

The altar flowers are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Arthur and Myreta Eyerly by Terry and Patti Hock.

The chancel flowers are presented to the glory of God and in honor of yesterday's wedding of Shannon J. Penman and Anthony J. Maturani.

The rosebud which graces the altar this morning is presented to the glory of God and in honor of the birth of *Garrett Curtis Mitchell.*

*Garrett* was born on May 9, 2009, and is the son of Sandy and Dan Mitchell and grandson of Lisa and Dave Mitchell.

### Members and Friends:

Welcome to worship at Wesley Church. We are glad to have you join us for worship this Consecration Sunday. Please warmly greet each other and those sitting around you, and extend a smile, a handshake, and a "hello" to all those you may not know.

### Note Your Presence With Us:

Use the red attendance pad to let us know of your presence . . .

**8 a.m. worshipers:** Please locate the pad at the end of the pew. Complete all the required information (including "desire a call"). New residents and visitors: please provide as much of the contact information as possible.

**10:30 a.m. worshipers:** Please locate the pad at the end of the pew. Complete all the required information (including "desire a call"). New residents and visitors: please provide as much of the contact information as possible. *When everyone in your pew has signed the sheet, remove it, and place it on the arm of the pew for the ushers to pick up during the singing of the first hymn.*

### This Week's Meetings:

**Crusaders Class . . .** The members of the Crusaders Class are reminded of their "White Elephant" meeting which will take place tomorrow at the Muffin Man Restaurant in Riverside. All who attend will eat from the menu and are reminded to bring one or two unwrapped "white elephants" for Arlene Webb to auction off. To carpool, meet in the church parking lot at 9:30 a.m. Those who would like to be picked up at home should contact Marian Huffnagle or Arlene Webb.

**Staff Parish Relations Committee Training . . .** All members of the Wesley Staff Parish Relations Committee are urged to attend this important training event to be held at 5 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

**Board of Trustees . . .** Board of Trustees members are encouraged to attend the May meeting of The Board to be held tomorrow, at 7 p.m., in the multi-purpose room.

**Men of Wesley . . .** All the male members of Wesley Church are invited to attend this week's meeting of the Men of Wesley. It will take place on Tuesday, at 7 p.m., in the multi-purpose room.

### Bicentennial Choir Final Rehearsals . . .

Members of the Bicentennial Choir should remember these final rehearsal dates and times:

This afternoon at 2 o'clock . . . Wednesday, May 20 ~ 7 p.m.  
Sunday, May 24 ~ 1:30 p.m. . . . Tuesday, May 26 ~ 7 p.m.  
Dress Rehearsal, Thursday, May 28 ~ 7 p.m.

### Serving you today . . .

#### Greeters:

Becky, Doug, and Audrey Kovach  
~ Third Street, 8 a.m.

Sue and Rod Keller  
~ Market Street, 8 a.m.

Nancy and Dave Swisher  
~ Third Street, 10:30 a.m.

Patty O'Brien  
~ Market Street ~ 10:30 a.m.

#### Acolytes:

Audrey Kovach ~ 8 a.m.

Kyle Deiterich ~ 10:30 a.m.

#### Ushers (8 a.m.):

Becky and Doug Kovach

#### Ushers (10:30 a.m.):

Joe Darlington, head usher

Betty Brown

Nancy Coy

Wanda Sheatler

Robert Snyder

#### Minister of Music:

Pat Gensemer

#### Pastor:

Jay E. Jones

#### Delivering Today's Message:

Arlene Beechert

#### Sound Technicians:

Brad Gensemer ~ 8 a.m.

John Stone ~ 10:30 a.m.

#### Combined Nursery (8 a.m.):

Connie and John Kocher

#### Infant Nursery (10:30 a.m.):

The Shetler Family

#### Toddler Nursery (10:30 a.m.):

Judy Snyder

Evan Davis and Marty Davis

#### Altar Guild:

Janet Burket

Shirley Cunningham

**Are you interested in being a part of the volunteer team at Wesley Church?** Call the church office (784.1407) to offer your services as a greeter, usher, or nursery helper.

### This week at Wesley . . .

#### Today:

11:30 a.m. ~ Consecration Lunch

2 p.m. ~ Bicentennial Choir

5 p.m. ~ Fellowship Night Dinner and Children's Musical

#### Monday:

10 a.m. ~ Crusaders White Elephant at Muffin Man

1 p.m. ~ Wesley Quilters

4 p.m. ~ Children's and Carol Choir Rehearsal

5 p.m. ~ Staff Parish Relations Training Meeting

7 p.m. ~ Board of Trustees

7 p.m. ~ Boy Scout Troop # 25

#### Tuesday:

7 p.m. ~ Men of Wesley

#### Wednesday:

1 p.m. ~ Big Book Study

7 p.m. ~ Bicentennial Choir

#### Thursday:

7:15 p.m. ~ Sanctuary Choir

#### Saturday:

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

~ Community Friendship Meal sponsored by the

Wesley Sanctuary Choir

6 p.m. ~ Spring Fling

#### Next Sunday:

**The Seventh Sunday of Easter**

8 a.m. ~ *Worship*

9:15 a.m. ~ *Sunday School*

10:30 a.m. ~ *Worship*

1:30 p.m. ~ Bicentennial Choir

Today . . .



*All invited:*

**Covered Dish Dinner at 5 p.m.**

**Children's Musical at 6 p.m.**



## Consecration Sunday

May 17, 2009

8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

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.

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# Welcome to Wesley Church And A Celebration Of Worship

We are glad you are with us today!

\*Please stand where indicated by the asterisk.

## THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE PRELUDE

“Adagio from 3<sup>rd</sup> Organ Sonata”

Alexandre Guilmant

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Through stories of faith and acts of grace,

**People: we are reminded that God is always here.**

Leader: By God’s presence we are guided.  
Through God’s Word we are instructed.

**People: With God’s Spirit we are formed.**

Leader: Come, let us lift our voices in praise

**People: and offer our lives in service to God.**

### \*THE OPENING HYMN

“Take My Life, And Let It Be”

UMH # 399

### \*THE AFFIRMATION FROM I CORINTHIANS 15: 1 - 6 AND COLOSSIANS 1: 15 - 20

**This is the good news  
which we have received,  
in which we stand,  
and by which we are saved.**

**Christ died for our sins,  
was buried,  
was raised on the third day,  
and appeared first to the women,  
then to Peter and the Twelve,  
and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe Jesus is the Christ,  
the Anointed One of God,  
the firstborn of all creation,  
the firstborn from the dead,  
in whom all things hold together,  
in whom the fullness of God  
was pleased to dwell  
by the power of the Spirit.  
Christ is the head of the body, the church,  
and by the blood of the cross  
reconciles all things to God. Amen.**

### \*THE GLORIA PATRI

UMH # 70

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

### THE ANTHEM (10:30 a.m.)

“We Believe In Jesus Christ”

arr. Barny Robertson

Children’s and Carol Choirs

*For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son  
That whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life,  
we believe!*

### THE CHILDREN'S CHAT

“Jesus Loves Me!”

(Sing while children come forward.)

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

### THE SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

#### THE SILENT PERSONAL PRAYERS

(During this time of quiet music, please feel free to lift up the names of others in need of prayer. You may do this aloud or silently.)

#### THE PASTORAL PRAYER

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

#### THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

#### THE ORGAN OFFERTORY (8 a.m.)

“Chanson”

Gabriel Grovlez

#### THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM (10:30 a.m.)

“Thank You For The Valleys”

Cindy Berry

Sanctuary Choir

Anthem in Loving Memory of  
GEORGE H. GENSEMER  
Beloved Husband and Father  
given by His Wife, Pat, and Children  
*Sometimes I’m lifted to the mountaintop,  
where I soar on eagle’s wings.  
Joy overflows and I give You praise  
as You make my spirit sing.  
But there are times when the road ahead  
leads through the valley of despair.  
Then You take my hand, saying “Follow me, my child,  
You are in my care,”*

#### \*DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

UMH # 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

#### THE EPISTLE LESSON

II Corinthians 9: 6 - 15

#### \*THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 12: 13 - 21

#### \*THE VERSICLES

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

#### \*THE SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

UMH # 307, vs. 3

**Christ is risen! Earth and heaven never more shall be the same  
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.  
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: “Christ is risen! Get you gone!”  
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!**

#### THE MESSAGE

### “Parable Of Bigger Barns”

Reverend Arlene Beechert, Williamsport District Superintendent

#### \*THE CLOSING HYMN OF INVITATION

“Grace Alone”

FWS # 2162

**Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith,  
every difference we will make is only by His grace.  
Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine,  
every blessings left behind is only by His grace.**

**Refrain: Grace alone which God supplies,  
strength unknown He will provide.  
Christ in us our Cornerstone;  
we will go forth in grace alone.**

**Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach,  
everywhere we share His peace is only by His grace.  
Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away,  
Every sorrow turned to praise is only by His grace.**

#### Refrain

**Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith,  
every difference we will make is only by His grace.  
Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine,  
every blessings left behind is only by His grace.**

#### Refrain

#### \*THE PASTORAL BENEDICTION

#### \*THE POSTLUDE

“Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won”

Johann Walther



# Summer Sunday School at Wesley

**June 7 - August 30 ~ 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.**

Summer is fast approaching and so are the annual Summer Sunday School sessions at Wesley Church. Take a look below for an overview of what the various youth through adult classes will be studying June 7 - August 30, then join your Wesley friends for class each Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

## **Combined Adult Class**

The adult Summer Sunday School class will study and discuss “Hearing God.” During this study, adults will explore questions like: How do we hear God’s voice? How can we be sure that what we think we hear is not our own subconscious? What role does the Bible play? What if what God says is not clear? Leaders: Wesley Staff

## **Senior High Youth**

Curriculum for Grades 9 - 12 has not yet been determined. Watch for details in the June issue of *Wesley Tidings*. Leaders: Steve Wright and Kelly Kocher Ross

## **Junior High Youth**

Grades 6 - 8 (this year’s Grades 5 - 7) will be studying a video series entitled “In Your Face” by Ken Davis. This series tackles real life problems, questions, and ideas that teens face on their journey towards adulthood. Please note: eighth grade students will move to the Senior High Class this summer. Leaders: Beth Mauk and Mary Staley

For additional information, or if you have questions or suggestions, please contact Paul Chapman at the church office (784.1407).

## **The Bicentennial Choir presents:**

# **"Why We Sing"**

**Saturday, May 30 ~ 7 p.m. & Sunday, May 31 ~ 7 p.m.**

Ticket orders are now being taken for the presentation. For your convenience in placing an order, complete one of the reservation cards which can be found on the Third Street desk, see Janet Burket after worship, or call (784.1407) or stop at the church office.

**Don’t forget the Men of Wesley’s Ice Cream Social which follows the Bicentennial Choir Concert — a great way to top-off the evening!**

## **Hospitality Seminar Coming June 7**

Please remember the Hospitality Seminar coming up on Sunday, June 7, just after the 10:30 a.m. worship service. This is an open invitation for any and all who have served, currently serve, or wish to serve as a greeter, usher or in some other hospitality ministry (Hands-to-Hearts, Coffee Café, etc.). A light lunch will be served for all who attend. Please make a reservation by May 31 by calling the church office (784.1407).