

“March” Into Lent

The season of Lent begins a little later this year, but Wesley will be marching right into it with the Ash Wednesday observance on March 9. The “Celebration of Disciplines” sermon series will highlight the worship services and, in addition to Ash Wednesday, there will be other opportunities for worship during the Lenten season. Peruse the list below, take note of the special worship services and other Lenten events as outlined throughout this newsletter, and attend as many as possible in order to enhance your experience of Lent.



March 9: Ash Wednesday

Prayer and Contemplation from 10 a.m. - 12 noon

On Ash Wednesday, for anyone who might not be able to attend in the evening, a time of prayer and quiet meditation with imposition of ashes will be offered during this morning period.

Worship at 7 p.m.

The evening worship service on Ash Wednesday will offer a Lenten message, singing of hymns, and the opportunity for all to receive the imposition of ashes.

March 13: The First Sunday in Lent

8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Sermon Topic: *Confession*, first in the Spiritual Disciplines series

To mark the first Sunday in Lent, the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be served by intinction at both worship services.

March 20: The Second Sunday in Lent

Sermon Topic: *Meditation*, second in the Spiritual Disciplines series

Silent Worship at 8 a.m.

Pastor Jay will lead a very unique worship service at the 8 a.m. time period only. This will be a completely silent service — there will be no music, no singing, and no preaching. The video screens will be utilized to lead those present in a time of worshipful silence and meditation. The service will *not* be as long as usual — ending before 9 a.m. Please join us for this special time of worship.

Traditional Worship at 10:30 a.m.

For those who wish to worship in a more traditional manner, please join us for the 10:30 a.m. service on March 20. Though the theme will also be “Meditation,” the service will be contained in a usual liturgy with music and preaching.

March 23: Wednesday Evening Taize Worship

7 p.m. in the multi-purpose room

Come worship in the style of the Ecumenical Community of Taize, France, featuring music, prayer, and silence.

March 27: The Third Sunday in Lent

8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

The Sermon: *Fasting*, third in the Spiritual Disciplines series

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Thoughts From Pastor Jane

By Jane L. O'Borski, Associate Pastor



*As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When shall I come and behold the face of God?
Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your cataracts; all
your waves and your billows have gone over me.
By day the Lord commands his steadfast love,
and at night his song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.
I say to God, my rock, "Why have you forgotten me?
Why must I walk about mournfully because the enemy oppresses me?"
As with a deadly wound in my body, my adversaries taunt me,
while they say to me continually, "Where is your God?"
Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.*

~ Psalm 42: 1 - 2 and 7 - 11

Much of our 21st Century culture encourages us to live superficially. Demand immediate service, and seek instant satisfaction. Modern media technology permits us to see worldwide events live and Internet access provides avenues for continuous connection. These observations are not meant to offend persons who participate in, or are employed in, such activities. Rather these observations are raised to encourage us to examine our own lives, our personal actions, our spiritual disciplines, and our relationship with God.

The practice of spiritual disciplines is an ancient practice. Throughout history and Scripture we hear of our forebears who practiced and encouraged the practice of spiritual disciplines. A common myth, however, regarding the spiritual disciplines is that they are reserved for spiritual giants, theological greats, and contemplatives who devote their entire lives to meditation as well as that they are dull, boring, and laborious tasks.¹

So let me dispel any myths you may have heard or believe. Spiritual disciplines are not beyond the reach of ordinary human beings. Spiritual disciplines are not reserved for persons who are highly intelligent. Spiritual disciplines are not meant to be practiced in a vacuum. The practice of spiritual disciplines is intended to help each one of us grow closer in our relationship with God and with all of God's creatures upon this earth. Overall, spiritual disciplines are meant to be practiced in the midst of our everyday lives and relationships: at home, at work, at school, and in social situations. In addition, the central note of all of the disciplines is joy: bringing us to a place where we are free from all that weighs heavy upon us and stifles our enthusiasm.

"We need not be well advanced in matters of theology to practice the Disciplines," writes Richard Foster. "The primary requirement is a longing after God."² Do you have a longing after God? Do you desire to infuse more joy into your everyday life? Do you want a deeper, more meaningful relationship with God? Do you crave stronger relationships with all of God's creatures that you come in contact with? Then join us in this Lenten season as we grow in the knowledge and practice of our spiritual disciplines together.

¹Foster, Richard J. Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth. New York: HarperCollins, 1988. 1 - 2.

²Foster, Richard J. and Kathryn A. Helmers. Celebrating the Disciplines: A Journal Workbook to Accompany Celebration of Discipline. New York: HarperCollins, 1992. ix.

Small Group Study on Celebration of Discipline



In conjunction with the upcoming Lenten sermon series, led by Pastor Jay and Pastor Jane, there will be a small group study on the spiritual disciplines using Richard J. Foster's book Celebration of Discipline - The Path to Spiritual Growth. This small group study (open to anyone) will meet in the multi-purpose room on Tuesday evenings from 6 – 7 o'clock beginning on March 15. The class will continue, as long as there is interest to do so and additional spiritual disciplines to cover. Please plan to be a part of this group. If you would like to attend and need child care during this hour, please contact the church office today, so an effort can be made to accommodate those with young children.

Easter Flowers

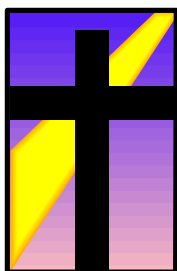
As we begin to observe the Lenten season, it is time to think about ordering flowers which will adorn the Wesley sanctuary on Easter morning. This year, white Easter lilies and purple hyacinths will be the flowers of choice. As always, flowers can be ordered in honor of or in memory of a loved one. As is the Wesley tradition, orders will also be taken for plants to be placed at Geisinger House of Care in Danville.

You will notice that there is no option to give a plant to one of the Wesley LAMs. This Easter, instead of the usual floral plant, the LAMs will be presented with an alternate gift made just for each one of them. If you would like, you can make a monetary donation to offset these remembrances to the Wesley LAMs. A form is included for your convenience in presenting that gift.

Persons who order Easter plants should remember that all flowers must be taken from the sanctuary after the Easter morning worship service. If you do not want the plant for yourself, please find a shut-in, friend, or a relative who might appreciate the floral gift at this time of the year. If you order a flower but will not be in attendance, please indicate on your order form that you will pick up your plant during the week that follows Easter.

Forms for ordering Easter plants are included with this issue of *Wesley Tidings*. Additional forms can be obtained from the desk in the Third Street narthex, or call or stop at the church office.

Please note: it is very important that you use only one form per plant. The deadline to order plants is Friday, April 8.



Cluster Lenten Worship

Ask anyone who regularly attends, and you'll find that the Sunday evening Lenten worship services are not to be missed. The Bloomsburg/Catawissa Cluster sponsors these services, and you will want to be sure to attend as many as possible. The list below indicates the location and preacher for each of the six Sundays that are part of this Lenten experience.

