

## The Cornerstone Concert Series *presents* **MANOR WINDS**

**Friday, October 5, 2018, at 7 p.m., in the Wesley Church sanctuary**

Manor Winds is a Lancaster-based ensemble comprised of five musicians who come together to rehearse in a historic farm house on Manor Street. At home in traditional and non-traditional settings, Manor Winds strives for professional performances of both standard and modern wind quintet repertoire. Built upon friendships developed in the freelancing community, the musicians, Matthew, Lauren, Christy, Anne, and Robin, believe that quality chamber music should be readily available to the region's diverse population. Manor Winds wishes to share their love of music and collaboration with their surrounding community and can be seen performing throughout southeastern Pennsylvania. Please plan to be part of this concert, and invite a friend. A free-will offering will be taken.



## World Communion Sunday

**October 7, 2018**

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be served at both 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.**

The first Sunday of October has become a time when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm Christ as the Head of the Church. On that day, we remember that we are part of the whole body of believers. World Communion Sunday offers congregations a distinctive opportunity to experience Holy Communion in the context of the global community of faith and, here at Wesley, you will be able to be part of that world-wide experience.

As is the tradition at Wesley Church, the staff will assist in serving the Sacrament of Holy Communion during both the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services on World Communion Sunday, October 7, 2018. You won't want to miss being part of worship on World Communion Sunday to enjoy the blessing of the Sacrament shared with others in all cultures.



# From Pastor Mark's Desk



By Mark F. Reisinger, Pastor

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This Month's Insert:

- October Calendar

As a pastor, I use words, perhaps more than most, on a daily basis. Reading Scripture, writing sermons, teaching, listening . . . so much of what I do as part of my calling involves words. As someone who uses words daily, many years ago I began to try to read more poetry on a regular basis. I've found that the thoughts, emotions, and feelings that poets can express in a small amount of words is a gift I envy. And, I'm sure all of you who listen to me preach on a weekly basis also wish that I could convey my thoughts with fewer words! Preachers would do well, I think, to read and study the words of the poets. While reading and understanding poetry isn't something that comes naturally to me, I've tried hard over the years to grow in my ability to comprehend and appreciate poetry.

All of that is to say that I've recently been reading Austrian writer Rainer Maria Rilke's *Book of Hours*. Written in 1905, *The Book of Hours* is a collection of poems that explore one's search for God and how that search takes shape through prayer. The Rilke poem that impressed upon me most this week reads this way:

*Your first word of all was light,  
and time began. Then for long you were silent.  
Your second word was man, and fear began,  
which grips us still.  
Are you about to speak again?  
I don't want your third word.  
Sometimes I pray: Please don't talk.  
Let all your doing be by gesture only.  
Go on writing in faces and stone  
what your silence means.  
Be our refuge from the wrath  
that drove us out of Paradise.  
Be our shepherd, but never call us —  
we can't bear to know what's ahead.*

This poem spoke to me as I've been preaching a lot lately about being called and answering God's call in our individual lives and in the life of Wesley Church. We are still beginning our life together here at Wesley Church, and with new beginnings always come new calls. Yet, do we really want to be called?

Sure, we want God to take care of us and be our Good Shepherd, but what about when the Good Shepherd begins calling, prodding, and pushing us to take greater risks and steps of faith? God's call is rarely easy and yet, when we have the faith to answer, we will most certainly be blessed in the midst of the journey. But, getting to those blessings requires that we respond to the voice of our Shepherd when called. Sure, we can stay safely in the same location, never concerned about anything beyond what's in our



## Pastor Mark, continued

immediate field of view, and life will be just fine. But this kind of life is not what it means to follow Jesus. Following Jesus means risking, taking steps of faith, and trusting that the Good Shepherd who cares for us when we're resting will also care for us when we're scaling new mountains to follow God's voice.

