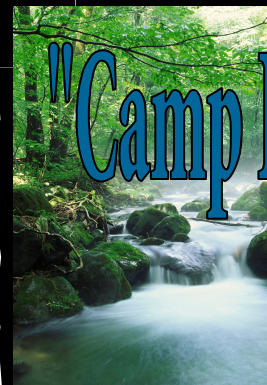


# March 2011

Shout with joy to God. All the earth! Sing the glory of His name; make His praise glorious! Psalm 66: 1 - 2

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>		
		1:00 UMW Ex Board 4:00 - 8:00 VITA 7:00 Church Council	4:00 - 8:00 VITA 5:00 3/4 Grade Basketball 6:30 Line Dancing 7:00 Bicentennial Choir	4:00 Children's Choir 4:30 Carol Choir 6:30 Girl Scouts # 2422 7:15 Sanctuary Choir		8:00 Young People's Ministry Council 8:00 3/4 G Basketball 10:30 Friendship Meal By Gal Pals 11:00 Special Olympics		
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8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 9:15 Confirmation 10:30 Worship 6:30 UMYF 7:00 Starlight	9:00 Staff Devotions 1:00 Wesley Quilters 4:00 CCCS Basketball 5:30 3/4 Grade Basketball 6:30 Bells In Bloom 7:00 Finance/Stewardship	1:00 Shawl Ministry 7:00 Bicentennial Choir  — No VITA - Spring Break —	 <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Prayer, Contemplation, Imposition of Ashes  7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship with Imposition of Ashes	1:00 UMW General Mtg. 2:30 Open Protestant Holy Communion at Bloom Health Care Center  6:30 NAMI 7:15 Sanctuary Choir	<b>Confirmation Class to Jewish Synagogue</b> (time to be announced)	8:00 Men's Breakfast, Saint Matthew 8:00 VBS Training Event 10:30 Friendship Meal Sponsored by Wesley United Methodist Women 11:00 Special Olympics		
<b>FIRST SUNDAY 13 IN LENT</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>		
8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 2:00 Bicentennial Choir 5:45 Youth Choir 7:00 Starlight	9:00 Staff Devotions 1:00 Wesley Quilters 4:00 CCCS Basketball 4:00 - 8:00 VITA 5:30 3/4 Grade Basketball 6:30 Bells In Bloom	4:00 - 8:00 VITA 6:00 Disciplines Study 7:00 Men of Wesley	11:30 Holy Club Lunch 4:00 - 8:00 VITA 5:00 3/4 Grade Basketball 6:30 Line Dancing 7:00 Permanent Endowment Committee	4:00 Children's Choir 4:30 Carol Choir 6:30 NAMI 6:30 Girl Scouts # 2422 7:15 Sanctuary Choir		8:00 Early Childhood Conference 10:30 Friendship Meal Sponsored by Traveling Fools 11:00 Special Olympics		
<b>SECOND SUNDAY 20 IN LENT</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>		
8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 5:45 Youth Choir 6:30 UMYF Taize 7:00 Starlight	9:00 Staff Devotions 1:00 Wesley Quilters 4:00 CCCS Basketball 4:00 - 8:00 VITA 5:30 3/4 Grade Basketball 6:30 Bells In Bloom 7:00 Board of Trustees	4:00 - 8:00 VITA 6:00 Disciplines Study	10:00 SUSCUMC Board of Pensions/Health Benefits 4:00 - 8:00 VITA 5:00 3/4 Grade Basketball 6:30 Line Dancing	4:00 Children's Choir 4:30 Carol Choir 6:30 NAMI 7:15 Sanctuary Choir	6:00 Zumbathon Benefit for Children's Miracle Network	8:00 Men's Breakfast, Saint Matthew 10:30 Friendship Meal Sponsored by Bloomsburg Women's Club 11:00 Special Olympics		
<b>THIRD SUNDAY 27 IN LENT</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				
8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:30 UMW BU Luncheon 2:00 Inside Outside Youth Workers 5:45 Youth Choir 7:00 Starlight	9:00 Staff Devotions 10:00 Crusaders Meeting 1:00 Wesley Quilters 4:00 CCCS Basketball 4:00 - 8:00 VITA 6:30 Bells In Bloom 7:00 Staff Parish Relations	11:30 Staff Lunch 4:00 - 8:00 VITA 6:00 Disciplines Study	4:00 - 8:00 VITA 6:30 Line Dancing 7:00 Shawl Ministry	4:00 Children's Choir 4:30 Carol Choir 6:30 NAMI 7:15 Sanctuary Choir	Bloomsburg/Catawissa Cluster Lenten Worship each Sunday evening at 6 o'clock during Lent  March 13: Pastor Calvin Rich ~ Lightstreet UMC March 20: Pastor Sue Rogutski ~ Kulp UMC March 27: Pastor Terry Brocius ~ Trinity UMC			





# "Camp Living Water"

*Friday evening, April 8  
through  
Sunday morning, April 10*

## Wesley All-Church 2011 Retreat at Wesley Forest

Jesus answered,

“Everyone who drinks this water  
will be thirsty again,  
but whoever drinks the water I give  
will never be thirsty.