This year's series is entitled "The Glory Of It All." Each of these Sunday evening worship services begins at 6 o'clock and is followed by a time of refreshments and fellowship. As is the custom, the offering received will benefit a worthwhile ministry to be named.

Sunday, March 13 ~ Lighthstreet United Methodist Church

Preacher: Pastor Calvin Rich
Topic: "The Hard Sell"

Sunday, March 20 ~ Kulp United Methodist Church

Preacher: Pastor Sue Rogutski
Topic: "Testing Time"

Sunday, March 27 ~ Trinity United Methodist Church

Preacher: Pastor Terry Brocius
Topic: "No Intimidation"

Sunday, April 3 ~ Wesley United Methodist Church

Preacher: Pastor Anna Fyock
Topic: "More Time"

Sunday, April 10 ~ Catawissa First United Methodist Church

Preacher: Pastor Jen Parks-Snyder
Topic: "The Two Prodigals"

Sunday, April 17 ~ Lime Ridge United Methodist Church

Preacher: Pastor Ralph Hartenbach
Topic: "Holy Extravagance"



*The past is gone — never to be retrieved again. It may lurk as a memory — sometimes pleasant; sometimes not.
Put away what is past! Consider each day — a God-given day: fresh and clean. It's here; it's now!
Each day is a new opportunity — begin it with prayer and contemplation. Then go out, and live it to the fullest!*

The Latest From The Christian Ed Department

By Dawn Bressler, Christian Education Director

Introduction of the Kidz Kafé

Did you know that breakfast is now being served on Sunday mornings for the children and youth? The Kidz Kafé opened at the beginning of November and serves breakfast every Sunday prior to Sunday School. The Kidz Kafé is located in the education wing in what is formally known as the supply room.

Kafé hours are each **Sunday from 8:45 a.m. until 9:15 a.m.** The breakfast menu varies each week. So far, at this writing, we have served 6 dozen donuts, 300 donut holes, 4½ dozen bagels, 55 apples, 72 oranges, 13 pears, 2 boxes of mixed crackers, 7 large boxes of cereal, 4 gallons of milk, 2 gallons of orange juice, and 1 gallon of cranberry juice. One of the most recent breakfast meals was mini pancakes with syrup. Seventy mini pancakes were served.

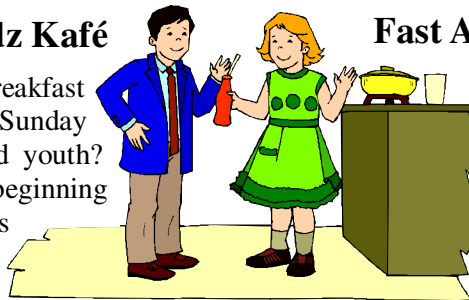
This has been an exciting ministry to get off the ground. Anyone interested in donating breakfast items are welcome to do so. Please contact me (telephone: 784.1407 or E-mail christianed@wesleybloom.org) if you are not sure what can be used. Items can be dropped off in my office or the Kidz Kafé.

Organization Supply Room

Several volunteers and I have been working to organize the supply room in the education wing. This includes pulling together all of the education books and studies to combine into a library of these materials. It is hoped this will make it easier for everyone to utilize these areas. Watch for additional information on this project as completion becomes closer at hand.

Substitute Teachers

Are you willing to go outside of your comfort zone and try something new? Substitute teachers are being sought for the regular Sunday School hour. There are classes of all ages. We will work with you to get you on board so that you are comfortable to fill in when a teacher is out for a particular Sunday. Please pray about this. Your talents can be used in a variety of ways. Contact me at the church office if you're interested in learning more about this great opportunity.



Fast Approaching Dates

You may not feel as if it is, but summer will soon be here! What a wonderful thought! Mark your calendars now, and plan to be part of the following summertime activities:

- ♦ **Friday, June 10, 2011:** This year's Annual Church Picnic at Knoebel's Grove is one you won't want to miss. A covered dish dinner will take place at 5:30 p.m. and will be followed by fellowship and rides. If you are interested in helping with this great event, please contact Allison and Philip Burrell or me. More information will be provided closer to the date.
- ♦ **Sunday, August 7 - Thursday, August 11, 2011:** Vacation Bible School (VBS) is always a big event at Wesley Church. This summer's, "Panda Mania" Where God is Wild About You! is sure to be another hit. VBS planning will get underway soon, so please contact me if you are interested in helping with this great week of fun and excitement for all involved.

The Nurture Team Is Looking For You!

The members of the Wesley Nurture Team are looking for you! We are looking for people of all ages who are excited to spread the news of God through community and church activities. The Team is working on several fellowship activities to bring people together throughout Wesley Church and the greater Bloomsburg community. You can join our team to make this all possible. For more information — or to become part of this team — contact Phil and Allison Burrell, Cynthia Willis, or Dawn Bressler.



UMW March Activities

By Marg Laytar, UMW President

UMW General Meeting Thursday, March 10 ~ 1 p.m. In The Multi-Purpose Room

The United Methodist Women will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, March 10, at 1 p.m., in the multi-purpose room. Norma Jean Ekey-Brobyn will present the program: "Christian Symbols." Devotions will be offered by Sandy Norton, and Judy Neuffer and Cathy Casey will serve as hostesses.

During the meeting, there will also be a focus on this year's UMW Prayer and Self-Denial offering which will support the Retirement Benefits Fund that provides for pensions and health care for retired United Methodist Women deaconesses and missionaries. Donation envelopes for those who wish to make a contribution will be made available in the church office, as well as at the meeting.

All women are invited to join the Wesley UMW. Please join us!

Community Friendship Meal

The Wesley United Methodist Women will be in charge of the Community Friendship Meal on Saturday, March 12. Your food contributions to this meal will be greatly appreciated. Kay Hammaker and Annitta Jones are coordinating this effort. Contact either one for additional information.

Special Words of Appreciation

All members have appreciated the *love* and support shown to the Wesley United Methodist Women during their February activities. As usual, bakers worked hard to make the UMW Annual Bake Sale, held during the Men of Wesley's Sixty-Second Annual Spaghetti Dinner, a huge success. As in the past, all money collected will be donated to various missions.

Valentine boxes (fifty-nine of them), sent to Wesley college students and military men and women, were filled with baked items and a variety of numerous other goodies donated by our congregation. Heartfelt thanks is extended to all who gave, as well as to the ladies who packed the boxes.



Collection to Benefit ARC

Starting immediately, the Wesley UMW will be collecting blankets and large towels (no knit or crocheted afghans, please) for the Animal Resource Center (ARC). Please place donations of these items in bags marked "ARC," and deposit the bags in the right-hand corner of the church gym.

Pampered Chef Party Coming In April

The Wesley UMW will be sponsoring a Pampered Chef party in April to benefit the Bloomsburg Women's Center. Watch for details in the next issue of *Tidings*.