I embarked on a new journey when I said "yes" to God's call to Wesley Church, Bloomsburg. I'm still not sure how it will all end, but I've been blessed since answering that call. I'm grateful to be here, now, with you. My challenge to you is to respond in kind. Let God talk. Listen for God's call . . . expect God's call . . . desire God's call. And follow.

*Pastor Mark*



*Is not this a true autumn day? Just the still melancholy that I love - that makes life and nature harmonise. The birds are consulting about their migrations, the trees are putting on the hectic or the pallid hues of decay, and begin to strew the ground, that one's very footsteps may not disturb the repose of earth and air, while they give us a scent that is a perfect anodyne to the restless spirit. Delicious autumn! My very soul is wedded to it, and if I were a bird I would fly about the earth seeking the successive autumns.*

~George Eliot  
Novelist, journalist,  
poet, translator  
1819 - 1880

From: *Letter to Miss Lewis*,  
October 1, 1841

## Starlight Begins 34th Year

By Jane and Brian Bercher, Starlight Leaders

It's that time of year again — Starlight begins a new season — our thirty-fourth year together!

The Starlight Ministry of Wesley Church welcomes individuals and families with special needs. We believe everyone deserves an equal opportunity to worship, learn, and serve our church, regardless of their abilities. As we seek to understand each other, we work together in strengthening and creating community. Starlight meets weekly on Sunday evenings from 7 - 8 o'clock in the Coffee Café area. We share in Bible study, worship, fellowship, refreshments, support and encouragement.



**Starlight begins a new season on Sunday, October 7.**

For additional information about the Starlight Ministry or if you have an interest in joining the group, please contact Jane and Brian Bercher.  
Call 570.784.2601 or E-mail [bercher@ptd.net](mailto:bercher@ptd.net).

*A reminder to those who attend Starlight: please remember to use the Murray Avenue door to enter the church when you arrive.*

## Wesley's Annual Church Conference

Sunday, October 14, 2018

3 p.m.

At the Lighthouse



Wesley's Annual Church Conference for the year 2018 will take place during the month of October and will once again be a combined conference that will include churches in the Bloomsburg/Catawissa Cluster. All in attendance will come together for a time of worship, but each church will address its own business items. This combined church conference will take place on Sunday, October 14, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at The Lighthouse at Lightstreet United Methodist Church.

A church conference means all congregational members are invited to attend and participate in any discussion. However, only those who are full members of the congregation are permitted to vote on business items. Please mark your calendars now, and plan to join us for this year's combined church conference at The Lighthouse.

## Wesley Kids Really Shine

By Beth Mauk, Director of Christian Education

### Moving-Up Sunday Observed

Moving-Up Sunday was observed during the 10:30 a.m. worship service on September 9, 2018. At that time, nineteen students were promoted to new Sunday School classes for the 2018 - 2019 year.



The observance began with the recognition of Oliver Kriton, Alarik Reinford, and Katelyn Treat who were promoted to the Early Elementary Class taught by Kathy Heddens, Diana Sheatler, and Jeanne Bejger. Joining them in moving up were Matthew Anderson, Sage DePoe-Grove, Logan Sheatler, Matthew Sheatler, and Braylan Pineda Scott. They will now be members of the Upper Elementary Class taught by Tana Cooper and Tim Mauk. Finally, our senior high teachers Allison Burrell and Tom Ross welcomed the youth who were moving into their class with the promotion of Megan Anderson, Luke Bowes, Caley Treat, and Abigail Burrell.

Michael Duane, Londyn Fleetwood, Isaac Flook, Owen Zanoline, Trisdyn Fleetwood, Kaitlyn Zanoline, and Kaidyn Fleetwood will also be moving up to new classes but were unable to attend this Sunday for recognition. Each of their certificates will be presented during Sunday School.

