania Student Accounting Association is once again offering free tax assistance to qualified residents of Columbia and Montour Counties. Help will be available every Monday through Wednesday beginning Monday, February 14, 2010. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program takes place on the specified days from 4 - 8 p.m. in Wesley's computer lab located in educational wing (enter at the Murray Avenue entrance and go up one flight of stairs). Appointments are not necessary. This program will run through Wednesday, April 13, 2010 — exceptions are March 7, 8, and 9.

Student volunteers will provide free electronic filing for low to moderate-income residents and those age 60 and older who cannot prepare their own federal or state income tax returns. Students will also provide information on the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), the largest federal program for working families.

Taxpayers seeking help should remember to bring this year's tax package, wage and earnings statements for all employers (Form W-2), interest statements from banks (Form 1099), a copy of last year's tax returns, and other relevant income and expense information.

To learn more about the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, call Bloomsburg University accounting professor, Blair Staley at 389.4392.

## Presidential Quotes

By Abraham Lincoln:

*Character is like a tree and reputation like a shadow.  
 The shadow is what we think of it;  
 the tree is the real thing.*

*Common looking people are the best in the world;  
 that is the reason the Lord made so many of them.*

By George Washington:

*Be courteous to all, but intimate with few, and let those few  
 be well tried before you give them your confidence.*

*Let your heart feel for the afflictions and distress  
 of everyone,  
 And let your hand give in proportion to your purse.*



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## February Prayer



Dear God,

*I come into Your presence  
so aware of my human frailty  
and yet overwhelmed  
by Your love for me.*

*I thank You that there is no  
human experience that I might  
walk through where Your love  
cannot reach me.*

*If I climb the highest mountain You are there  
and yet if I find myself in the darkest valley of my life,  
You are there.*

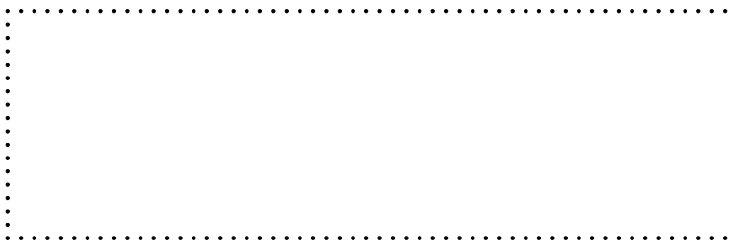
*Teach me today to love You more.*

*Help me to rest in that love that asks nothing more  
than the simple trusting heart of a child.*

*In Jesus name. Amen.*

~ Author of this month's prayer unknown

This newsletter sent with a prayer for . . .



*Wesley United Methodist Church*  
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The Mission of Wesley Church is to:

*KNOW* Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

*GROW* in faith through worship, prayer, and study.

*GO . . .* in service to Christ and His world.

The Purpose of Wesley Church is to create disciples who serve Jesus Christ.

### Sunday Worship at Wesley

8 a.m. ~ Early Worship . . . 10:30 a.m. ~ Worship and Praise Celebration

9:15 a.m. ~ Sunday School ~ Classes for all ages.

Nurseries available during worship and Sunday School times.

The 10:30 a.m. worship service is broadcast on WHLM 930 AM, 104.3 FM, and 94.7 FM.

The Wesley Church Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 12 noon and 1 - 5 p.m.

Telephone: 570.784.1407 . . . . . Fax: 570.784.7937