Lightstreet UMW Lenten Teas

The Lenten teas sponsored by the Lightstreet United Methodist Women will begin on Wednesday, March 16, at the Lighthouse. The teas begin at 9:15 a.m. with a time of fellowship and refreshment. The Lenten study, from 10 - 11:30 a.m., will be based on two Max Lucado books: God Came Near and Imagine Life Without Fear.

Please join the Lightstreet women each Wednesday for this time of spiritual uplift combined with Christian fellowship. You can attend every Wednesday or as often as your schedule allows. Take a friend, too, if you would like. Child care will be provided.

Special Lenten Tea Note

The Wesley United Methodist Women will be in charge of the refreshments for the first of the Lenten teas at Lightstreet. Suzanne Tomlinson will coordinate this endeavor. When Suzanne calls, be sure to oblige with a contribution befitting the Lenten tea theme.

Church-Wide Luncheon

Sponsored by the Wesley UMW

Sunday, March 27

after the 10:30 a.m. worship service

A free-will offering will be taken
to benefit

Protestant Campus Ministries.



Come, enjoy lunch, and visit
with Maggie Gillespie and her
group of young people!

Board Of Trustees Update

By Bill Finnerty, President

During the January meeting, the Wesley Board of Trustees reorganized and elected officers for the year, 2011. Those elected were:

William Finnerty, president
Art Nissen, vice president;
Wanda Sheatler, secretary
Sue Lunger, treasurer

In addition, the following Trustees were appointed to Trustee standing committees:

Parsonage:

Sue Dunn, Art Nissen, Wanda Sheatler

Church Interior/Exterior:

Ken Beere, Brad Gensemer, Bill Finnerty

Custodial:

Bill Laudermilch, John Shively,
Frank Worthington (SPRC representative)

Kitchen Area:

Melissa Everhart

Music/Sound System:

Tracy Stone

The Board of Trustees has been hard at work since its last report to you. The winter brought many challenges in keeping the church property clear of ice and snow, but as spring approaches, the members of the Board are optimistic in facing the following projects that are currently before us.

- 1. Third Street door project:** the final drawings and specifications for the replacement door on the Third Street entrance have been received. The Trustees, along with our "project manager," Gary Erwine have approved the drawings, made a deposit, and are now waiting for the delivery of the door. The new door will be primed, painted, and installed as soon as the weather breaks. Thanks again to Myles and Joanne Katerman for their generous gift to complete this project.
- 2. Heat pump and compressor:** parts have arrived to repair the heat pump and compressor located along the Third Street side of the church building. Dent Plumbing and Heating will make the repairs as soon as the weather breaks.
- 3. First floor women's restroom:** there continues to be a problem with the drainage in this particular rest room. After several clogs and leaks, the Trustees are looking into replacing this sewer line to the basement because of considerable damage to



the quilting room and classrooms located in the social room area directly below.

- 4. Rain spouts (Third Street and Murray Ave):** during most of the winter, the rain spouts along this area have been frozen. There is a short in the electrical heating tape which runs through each down spout. Roger Stone has been contacted and will make the necessary repairs when thawing takes place. All heat tapes will be replaced in the spouts to avoid this problem in the future.
- 6. Fire alarm repair:** a short was discovered during the last inspection of the fire alarm system by SimplexGrinnell. A complete test has been scheduled by SimplexGrinnell. The alarm system is working, and there is no danger at this time.
- 7. Log book and vendor guide:** the Trustees are currently compiling a vendor guide and repair log book. This will be kept in the church office for reference regarding building repairs and who has addressed them. This will help the Trustees, both present and future, maintain the church and parsonage in a better manner and be a source of information that will also benefit the custodian in routine maintenance and cleaning.

In addition to the aforementioned, and routine maintenance and repairs of the church and parsonage, the Board of Trustees has established the following as a priority list of improvements and repairs to Wesley Church and parsonage during this year:

- ♦ painting/power washing the exterior of the church, doors, and handrails (\$25,000 - \$35,000).
- ♦ sanctuary lights upgrade (\$5,500).
- ♦ extension of the Market Street handrails (\$5,800).
- ♦ replace audio mixer and microphone amplifier in sanctuary (\$4,800).
- ♦ complete social room chair rail project (\$2,800).
- ♦ replace the water heater in the kitchen with an energy efficient model (\$6,000).
- ♦ replace parsonage appliances, beginning with the stove (\$475).

As work progresses on these projects, please feel free to contact any of the Trustees if you become aware of any problem that requires attention, or leave a note in the Trustee mailbox located in the office workroom on the second floor. In addition, the Trustees wish to thank you for your continued support with your prayers and gifts to Wesley Church. Without "U" there is no CH_RCH and your Board of Trustees could not accomplish the maintenance and repairs of the building.

The Green Page



March! There's no better month to be talking about the color green — well, at least, that's when a lot of folks — Irish or not — think about the “wearing of the green.” That's right, just about everyone dons the color green to celebrate the patron saint — Saint Patrick. There's no better day to begin being “green” in your everyday life, so remember some of the green tips already shared on these pages and start going green today!

- It's a great time to be an eco-friendly consumer. Not only are organic foods finally filtering their way down to your local grocer, it's easier than ever before to find quality organic clothing.

Growing cotton takes a tremendous toll on the earth in terms of water use and the sheer tonnage of chemicals and pesticides used to keep conventional fields healthy. But that's not the only way to farm cotton — one of humankind's best-loved and most versatile fibers. Sustainable cotton production addresses these concerns, seeking reasonable yields which are better for the land and the people who work it.

Wear the green all year long. Most major clothing companies — even Levi's — now carry an organic line or two.

- You've been dreaming of a greener tomorrow, so cozy up with organic sheets and protect your skin all night long. Because cotton is one of the most highly sprayed products, switch to organic cotton sheets on your beds and you'll be keeping both the environment and your family safer. Companies like Gaiam or Under the Canopy go one step



further and use only low-impact dyes which creates less water waste and use no heavy metals.

- Eat more green vegetables — especially those grown locally. Seventy-five per cent of all Americans don't eat enough vegetables — green or otherwise — or fruits. There's no doubt about it, vegetable-rich diets have proven health benefits. They promote a healthier heart, help prevent cancer, and help us live longer. Government health guidelines recommend eating three cups of vegetables and two cups of fruit every day.

Want to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day with a vegetable laden meal? Try a pot of Irish Vegetable Stew — a simple peasant stew that is pleasing at any time of the year. Various recipes can be found online for this Irish delight.

- Plant something green. Seems obvious, doesn't it? If you're green at heart, put some green in your garden. Or, you can pay to have something planted where it will do the most good. For a Saint Patrick's Day twist, scatter some organic clover seed in your garden. It's attractive, bee-friendly, and helps hold moisture in the ground.

Recycle These At Wesley

If you have not yet visited Wesley's “recycling room,” please make a habit of doing so. It is located on the basement level just off the social room. Signs are posted to help direct you to the location. You can bring several items to Wesley for recycling — items that you cannot leave at your curb or take to the local recycling center. The recycling room includes marked containers for the specific items being collected. The following *updated* list shows what items will be accepted.