### Bible Presentations to Third Graders



As is the tradition at Wesley Church, children who enter third grade receive a copy of the NIV Adventure Bible. On Sunday, September 16, 2018, six children received Bibles and are as follows: Matthew Anderson, Sage Depoe-Grove, Braylan Pineda-Scott, Logan Sheatler, Matthew Sheatler, and Owen Zanoline. These beautiful Bibles are filled with colorful illustrations and maps, a dictionary/concordance and introductions to each book of the Bible. Children receiving Bibles can also visit [www.AdventureBible.com](http://www.AdventureBible.com) for appropriate games and activities and can additionally download an Adventure Bible Game app.

### Re-visit the Escape Room Puzzle — in the Education Wing

During the 2017 Lenten season, Wesley volunteers had a great time building an escape room in the catacombs of the church. An integral part of the Narnia-themed escape room was a sliding wooden puzzle lovingly crafted by Terry Hock and beautifully painted by Eileen Thomas. The puzzle now hangs in the education wing for children of all ages and adults to play with. Come, and play, and see if you can find the Scripture message in the puzzle!



*Make me to know Your ways , O Lord; teach me Your paths.  
Lead me in Your truth, and teach me,  
for You are the God of my salvation, for You I wait all day long.  
~ Psalm 25: 4 - 5 NRSV*

# New Small Group Opportunities For Fall

## “Bread and Wine”

- ◆ If you love to cook and spend time sharing meals around the table with family and friends this small group is for you. Spend four weeks in this book/cooking club and enjoy fellowship with your Wesley friends sharing your same passion you do. This club will meet at the church once a week during the work week on an evening that best fits the schedules of members.

## “Wesley Warriors”

- ◆ Do you work in an unhealthy environment? Are you surrounded by dysfunctional colleagues or have a toxic boss? If so, this small group is for you! This book study will help you endure, cope, or quit if necessary. Enjoy real life stories from Gary Chapman, Paul White, and Harold Myra that will give you practical guidance, and empowering insight. Join your friends on Saturday mornings at a local restaurant and gain realistic hope. Please note this is a men’s small group study.

## “I Didn’t Get The Instruction Manual”

- ◆ Join other parents in the group to explore raising children through the early years. Take a look at the things you wish you would have known before you had children and share practical advice on a variety of parenting topics. The group will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:15.

Yes! I want to be a part of a small group study at Wesley. Please sign me up for:

Bread and Wine     Wesley Warriors     I Didn’t Get the Instruction Manual

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

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

*Remember to invite a friend. Participants do not need to belong to Wesley Church.*



## Sign Up To Dance!

David danced and leaped with joy and your child can too! It’s time to reorganize our Wesley Sparks and Flames Dance Groups. If your child is interested in being a part of either dance group, please complete this form and return it to Beth Mauk before October 15.

Yes, my child wants to praise God through dance.

Name of child: \_\_\_\_\_

He/she is in \_\_\_\_\_ grade and wants to be a member of :

Sparks ( Ages K through Grade 5)     Flames ( ages junior and senior high)

Our best contact: \_\_\_\_\_



## Mission Team Update

By Donna Gillaspy, Mission Team Chairperson

It's been awhile since you have heard from the members of Wesley's Mission Team, but we want everyone to know we have been very busy.

The Mission Team's yearly project of providing backpacks to the Columbia-Sullivan Head Start was completed in August. At that time, team members met to "stuff" the backpacks with a variety of school supplies that would help the students be well-equipped as they started their new school year. The 100 backpacks were blessed, along with those of Wesley students, during worship on Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup> and were later picked up by the staff from Head Start to distribute to the children.



The Mission Team is also continuing its yearly project of supplying hygiene kits through the Columbia County Christian Fair Ministry at the Bloomsburg Fair. As most of you are aware, Reithoffer Shows will no longer be providing the rides this year, but a new company, Amusements of America, has taken on the duty for the year 2018. They were very excited to hear about the ministry the CCCFM provides to the Fair workers. In addition to the hygiene kits, which include soap, shampoo, deodorant, razors, combs, nail clippers, bath towel, and wash cloth, they are given a hot meal on distribution day, September 21, and a coupon for another meal the day of their choice throughout the week of the Fair. There is also a clothing give away, and they receive a pillow and pillow case. Transportation is provided to a local laundromat and coins and detergent are provided. Bibles are distributed and a local doctor volunteers his time for any of the workers to receive a free checkup and flu shot. In addition, prescriptions are filled if they are in need.