The water I give  
will become a spring of water  
gushing up inside that person,  
giving eternal life.”

~ John 4: 13 - 14

If you've been part of one of the Wesley Church retreats in the past, you know that it is a spiritual adventure surpassing none. If you haven't been part of one, then this is the year to join in this enjoyable and inspirational experience the great outdoors.

Please note the tentative schedule. There is a well-rounded plan for worship and study that will include fun, games — and crafts for the younger generation. In addition, there will be hiking for one and all and terrific meals at the camp dining hall. And, of course, everyone's favorite — campfires will be an added highlight to end the day.

If you don't want to spend the entire weekend on retreat, you can attend for just the Saturday session. Be sure to arrive early, and join the over-nighters in order to get the day off to a rousing start.

Sign up now —  
register and indicate your preferences by  
completing the form below.

### Friday, April 8

6:00 p.m.: arrival at camp; bunks assigned  
8:00 p.m.: closing worship

### Saturday, April 9

8:00 a.m.: breakfast  
8:45 a.m.: worship

9:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
adults and older youth  
“Camp Living Water”

children's guided time of learning ~ craft

12:00 p.m.: lunch

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
“free” time and/or guided tour  
suggested directions/instructions  
children w/ parents or another adult

3:00 - 4:30 p.m.  
all-group activity (recreation in field)

5:00 p.m.: dinner

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
“Camp Living Water”  
children in supervised activity time

8:30 p.m.: closing worship

### Sunday, April 10

8:00 a.m.: breakfast  
9:00 a.m.: pack, load up  
10:00 a.m.: closing worship  
11:00 a.m.: depart for home

### Church Retreat Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Child care needed:  Yes  No

Able to provide transportation:  Yes  No Will need transportation:  Yes  No

Adults: \$55 \_\_\_\_ Youth: \$25 \_\_\_\_ Children age 6 and under are free (includes meals and lodging)

One-day, Saturday Camp — for those who want to come just for the day:— Adults: \$20 \_\_\_\_ Youth: \$10 \_\_\_\_  
(includes lunch and dinner)

Easter is Sunday, April 24! This year White Easter lilies and purple hyacinths will adorn the sanctuary to celebrate the gladsome Resurrection Day. Make your choice below, and help us observe this special Sunday.



**This form to be used only for memorial plants.**

**Please note:** 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.

Designate the variety of plant you wish to have placed as your memorial. Make checks payable to Wesley Church Flower Fund. To order, complete this form (**one form per flower, please**) and place it in the offering plate, or send it to:

**Patti Hock  
123 Dahl Road, Bloomsburg, PA 17815**

White Easter Lily (5 or more blooms) \$8.50 \_\_\_\_\_

Purple Hyacinth (3 blooms) \$7.50 \_\_\_\_\_

Amount included: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline to order plants: Friday April 8, 2011.**

This plant to be placed in memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Easter is Sunday, April 24! This year White Easter lilies and purple hyacinths will adorn the sanctuary to celebrate the gladsome Resurrection Day. Make your choice below, and help us observe this special Sunday.



**This form to be used only for honorary plants.**

**Please note:** 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.

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Purple Hyacinth (3 blooms) \$7.50 \_\_\_\_\_

Amount included: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline to order plants: Friday, April 8, 2011.**

This plant to be placed in honor of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Easter is Sunday, April 24! Help Geisinger House of Care decorate for Easter, and add joy to those who will be there for the holiday.**



**This form to be used only for Geisinger House of Care.**

Designate the variety of plant you wish to have placed at Geisinger House of Care. Make checks payable to Wesley Church Flower Fund. To order, complete this form (**one form per flower, please**) and place it in the offering plate, or send it to:

**Patti Hock  
123 Dahl Road, Bloomsburg, PA 17815**

Easter Lily (5 or more blooms) \$8.50 \_\_\_\_\_  
Hyacinth (3 blooms) \$7.50 \_\_\_\_\_  
Tulip (5 - 6 blooms) \$7.50 \_\_\_\_\_  
Mum \$8.50 \_\_\_\_\_

Amount included: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline to order plants:  
Friday, April 8, 2011**

This plant to be placed in memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

This plant to be placed in honor of:

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_



# Wesley United Methodist Church

130 West Third Street  
Bloomsburg, PA 17815-1709

Lent 2011

To The Wesley Church Family:

Greetings, and blessings to all of you. May Jesus Christ be praised!