Batteries:

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

Styrofoam:

all Styrofoam accepted
— except that which has touched food

Fluorescent lamps:

4' T-12s ~ 4' T-8s ~ CFL (compact fluorescent lamps)
Circular fluorescent lamps
HIDs (high intensity driving lamps)

Plastics:

#3 PVC ~ #4 LDPE ~ #5 PP ~ #6 PS ~ #7
Please, no plastic wrap.

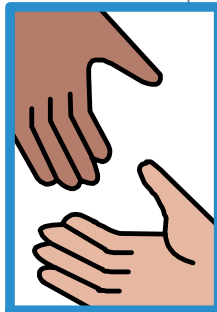
The Wesley Mission Corner

By Sue Frederick, Mission Team Chairperson

January and February were seemingly slow months for the Mission Ministry Team. This, however, was just a surface appearance.

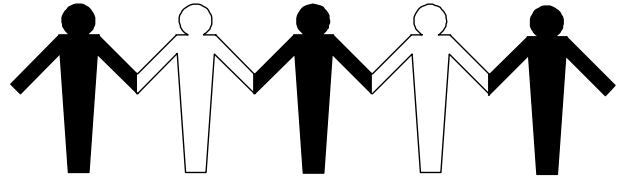
The Mission Ministry Team met in February and spent \$3,000 from the Mission Endowment Fund monies. Due to this winter's long and cold grip on our area, the need for helping with heating and food costs continued to rise. In January the committee unanimously voted, via E-mail, to send \$2,000 to AGAPE to help those with heating problems. In February the team once again voted to give \$2,000 to AGAPE to continue helping with heating needs. Considering our most recent snow storm and the rising cost of fuel, the money will go quickly. The team also voted to send \$1000 to The Bloomsburg Food Cupboard. This community ministry also continues to feed close to 300 families per week with new sign-ups weekly.

The Mission Team discussed the need to move the mission items from one of the classrooms off of the social room to the new mission room across from the catacombs. Saturday, March 5, at 9 a.m. will be the upcoming work day for this project. Anyone interested in helping can just show up to lend a hand that morning. The more hands we have the quicker the job.



As I write this I am doing a happy dance. We are going to need some of the items we will be moving into the new mission room, because **we are going on a mission trip!** Wesley will be tag-teaming with a group led by Reverend Larry Siikanen from Winfield, PA. The trip will take us to the Rosebud Sioux Reservation in South Dakota. The dates of the trip are May 22 – 28. The cost per person is \$425 plus air fare. There are scholarship monies available to help with costs. Some members of Wesley have traveled to Rosebud in the past and hopefully will share their insight with the team. Those interested in going need to complete an application as soon as possible. Reverend Siikanen indicated there were ten spots available for Wesley members and a few people have indicated their desire to part of this trip. Contact Sue Frederick at 387.0402, 594.1914, or drf52@aol.com for more information.

As the Wesley Mission Ministry Team



continues its work, you will want to take note of the following:

- ♦ **Workdays at Mission Central.** Everyone likes to spend a day at Mission Central, and Wesley will be scheduling trips there during this year. Watch the upcoming Sunday worship folders for information on work days at Mission Central.
- ♦ **Donation Station Contributions.** Items to continue collecting and dropping off at the Donation Station include any kind of greeting card fronts. Also, anytime you see a good sale on any of the items used for school kits, health kits, or layette kits, consider purchasing a few for future collections. There is always a need for these items, and every time we go to Mission Central, everything that has been dropped off at the church is taken along.
- ♦ **Bloomsburg Food Cupboard Needs.** Donations for The Bloomsburg Food Cupboard are also always needed. Suggested items for March are “heat and eat” items. These include soup, canned pasta, canned or dry beans, or packaged broth.

Thanks to all of the generous members and friends of Wesley Church for all you do to help others. With continued prayer and study we continue to “Know” and “Grow.” Each time we reach out to others we are “Go”ing to do God’s work and being the hands and feet of Christ.

Hopefully everyone has been keeping warm during these long and snowy months of winter. Continue to do so until next we meet.

RAKs

Last month, on a very windy and wintry day, a neighbor was observed stopping in the middle of the road and picking up several garbage cans and lids that had blown into that road.

“How do you change the world? — one random act of kindness at a time!”

~ ‘God’ in Evan Almighty

Saying Thank You For Reaching Out To Others

Journey Mate Ministries . . .

Dear Wesley United Methodist Church:

On behalf of Journey Mate Ministries, I want 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 the preparation went very smoothly. We were very happy with the outcome, and the dinner was a success. Thank you, and may God continue to bless you.

*Sincerely,
Janis Labour
Journey Mate Ministries
Event Chairman*

Gideons International . . .

Dear Pastor Jones:

What a joy it was to participate in the morning worship services at the Wesley United Methodist Church on January 16, 2011. The joy and warmth of Christ could be felt from the moment I arrived at the church in the morning until after the services.

It was also a pleasure to attend the Sunday School class led by Bob Hewlett. The discussion of God's Word is always beneficial and there is always something to be learned no matter how often one studies a passage.

On behalf of the Gideons International, I want to thank you and the members of the Wesley United Methodist Church for allowing me to give the report of the Gideons International. We are always anxious to share how God is using our ministry to spread the Gospel in 194 countries around the world. The \$120.11 offering will provide Bibles or more than 85 Testaments in the countries where Gideon Camps exist. Your prayers and offerings are most appreciated as the Lord continues to open doors to the ministry of the Gideons International.

Again, thank you for allowing us to share the report of the Gideons International with the people of Wesley United Methodist Church and for your continued support of the work of the Gideons. May God continue to bless you and Pastor Jane in your ministry in the days and years to come.

*Sincerely,
Your Brother in Christ,
Thomas R. Gresh*

AGAPE . . .

Wesley United Methodist Church:

We at AGAPE are blessed to share the message of faith, hope, and love of Jesus Christ by serving people in need in our surrounding communities. Your gifts enable us to continue in our mission. Thank you for your sacrificial donations totaling \$7,498.50 during 2010. May God bless you now and in this new year.

*In His Service,
Nancy Hess
Treasurer and
member of Board of Directors*

Members of the Body of Christ:

With great pleasure I take this time to report to you God's gracious and awesome blessings upon AGAPE for the year 2010. This was our first full year trying to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ to our community, and God has been so affirming in our mission. Without God's grace and your generous giving, as well as your prayers and volunteer service, AGAPE could never have helped so many in need.

We would also ask you to put on your calendars the following dates set for our public meetings: 7 March; 6 June; 12 September; and 5 December. The meetings will be held at AGAPE. At this time, AGAPE's Board of Directors and staff will give an update of the happenings at AGAPE. We will answer any questions you or the public may have. Of course, you are welcome at AGAPE anytime.