The Mission Team members would like anyone who is interested to come to our next meeting on Tuesday, October 2, at 6 p.m., in the Coffee Café. The Team meets on the first Tuesday of every other month and occasionally meets for various projects. *Everyone is welcome!*

Throughout the year, the Mission Team supports many organizations and would like to thank you, the members of Wesley United Methodist Church, for support through contributions and prayers. I know many share my feelings in knowing that our church family is very caring, giving, and prayerful in all they can "BE. GO. and DO."



## Fall Adopt-A-Highway Litter Pick-Up!

Saturday, October 13, 2018 ~ 8:30 a.m.

Route 487 and Fowlersville Road, Lightstreet

You are invited to put on some old clothes and comfortable shoes, and head out to Route 487 and Fowlersville Road on Saturday, October 13, to take part in the fall Adopt-A-Highway litter pick-up. All those who are interested in helping to keep our roadsides cleared of trash and garbage should plan to meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Short Stop Market parking lot. This semi-annual project encompasses the first three miles of Fowlersville Road beginning at the Lightstreet bypass of Route 487. Come, enjoy the fellowship, and get your exercise while helping cleanse our planet! Be sure to wear long pants and closed shoes, and consider sun block and bug repellent. Work gloves, trash bags, and safety vests will be supplied to you at the site. In case of inclement weather, the Adopt-A-Highway project will be rescheduled for the following Saturday, October 20. For additional details, contact Brian Willie at 570.316.7457 or [mustang3@ptd.net](mailto:mustang3@ptd.net).

## Evangelism Team Update

Wesley's Evangelism Team is happy to report that this year's Sundae Sunday was another successful event that attracted 150 or more friends and neighbors to the Market Street steps of the church. On Sunday evening, August 26, members of the Evangelism team served both vanilla and chocolate ice cream and offered a variety of toppings. Todd Davis, Ted Hosler, and Shawn McCreary were joined this year by Alicia Reisinger in providing enjoyable musical entertainment. Lani Lee thrilled young and old alike with his balloon creations. Many thanks to everyone for supporting this annual event.



The Evangelism Team members have begun a round of writing notes to folks they have missed seeing in worship on Sunday mornings. If there's someone you miss seeing in church, contact Eileen in the church office (ethomas@wesleybloom.org), and the Evangelism Team will see that a note is sent.



## Halloween Trick or Treat Evening in Bloomsburg

Wesley's Evangelism Team will hand out snack bag treats in front of the church.

Wednesday, October 31, 2018 ~ beginning at 6 o'clock

Look for Evangelism Team members in costume!



## Support the Men of Wesley's annual Crusade 4 Food throughout the entire month of October to benefit The Bloomsburg Food Cupboard



It's been a tradition at Wesley Church — and it takes place again this fall — The Men of Wesley's "Crusade 4 Food" held during the entire month of October. A display will be set up, and members and friends of the congregation are asked to bring non-perishable food donations (paper towels and toilet tissue also accepted) to be placed there. At the end of the month, those items will be gathered and delivered to The Bloomsburg Food Cupboard. Your generous donations will help those who are hungry in our area.

Thank you for helping to feed those who are in need of food in the Bloomsburg area.

## Wesley's Potato Patch Project -- Thanks to all who have helped at the patch!



Even though this year's harvest at Wesley Church's Potato Patch didn't produce as many potatoes as had been anticipated, the crop of potatoes continues to bless The Bloomsburg Food Cupboard and those who rely on this weekly food giveaway. To all those who provided some time and muscle to the potato patch, please know that your service is appreciated. And, especially, to Eileen Chapman, a very sincere thank you for the ongoing support of the project through the contribution of a portion of the Chapman farmland used as Wesley's potato patch.