This note accompanies a special Lenten offering envelope included with this month's newsletter. The offering envelope is for you to consider an *extra offering* to the church — above and beyond what you normally give on a weekly or monthly basis. Wesley's finances related to the church's ministry are in need of your prayerful support. Won't you please consider making an offering? Use this envelope or, if you prefer to use a coin folder, contact the church office today to arrange to obtain one. Consider doing something during the season of Lent to enable you to make an extra offering.

The season of Lent is tied so very closely to some of the spiritual disciplines of the church. The season is a time to focus on our relationship with Christ and what we need to do to grow closer. The spiritual disciplines are some of the means by which we can grow in that relationship. (This will be the focus during our season of Lent, the sermon series and the accompanying small group studies, based upon the book Celebration of Discipline, by Richard Foster.) Consider adding some of these practices to your Lenten journey. I guarantee that you will be amazed at the personal growth afforded you in the process.

Actually, by practicing one or more of these disciplines, you may enable yourself to make an extra offering to the church. One of the disciplines we will practice is fasting. Our look at fasting will be an all-encompassing look. It could be fasting from all food or some particular food. It could be fasting from the Internet or your cell phone for a certain period of time. It could be fasting from your purchase of a daily newspaper or morning cup of coffee. The intent is to fill that time with prayer and meditation with God. In addition, the time or money that you save in doing that could be your extra offering to the church.

One of the other disciplines we will practice is simplicity. Essentially, this will be a look at how we live our lives, in particular, some of the extravagant ways in which we live. The challenge will be to make our lives simpler — to simplify our lives by examining how we spend our time, to simplify our lives by eliminating unnecessary spending or duplication, to simplify our lives by focusing on those things that are most important to us, such as our relationship with Christ, our relationship with our church, and our relationship with our family and friends. By practicing simplicity, you could possibly save time and money and use that to provide your extra Lenten offering to the church.

Please prayerfully consider your participation in ministry with this congregation. Please prayerfully consider your common journey with this congregation in becoming a disciple of Christ. In all things, may God be glorified!

In Christ's Service,

Jay E. Jones  
Lead Pastor





**Wesley  
United Methodist  
Church**

*Bible Readings  
for the  
Forty Days of Lent*

- March 9:** *Genesis 3: 1 - 19*  
**March 10:** *Genesis 4: 1 - 15*  
**March 11:** *Genesis 6: 1 - 22*  
**March 12:** *Romans 6: 15 - 22*  
**March 14:** *Genesis 18: 1 - 15;  
21: 1 - 7*  
**March 15:** *Genesis 18: 16 - 33*  
**March 16:** *Genesis 22: 1 - 10*  
**March 17:** *Genesis 22: 11 - 19*  
**March 18:** *Genesis 28: 10 - 22*  
**March 19:** *Genesis 45: 1 - 20;  
50: 15 - 21*  
**March 21:** *Exodus 2: 1 - 10*  
**March 22:** *Exodus 3: 1 - 12*  
**March 23:** *Exodus 12: 1 - 32*  
**March 24:** *Exodus 14: 1 - 25*  
**March 25:** *Exodus 20: 1 - 21*  
**March 26:** *Numbers 21: 1 - 9*  
**March 28:** *II Samuel  
11: 1 - 12: 15*  
**March 29:** *Psalms 51*  
**March 30:** *I Kings 12: 1 - 33*  
**March 31:** *Amos 8: 1 - 14*

**April 1:** *Jeremiah 15: 1 - 9*

**April 2:** *Jeremiah 23: 1 - 8*

**April 4:** *John 1: 1 - 18*

**April 5:** *Luke 1: 26 - 56*

**April 6:** *Luke 2: 1 - 20*

**April 7:** *Luke 4: 1 - 11*

**April 8:** *Matthew 5*

**April 9:** *Luke 15*

**April 11:** *John 2: 1 - 12*

**April 12:** *Luke 4: 31 - 37*

**April 13:** *Luke 5: 17 - 26*

**April 14:** *Mark 5: 1 - 20*

**April 15:** *Mark 5: 21 - 43*

**April 16:** *John 11: 1 - 44*

**April 18:** *Mark 12: 1 - 12*

**April 19:** *Mark 14: 12 - 25*

**April 20:** *Mark 14: 53 - 65*

**April 21:** *Mark 15: 1 - 20*

**April 22:** *Mark 15: 21 - 41*

**April 23:** *Mark 15: 42 - 47*

These readings will take you  
from the Tree of Knowledge  
of Good and Evil  
to Calvary's tree.

May you find in these readings  
the joy of God's salvation.