We continue to solicit your volunteer service and your prayers. For your information, we have set Mondays from 9 - 9:30 a.m. as a time for the Board and staff, and others who wish to join us, as a time of prayer specifically for AGAPE, its clients and volunteers. You may join us on Mondays at AGAPE or pray wherever you are at the time. May God continue to bless His Body of Christ.

*In Christ's Service,
Eileen M. Chapman
Executive Director*

*It is always possible to be thankful for what is given rather than to complain about what is not given.
One or the other becomes a habit of life.*

~ Elisabeth Elliot



OTRA announces . . .
a Cherry Blossom Cruise!
Saturday, April 2, 2011

Like to travel?

Then you will want to join the OTRA (On The Road Again) gang, led by Reverend Byron Krapf and his wife, Yvonne, when they take you to Washington, D. C. during one of the most beautiful times of the year — the cherry blossom festival.

This trip includes a two-hour cruise on the Potomac River that includes a buffet luncheon.

Following the cruise, there will be a driving tour of major sites in Washington, D.C.

This excursion is being run by King Coal Tours. It will leave Danville at 6 a.m.

(There's a possibility there will be a pick-up in Bloomsburg if there is enough interest in the trip.)

Cost for the Cherry Blossom Cruise: \$92

If interested in this day-trip, please complete this form — place it (the entire half page) in the Sunday offering plate, or mail or bring it to the church office. Please include a check made payable to Wesley Church.

Please note: sign-up deadline is Tuesday, March 15.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____



This March, The Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church, brings the “The E-Tour” to our area. The goal of this “tour” is to bring the Connectional Ministries Team, Conference leaders, and resources on the road to local churches. The event is designed to help leaders discover the wealth of awesome resources available to them through our United Methodist Connection and the Susquehanna Conference. Through an offering of workshops, displays, media, and interactive learning experiences, participants will benefit greatly by attending and will receive a disc packed with helpful tools and resources to take home.

Leaders and interested members of Wesley are encouraged to take part in this Conference E-Tour. It takes place at Christ Community United Methodist Church in Selinsgrove (four workshops) on Saturday, March 19, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. and on Sunday, March 20, from 2 - 7 p.m. at Trinity, Danville (three workshops). Registration is \$5 per person — this includes lunch/dinner. Child care will be provided.

The following workshops, along with the leaders of each, are available: A.) *Demographics: Who Are the People in Your Neighborhood?* ~ Mike Bealla, B.) *Discovering Discovery Place* ~ Jody Robinson, C.) *Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Finances* ~ Gary Smith, D.) *Ministry with Young People* ~ Warren Bevacqua], E.) *Mission Central - Ministry Beyond Boundaries* ~ Rob Visscher, F.) *A Plan to Help Revitalize the Local Church, Matthew 28 Initiative*, ~ Dennis Otto, G.) *Safe Sanctuaries - Providing Safe Places for God's People* ~ Anne Horton, H.) *Building a Disciple Making Church* ~ Mike Bealla, I.) *Camping and Retreat Ministries* ~ Anne Horton, J.) *District and Conference Mission Opportunities* ~ Ken Mengel, K.) *Funding Ministry - Finding Money Through Grants* ~ Lisa Bender, L.) *Re-Thinking Christian Education* ~ Warren Bevacqua, and M.) *Web Sites and Creative Communication* ~ Jerry Wolgemuth.

Persons who wish to attend any of the above workshops should contact the church office to indicate that desire. Several staff members will be attending, so carpooling or using of the Wesley Church van is a possibility. Please contact the office (784.1407) by March 8 to reserve your place.

Staff Spotlight

Your chance to learn more about the staff at Wesley Church continues. 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, be sure to check the center of *Tidings* each month to learn about the staff spotlight member of the month.

William Laudermilch Custodian

William Alan Laudermilch has been part of the Wesley staff since January 21, 2004, serving in the capacity of church custodian.

Bill was born on March 30 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, where he lived until 1972 when, at age two, he and his family moved to Bloomsburg. Bill has two sisters; one younger (Lois Rovito) and one older (Laura Mincemoyer) than he. His father, John Laudermilch, is the now retired veterinarian who started the Bloomsburg Veterinary Hospital, and his mother, Ruth, who is partially retired, is a commissioned pastor who serves as the Christian education director at Shiloh Bible Church in Bloomsburg. Bill and his wife, Susan, are the parents of one daughter, Veronica, and have one dog, Nutter-Butter.

Bill graduated from Central Columbia High School. While in middle school, he played the saxophone and, in high school, played a year of football — but gave it up after breaking his leg. After high school, Bill studied photography at HACC (Harrisburg Area Community College). Though not working professionally, Bill still enjoys photography as a hobby.

Bill had been a long-time employee of Dunkin' Donuts having worked there full-time for approximately seventeen years prior to coming to Wesley. Although he still works at the Danville location on a part-time basis, Bill came to Wesley because he was seeking a change in employment.

At Wesley Church, Bill serves as the custodian where he strives to keep the building in tip-top shape through cleaning and maintenance. He is responsible for opening and closing the building as events warrant. Some of Bill's official duties as the church custodian include the following:

- ↪ provides cleaning for the total church facility such that the interior of the church has a clean and pleasing appearance. On a



weekly basis:
dusts and damp-
mops all floors,
vacuums all
carpets and
rugs, dusts flat
s u r f a c e s ,
empties trash
and cleans
containers as
needed, refills
all hand sanitizers, deep-cleans one room per
week.

- ↪ in the restrooms, all toilets are cleaned and disinfected, washbowls, sinks and mirrors are cleaned, and paper products are resupplied.
- ↪ performs minor maintenance and reports more major maintenance to the Trustees.
- ↪ assures that equipment needed for custodial duties is maintained and in good repair.
- ↪ maintains an adequate supply of cleaning, paper products, and minor maintenance supplies keeping within the budget allotted.
- ↪ checks master calendar for use of facilities and arranges and sets-up rooms for meetings and special events and returns room to normal prescribed settings afterwards.
- ↪ strips and waxes floors every six months.
- ↪ responsible for sidewalk, step, and ramp snow removal.



In addition to his job responsibilities, Bill is a member of the Green Team and, when possible, he attends Wesley staff meetings and takes part in other Wesley staff activities.

In his spare time, Bill likes to play strategy and mind games. He especially likes to do sudoku puzzles. He also enjoys watching television and playing video games. Bill is a pretty decent cook and often whips up a tasty concoction or sweet treat to bring to one of the staff retreats or parties.

Every Member Outreach



Groundwork continues to be laid for Wesley's "Every Member Outreach," an important goal set by this year's Church Council. Essentially, the hope is that we can visit in the homes of every area member of the congregation. This is a friendly visit . . . an opportunity to talk openly about the ministry of the congregation, to answer any questions you may have about ministry at

Wesley, or to share any concerns you may have as a family or individual. The goal is two-fold: to engage every member in some form of ministry within the congregation *and* to help all members grow as disciples of Christ. Currently, the plan is to train volunteer visitors in the month of April and to send out our visitors during a six-week time period beginning with the month of May. The visitation should be completed prior to the celebration of Pentecost, also known as the birthday of the Christian Church, which occurs on Sunday, June 12. Please pray for this outreach effort.