# Looking Ahead With The UMW

By Cathy Casey

## UMW Meeting, Thursday, October 11

On Thursday, October 11, the Wesley United Methodist Women will return to the regular meeting format. We will gather at 12 noon, in the Coffee Café, where we will eat our bagged lunch while we socialize. The brief business meeting will be followed by the guest speaker Lou Ann Bittenbender from First Columbia Bank and Trust who will speak on “Fraud and Identity Theft.”

Please know that every woman is invited to attend the monthly UMW meetings on the second Thursday of each month. If you need a ride or have any questions, you may speak with any of the active women or contact Cathy Casey (casey120@ptd.net or 570.799.5562). We have a wonderful group of women, but it would be even better if you were a part of the Wesley UMW!

## Thank You

To reinforce the thankfulness that Mollie Harris has indicated in her note of appreciation, please know that the UMW is grateful for the support of its recent bake sale held in conjunction with the Men of Wesley spaghetti dinner. The next spaghetti dinner sponsored by the Men of Wesley will return to the month of February next year with the UMW bake sale held in conjunction with it. All will take place on Saturday, February 23, 2019.

➔ Save the Date of March 29 – 30, 2019, for the Susquehanna Conference UMW Retreat at the Country Cupboard. Karen Knightly will be the speaker. Watch the *Tidings* for more information as it becomes available.

Dear Wesley Church Family:

Thank you so much for your generous donations to the bake sale, sponsored by the Wesley United Methodist Women, held in conjunction with the Men of Wesley’s annual spaghetti dinner. There was a lovely assortment of baked goods — which made for a terrific sale. If you baked or made a purchase your support is appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Mollie Harris  
Bake Sale Chairperson

## UMW’s Annual Christmas Cookie



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## Sweet Sale

will be held on

Saturday, December 15.

Watch for details in upcoming bulletins and newsletters.

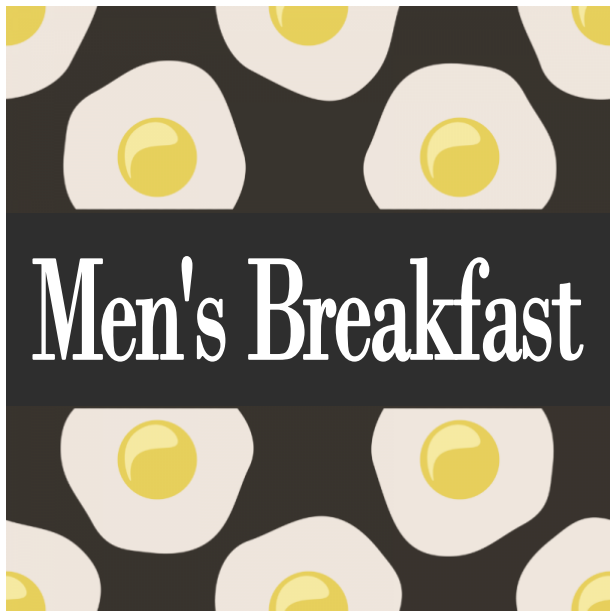
## United Methodist Women: Faith • Hope • Love in Action

### We are women with a Purpose!

*United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.*

- ➔ We equip women and girls around the world to be leaders in communities, agencies, workplaces, governments and churches.
- ➔ We are organized for growth, with flexible structures leading to effective witness and action.
- ➔ We provide educational experiences that lead to personal change in order to transform the world.
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- ➔ Scholarships, regional missionaries, Ubuntu Journeys and project funding are just some ways United Methodist Women make a difference
- ➔ We provide opportunities and resources to grow spiritually, become more deeply rooted in Christ and put faith into action.
- ➔ 800,000 members work for justice and support mission in a creative, inspirational and supportive fellowship. Attend a meeting at Wesley and find out how and why.





The Men of Wesley meet for breakfast on the third Saturday of each month.

This month's gathering takes place at 8 a.m. on Saturday, October 20.

Perkin's Family Restaurant, Buckhorn

All men welcome! Bring a friend!

## Spaghetti Dinner Thanks

*Many sincere thanks to everyone who participated in the 69th Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Bake Sale on September 8. I feel blessed by the grace you've extended through your willingness to help others and by the fellowship all of us were able to enjoy. Your generosity will enable The Men of Wesley to continue community and national mission work and will also help to maintain the health of men's ministries at Wesley Church.*

*Again, thank you!*

*Shawn McCreary, President  
Wesley United Methodist Men*



## MEN'S RETREAT

Friday evening, November 16 - Saturday evening, November 17, 2018

Men, come spend the weekend at Wesley Forest in fellowship and discussion about who we are as Christians in America. Those who take part will leave the church parking lot at 6 p.m. Expected time to return will be sometime Saturday evening. The weekend includes one night and two meals served by the Wesley Forest staff. There will be refreshments and snacks on Friday night.

**All men require \$15 deposit for lodging and meals, plus their own bedding.**

Watch for sign-up forms coming soon in the Sunday worship folders.



# G.L.O.W. Youth October Happenings

Wesley Church's G.L.O.W. Youth are gearing up a busy year ahead. In the coming months, G.L.O.W. Youth will look forward to a soup cook-off fundraiser and service activities such as a walk/run for a cause, working at AGAPE, and a trip to Mission Central. In between there will be meetings that include games and discussion topics including acceptance, stress, peer-pressure, bullying, suicide, body image, and unchurched friends. There will also be outings to ice skate, laser tag, snow-tubing, rock climbing, and more.

The following highlights provide a glimpse of G.L.O.W.'s activities for the month of October. Additional information regarding meetings and events can also be found on Wesley's website ([wesleybloom.org](http://wesleybloom.org)), on the education wing bulletin board, or by contacting Janet Bodenman ([jbodenma@bloomu.edu](mailto:jbodenma@bloomu.edu)) who will send a schedule. Remember: all youth in Grades 6 - 12 are invited to be part of G.L.O.W. — and, friends are always welcome.

Friday, October 5 ~ 7 p.m.

## *Manor Winds Concert*

G.L.O.W. Youth are encouraged to gather up all family members and friends and head to Wesley Church for the first of this season's Cornerstone Concerts. There is no charge for the concert, and there will be refreshments afterwards.



Sunday, October 7 ~ 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

## *"I.D.E.N.T.I.T.Y."*

G.L.O.W., you won't want to miss this evening of games, devotion, and snacks centered around the theme of "identity."



Sunday, October 14 ~ 5 - 8 p.m.

## *Kohl's Stony Hill Tree Farm Corn Maze and Hayride*

Youth, you won't want to miss traveling to Kohl's for a hayride and fun in the corn maze. Bring your flashlight.



Sunday, October 21 ~ 6:30 - 8 p.m.

## *"I Got Your Back"*

This evening's games, devotion, and snacks will be related to issues of stress, self-care, and learning to "let go, let God."



Sunday, October 28 ~ 6:30 - 8 p.m.

## *Costume Party with Starlighters*

This is an enjoyable evening of games and treats and Halloween fun with our Starlight friends.

# Keeping Up With The Wesley LAMs

By Cynthia Willis, LAMs Visitation Coordinator

The LAMs Ministry  
announces the LAM of the Month for October:

*Kay Slusser*



Kay lives at Bloomsburg Care and Rehab in Bloomsburg, and she often attends the Holy Communion worship service held there and provided by Wesley Church.