Summer Church Camp

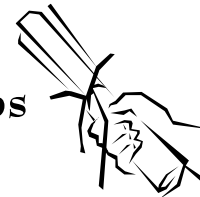
"Be a Hero: Living Like Jesus" is the theme for the summer camp program of the Susquehanna Conference of The United Methodist Church, and it's not too early to sign up to be part of it. There is plenty of room for children of all ages to be part of the church camp experience. Ask those children, youth, and adult helpers who have attended in the past, and you will find out what a great time it is.



The Susquehanna Conference has four campsites — Wesley Forest, Green Hills, Camp Penn, and Mount Asbury. The summer camp program runs from the beginning of June through the middle of August. There are camping opportunities for just about anyone of any age — elementary, junior high, senior high, college age groups — and even some for adults. For the family there is a family fishing camp; for women there are quilting and scrapbook camps; and there's even a fall foliage camp for retired folks. The choices are almost limitless. Don't forget: Wesley pays one-half of the registration for all young summer campers from the church, and scholarships are available. Never let the cost stop you from attending camp.

As you know, Pastor Jay is very active in the camping program (he'll be the camp dean at Wesley Forest's elementary camp, July 24 - 29) and will be happy to provide you with additional details about any of the camps. Or, for complete details, or to register, go to susumcamps.org, or contact the Susquehanna Camping Office at 1.800.874.8474, ext. 3602.

Wesley Scholarships Available



Applications for the Wesley United Methodist Church Scholarship Program are now available in the church office. This scholarship is made possible by gifts from Mrs. Grace Keller, Mrs. Alice Magee, and Dr. C. Stuart Edwards, among others.

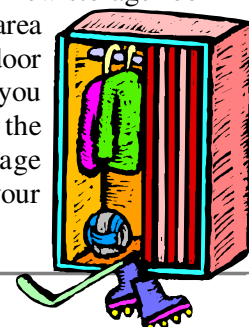
This one-time, non-renewable scholarship is provided to assist students in defraying the cost of post-secondary education. To be eligible, persons must be members of Wesley Church and enrolled in an accredited college, university, or vocational/technical school.

The deadline to apply for this year's Wesley Scholarship is May 1. Absolutely no applications will be accepted after this time. Persons interested in obtaining a scholarship application should stop at the church office.

Cleaning house? Getting rid of "stuff?"

Don't forget, the Crusaders Annual Spring Rummage Sale takes place April 8 and April 9. 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 through your contributions.



Scholarships From The United Methodist Church



The Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church awards a number of small scholarships each year. The Susquehanna Conference Merit Scholarship is presented annually from proceeds of the Conference Student Day Offerings and the United Methodist Foundation. These scholarships are awarded to those students attending United Methodist related schools such as Lebanon Valley College, Dickinson College, Lycoming College and Albright College.

Students can also apply for scholarships through the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (Nashville, Tennessee) which awards scholarships to students who attend United Methodist and non-United Methodist related schools. In addition, the United Methodist Church also offers a racial ethnic minority scholarship and a scholarship for pre-ministerial candidates.

High school seniors and current college students who have sound academic records and active involvement in a local United Methodist Church may apply for these scholarships. Deadlines to apply vary and submitting an application early is encouraged.

For further information regarding United Methodist loans and scholarships, go to the Conference website at susumc.org, and click on higher ed/campus ministry listed under connectional ministries. Questions can be directed to Reverend Eric Funk, 429 North Eighth Street, Selinsgrove, PA 17870-1602 (717.755.3155), or E-mail efunk@susumc.org

Nursery Volunteers Needed

By Kelly Cope, Co-Nursery Coordinator

When visitors come to Wesley Church for the first time, do you know what the two most important places are that would be the determining factor in their decision to return for the second time? Give up? — the restrooms and the nursery.

As you can tell, each nursery is a vital place in our church. There is a wonderful number of adults who volunteer each week in these nurseries — most of whom have been Safe Sanctuary certified. This means they took the time to have both their criminal and their child abuse history clearances checked, as well as completing the prescribed course for keeping our church safe. It is such a blessing that so many have taken this time to care for our little ones and their safety.

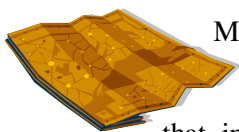
As wonderful as it is, additional volunteers are needed to staff the nurseries. Wesley's Safe Sanctuary Policy states the need to have two adults in every nursery (see our Safe Sanctuary policy for more details). Currently, we are not compliant to this policy. Soon we will be enforcing this policy and, if there is not two-adult coverage for a given day, we will need to make an announcement that the nursery is closed.

I hope this never happens, and so I pray there are some of you reading this who feel a tug to offer your help. Can you volunteer in the infant or toddler nursery? During 8 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.? Can you help once a month? Once every quarter? Could you be an "on call" volunteer? Would you be willing to do what it takes to continue to have this vital part of ministry as an outreach for our young families as they worship with the Wesley congregational family?



Please prayerfully consider giving of your time to volunteer in a Wesley nursery during worship. The next scheduling for volunteers will be for May. We look forward to hearing from you prior that time. If you feel this call, please contact Judy Snyder or Kelly Cope and we will make sure you have all that you need to care for our littlest members.

The Map — The Way of All Great Men!



Men, would you ever attempt to travel from your home to places unknown without a map, guide, or GPS? After the women reading this stop snickering, you'll realize that, in a sense, that's exactly what some of us do as we journey through life. And, along the way we struggle at certain crossroads with knowing whether we should be hard or soft, strong or meek. Society tells us that men should be strong and carry life's load, and that the weak will get broken. Society also tells us that men should be understanding and sensitive to the needs of others. So which is it? The right answer is — *both!*

Confused? Would a Map help? One is available — hidden in plain sight. Join the Men of Wesley to discover "The Map – The Way of All Great Men" and learn these ancient secrets exposed in *The Book of Matthew*. The Men will gather to study "The Map" at 8:15 a.m., on Saturday, March 5, continuing every other Saturday until the ascent up the Mountain of Manhood is completed — as explained by David Murrow. If interested, please sign up by contacting Shawn McCreary or call the church office at 784.1407.

LAMs Ministry News

By Cynthia Willis, LAMs Ministry Coordinator



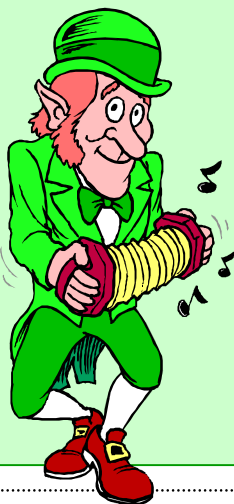
Home Communion

The Lenten season is one of the holiest times of the church year. To mark the start of Lent, Wesley's Communion Ministers will once again be delivering and serving the Sacrament of Holy Communion to the church's LAMs and those who may be temporarily homebound. The Sacrament will be delivered sometime following The First Sunday in Lent, March 13. This will be directly after the Sacrament is offered to those in worship that Sunday.