Holy Communion at  
Bloomsburg Care  
and Rehab Center  
211 East First Street, Bloomsburg, PA

*Residents and Visitors Welcome!*

Thursday, October 18, 2018

2:30 p.m.

*Led by Sandy Cooper and Gloria Young  
Janet Lee will be the music leader.*

Worship at  
Brookdale  
Assisted Living Center  
420 Shaffer Road, Bloomsburg, PA

*All Welcome!*

Sunday, October 28, 2018

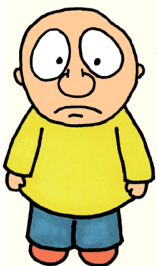
2 p.m.

*October worship will be led by  
Allison Burrell and Cynthia Willis.*

## Opportunities Available To Serve Wesley LAMs Communion

- ⇒ If you are interested in learning how to be a Communion attendant to Wesley's homebound members, there will be a training class on Sunday, October 7, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Allow approximately one hour for the training that day. Please contact Cynthia Willis to be part of this meaningful and honorable team. Call 570.784.1407 or E-mail [cwillis@wesleybloom.org](mailto:cwillis@wesleybloom.org).
- ⇒ To observe World Communion Sunday, home Communion will be served to the LAMs sometime following October 7.

## Journey Through Grief — Meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday



All are invited to attend "Journey Through Grief," a bereavement support group. Journey Through Grief will meet the third Tuesday of each month, at 7 p.m., at Wesley United Methodist Church, Market and Third Streets, Bloomsburg. This is not an educational group but rather a time to reflect, be with God, and release things that are holding us back from life. This time is based on a book by Laura Barber Beach, Rhythms of Restoration. There are no materials needed or preregistration. I hope you feel free to join us at any time.

### October Greeters/10:30 a.m.

**October 7, World Communion Sunday**  
Bruce Weir ~ Third Street  
Pat Weir ~ Market Street



**October 14, The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost**  
Rebecca and Kaen White ~ Third Street  
Josh and Kale White ~ Market Street

**October 21, The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost**  
Ann Beagle ~ Third Street  
Dale Beagle ~ Market Street

**October 28: The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost**  
Dave Cooper ~ Third Street  
Tana Cooper ~ Market Street

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

Brian Bercher ~ Jane Bercher  
Gerri Danilowicz ~ Cassie Hoffman ~ Dean Kriner

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

October 7 ~ TBA  
October 14 ~ Patti and Terry Hock  
October 21 ~ Mary Beaver and Lois Sauers  
October 28 ~ Maxine and Terry Werkheiser

### October Sound Technicians

October 7 ~ Spencer Ross, 8 a.m.; Steve Karaffa, 10:30 a.m.  
October 14 ~ Tracy Stone, 8 a.m.; Phil Burrell, 10:30 a.m.  
October 21 ~ Spencer Ross, 8 a.m.; Steve Karaffa, 10:30 a.m.  
October 28 ~ John Stone, 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.



### October Projectionists

October 7 ~ Ross Family, 8 a.m.; Josh Flook, 10:30 a.m.  
October 14 ~ Ross Family, 8 a.m.; Ben Burrell, 10:30 a.m.  
October 21 ~ Ross Family, 8 a.m.; Tom Ross, 10:30 a.m.  
October 28 ~ Ross Family, 8 a.m.; Phil Burrell, 10:30 a.m.

### LAM

### October Birthday

**Paul Mowry ~ October 10**  
780 Apple Tree Lane  
Mount Wolfe, PA 17347

**Kay Hammaker ~ October 23**  
330 West Third Street, Apt. 206  
Bloomsburg, PA 17815

### October Acolytes

**October 7:**  
Zoe Ross, 8 a.m.  
Ben Burrell, 10:30 a.m.

**October 14:**  
Sage DePoe-Grove, 8 a.m.  
Taylor Wintersteen, 10:30 a.m.

**October 21:**  
Zoe Ross, 8 a.m.  
Caden Long, 10:30 a.m.

**October 28:**  
Sage DePoe-Grove, 8 a.m.  
William Bodenman, 10:30 a.m.,

### Children's Chat Leaders

**October 7** ~ Pastor Mark  
**October 14** ~ Josh White  
**October 21** ~ Pastor Mark  
**October 28** ~ Kathy Beidler



### Deadlines To Remember

The deadline to submit information to be included in the Sunday worship folder is Tuesday morning (before noon) prior to the corresponding Sunday.