Wesley Van Reminder

Remember: if you need a ride to the Sunday worship services at Wesley, the church van will be able to pick you up at your home. Persons 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.

March LAMs of the Month *Janet and Harold Parker*



The Parkers are dedicated members of Wesley Church. They have a small white dog that has been trained to fold its paws on the bed at night for prayers.

Thank you, Janet and Harold, for all you do and for your faithfulness.

Janet's birthday is March 27, and Harold's is March 29.

Birthday and other good wishes can be sent to the Parkers at the following address:

Janet and Harold Parker
311 Railroad Street, Bloomsburg, PA 17815

Holy Club, Springtime, Saint Patrick's Luncheon

Wednesday, March 16 ~ 11:30 a.m. in the social room



If spring hasn't arrived by the time of this luncheon, we know it soon will, so come, and join your Wesley friends for this time of fun, food, and fellowship that will mark the first Holy Club luncheon of the new year. And, with Saint Patrick's Day only a day away, don't be surprised if some good old Irish food makes its way to the luncheon table. As usual, all are invited to this event, so bring a friend or neighbor. You will want to say hello to the Wesley's LAMs (Limited Activity Members) who will also be in attendance. No Holy Club luncheon is complete without singing and, of course, the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be served. Please note: if you need a ride, or would like to be a driver for the LAMs, please make that indication below. The deadline to make a reservation for this luncheon is March 14. To indicate your desire to attend, complete this form, and place it in the Sunday offering plate, or contact the church office at 784.1407.

I would like to attend the Springtime, Saint Patrick's Luncheon on March 16.

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

I would like transportation to the Saint Patrick's Luncheon. I will be available to provide transportation.

United Methodist



March Events

March Confirmation Schedule

- ♦ March 6, 9:15 a.m. (during Sunday School), in the senior high room: the topic of this day will be the New Testament and the early Christian Church
- ♦ March 11 – TBA (early evening): the class will travel by church van (permission slips will be needed) to the Jewish synagogue in Wilkes-Barre to participate in their worship service and meet with the rabbi following worship
- ♦ March 20, 6:30 p.m. (UMYF), in the multi-purpose room: we will experience a different type of worship service from the Taize Community in France
- ♦ March 26, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. (leaving church parking lot in church van; permission slips will be needed): one-day retreat, lunch will be provided; the topic — prevention, justifying, and sanctifying grace covered in a variety of ways including worship.

Sunday, March 6, 6:30 - 8 p.m.: *UMYF & Starlighters Game Night*

Sunday, March 20, 6:30 - 8 p.m.: *UMYF Taize Worship Experience*

Friday, March 25: *Zumbathon*: see below for details

Sunday, March 27: *Inside Out Youth Workers Training*: see below for details

Zumbathon for the kids!



benefitting

**Janet Weis Children's Hospital
Pediatric Service**

Come, join us in the Wesley Church gym for a fun-filled evening of zumba. Not only will you experience the original Latin-inspired, danced-based fitness program, you will also be supporting pediatric services throughout the Geisinger Health System. There will be four instructors to assist you no matter how much experience you have with zumba. All proceeds will be donated to Children's Miracle Network.

Join us: Friday, March 25 ~ 7 - 9 p.m.

Admission is \$20.

For tickets, contact Shelly Lee at 214.9867
or E-mail sjlee@geisinger.edu

Inside-Out Youth Worker Training

Sunday, March 27, 2011 ~ 2 - 8 p.m.
(dinner included)

Attention, all youth workers: you are invited to an interactive workshop — right here at Wesley Church — that will not only be interesting, but practical and applicable to your ministry with youth. Whether you're a professional youth pastor, or a volunteer working with youth, you don't want to miss this exciting training. The Inside Out Youth Worker training and experience is a great tool and philosophy that deals primarily with you, the youth worker. When the youth worker is in tune with Christ, balancing both "doing" ministry and "being" Christ, we see disciples being made instead of only conversations.

The cost for this event is \$25. You will receive a copy of the book Inside Out Youth Worker by Kent Julian (\$20 value), the IOYW workbook and, of course, those who attend will have the opportunity to meet other youth workers in the area.

To register, go to www.igniteyoungpeople.org. For additional information contact Warren Bevacqua (warren@susumc.org or 800.874.8474).

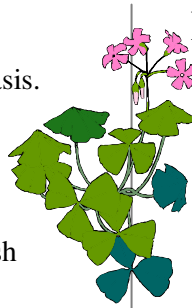


March Greeters/10:30 a.m.

March greeters will be announced on a weekly basis.

March Ushers/10:30 a.m.

William Finnerty, head usher
William Finnerty ~ Harold Krum ~ Arlin Thrush
others to be chosen



LAMs March Birthdays

Ruth Malin ~ March 10

3201 River Road
Lewisburg, PA 17837

Janet Parker ~ March 27

311 Railroad Street
Bloomsburg, PA 17815

Harold Parker ~ March 29

311 Railroad Street
Bloomsburg, PA 17815

Special Note:

Ushers are needed for the month of March.
If you would like to serve this month,
please contact the church office at 784.1407.

March Greeters/Ushers/8 a.m.

March 6 ~ Melissa and Terry Everhart
March 13 ~ Fran Johnson and Eileen Thomas
March 20 ~ Sue Lungert and Diane Van Horn
March 27 ~ Diane and Brad Gensemer



March Altar Guild

Norma Beyers and Crystal Deiterich

Another Thank You . . .

Dear Church Family:

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the members of Wesley United Methodist Church, Pastor Jay, and Pastor Jane on behalf of our children and their families for all the prayers, cards, and phone calls during their on-going battle with health issues. David Jr., Faith, and Dan were appreciative of all the cards they received from the members of Wesley. Your support and concern has meant so much to all of us and has helped to ease some anxious moments.

In addition, Faith has asked that I extend her appreciation to the Prayer Shawl Ministry for the beautiful prayer shawl.

Once again, thank you for the concern shown us. May God bless all of you.

*Sincerely,
Dave and Nancy Swisher*

March Acolytes

March 6:

Audrey Kovach, 8 a.m.
Amelia Davis, 10:30 a.m.

March 13:

Hanna Everhart, 8 a.m.
Megan Sumner, 10:30 a.m.

March 20:

Alexis Long, 8 a.m.
Katie Fest, 10:30 a.m.

March 27:

Kalina Nissen, 8 a.m.
Elizabeth Bodenman, 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 April issue of *Wesley Tidings* is Sunday, March 13.

Please be prompt!



Prayer Shawl Ministry Meets Evenings, Too!

The Prayer Shawl Ministry has begun an evening session that will continue to meet on the last Wednesday of every month. Those of you who knit or crochet, and would like to join this ministry, are welcome to attend. Please contact Kathy Finnerty at 387.8930 or bkfinn@ptd.net with any questions.

Mark your calendars now . . .

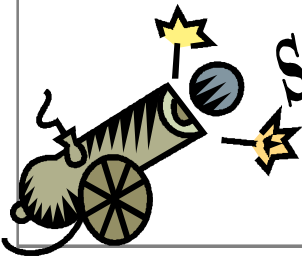
This year's Bicentennial Choir Concert

"How Can I Keep From Singing?"

under the direction of Patricia W. Gensemer

will take place

Saturday, June 4
&
Sunday, June 5



Wesley's January Financial Report

Category	Received January	Budget Needs To Date
Envelopes/Loose Plate	\$39,135.00	\$49,736.00
Special Offerings	2,764.00	2,458.00
Sunday School	424.00	292.00
Interest and Other	3.00	8.00
Totals	\$42,326.00	\$52,494.00
	Expended January	Anticipated To Date Expense
Staff Compensation	\$27,586.00	\$29,993.00
Annual Conference	3,533.00	7,680.00
Church Program	2,054.00	5,675.00
Church Office	1,243.00	1,458.00
Church Property	9,874.00	7,688.00
Totals	\$44,290.00	\$52,494.00
Balance (Loss)	(\$1,964.00)	—

March Nursery Volunteers

March 6:

Becky Kovach ~ Combined, 8 a.m.

Elizabeth Bodenman and Eileen Thomas
~ Infant, 10:30 a.m.

Glenda Kowalski, Alicia Rovito, and Adria Unger
~ Toddler/Pre-School, 10:30 a.m.

March 13:

Stacie Mitchell ~ Combined, 8 a.m.

Marg Laytar and Kalina Nissen ~ Infant, 10:30 a.m.

Laura Long and Dana McCreary
~ Toddler/Pre-School, 10:30 a.m.

March 20:

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

Donna Gillaspay ~ Infant, 10:30 a.m.

Evan Davis, Melanie Hosler, and Cassie Jones
~ Toddler/Pre-School, 10:30 a.m.

March 27:

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

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

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

Open Protestant Holy Communion



at

Bloomsburg Health Care Center

Thursday, March 10, 2011

2:30 p.m.

All are welcome to join the residents for this
time of worship and Communion!

Please note the date change from that
which was previously scheduled.

Crusaders Class Meeting

Monday, March 28

10 a.m.

in the social room

Program:

"Old Hotels In Bloomsburg"
presented by André Dominquez



Thank You Thoughts



Dear Pat:

Peace and grace be to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On behalf of my church back in the Democratic Republic of Congo, we are very grateful for the beautiful thirty children robes and stoles that you have so generously donated to our church. I have received the box, and we are very excited and happy about these robes. It is our hope that the new robes will enhance the ability of the children choir to sing and glorify the Lord in a good looking way.

Please also relay our thanks to your members and assure them that these choir robes will be put to good use in helping us to present the message of God in an even more beautiful way.

May the Almighty God bless you and your congregation.

*Yours in Christ,
Reverend Banze Kyabuntu wa K.*

Dear Friends of Wesley:

Please accept our heartfelt thanks for all the kindness you afforded our family throughout the memorial and funeral services for my husband, Drew R. Miller.

We want to specifically thank Pastor Jay, Pastor Jane, Pat Gensemer, Eileen, and Tracy Beere and the kitchen volunteers for all the thoughtful gestures, kind words and support throughout the services.

Additionally, we would like to thank all our brothers and sisters in Christ for their cards, visitations, and prayers throughout Drew's illness and last days before he went to be with the Lord in peace. Your words and deeds made this time easier to bear and made us grateful for the support of our church family.

*Love in Christ,
Madelyn Miller and Family*

Dear Wesley Church Family:

Denny and I would like to thank you all for your thoughts, prayers, and cards while we were, and still are, recovering from our surgeries. Thank you, again, for your kindness. God bless.

*Sincerely,
Darlene Parker-Beers*

I want to thank the entire UMYF group for the Valentine visit and song — you made my husband's day on Sunday.

Thanks! Again, it was a thoughtful and meaningful visit.

Go UMYF!!

*Fondly,
Jan and Don Wilt*

Dear Wesley Church members:

My brother, Terry Hock, and his wife, Patti, are long-standing, hard working, and faithful members of your church. The prayers of the Wesley members, along with Terry and Patti's faith in God, pulled Terry through a very tough medical situation, and I am appreciative of your work and prayers for both he and I in our time of need.

I have enclosed a check to benefit the church's general account. Please accept it with my thanks, and use it for the church's general budget expenses.

*Sincerely,
Gary M. Hock*

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Reverend Jay E. Jones
pastorjay@wesleybloom.org

Associate Pastor:

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pastorjane@wesleybloom.org

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Mondo Bowman

Custodian:

William Laudermilch

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Sponsored by
The Bloomsburg/Catawissa Cluster

Saturday, March 5, 2011 ~ 9 a.m. - 12 Noon

Catawissa First United Methodist Church

228 South Street, Catawissa, PA

You are invited to attend

**God's Masterful Hospitality Plan:
"You're Part of the Family"**

— a brief Biblical understand of hospitality
and developing the concept
that every Christian is called to a ministry of hospitality.

Four Topics Include:

- ⇒ **Visioning: What's A Church To Do?**
- ⇒ **Guidelines for Beginning (Reorganizing)**
 - ⇒ **Training Hospitality Ministers
and Preparing the Facility**
 - ⇒ **Uncomfortable Aspects of Hospitality:
Inviting, Faith Sharing,
and Ministry with the Poor**

Following the group seminar, there will be a time
for individual team strategy development with
The Reverend Dr. Dianne Salter.

*There is no charge for this event,
and all interested persons are encouraged to attend.*

*Please contact the church office (784.1407)
as soon as possible to indicate your desire
to be part of this seminar.*

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“Lord Of All Hopefulness”

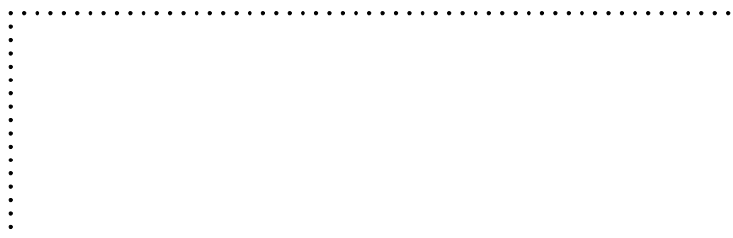
*Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like,
no cares could destroy:
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
at the break of day.*

*Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled
at the plane and the lathe:
be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord,
at the noon of the day.*

*Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.*

*Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.*

This newsletter sent with a prayer for . . .



~ This month’s prayer is the hymn “Lord of All Hopefulness” from The Faith We Sing hymnal. Words are by Jan Struther, and the hymn is sung to an Irish folk melody.

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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

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

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