The deadline for the November issue of *Wesley Tidings* is Saturday, October 13. Send info to [et@wesleybloom.org](mailto:et@wesleybloom.org), or bring it to the church office.

## October Liturgists

### October 7:

Jennifer Anderson, 8 a.m.; Todd Davis, 10:30 a.m.

### October 14:

Eileen Thomas, 8 a.m. ~ Pat Weir, 10:30 a.m.

### October 21:

Cathy Casey, 8 a.m.; Monica Long, 10:30 a.m.

### October 28:

Jeff Hill, 8 a.m.; John Reibsome, 10:30 a.m.



## October Nursery Volunteers

Toddler/Pre-School, 10:30 a.m.

### October 7:

Louise Grove, Kathy Heddens, and Makiah Brewer

### October 14:

Jane and Brian Bercher

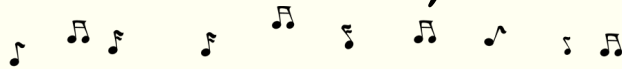
### October 21:

Jeanne Bejger, Nichol Reinford, and Abby Burrell

### October 28:

Eileen Thomas and Beverly Wintersteen

# All are welcome to join in the Young People's Choir fun!



## The next rehearsals take place

Friday, October 19  
Friday, October 26 **5 p.m.**

### Rehearsals take place in the Wesley Church choir room.

On Sunday, November 11, the Young People's Choir will be singing a Native American song.

A few good drummers who can follow rhythm instructions are being sought to be part of this presentation.

Persons of all ages are welcome to participate.

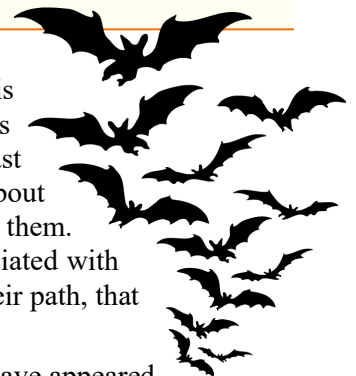
If you might be interested in helping out with this song,

please contact Cynthia Willis at 570.784.1407 or E-mail [cwillis@wesleybloom.org](mailto:cwillis@wesleybloom.org).

Why is it that some animals have become associated with Halloween? The black cat is often part of this holiday's depictions, and they pop up all around us in costumes and decorations — even in television shows and commercials. According to the ASPCA, black cats are the least likely to be adopted. Black cats can be beautiful, but it's probably because of that superstition about a black cat crossing in front of you and bringing bad luck that makes people shy away from them. This myth is believed to have started sometime in the 17th century when black cats were associated with witchcraft. Even though about 13% of Americans are superstitious about a black cat crossing their path, that fact just isn't true.

And bats, what about bats? Bats have been around for 65 - 100 million years and may have appeared around the time of the dinosaurs and just aren't real pretty — which makes them good for spooky decorations. There aren't a lot of people who like bats all that much. They sometimes swoop up and down the hallways of Wesley Church, fly through the sanctuary, and definitely hang out in the belfry. Don't let this keep you from coming to the church, however, there's always a fearless person around who will scoop up the bat and take him out of the building — and these occasions are few and far between.

In honor of the upcoming spooky season, several depictions of bats appear throughout the pages of this newsletter. See how many you can find, and let Eileen Thomas know how many total bats you counted.



# Thank You Thoughts



Dear Wesley Church:

*Thank you so much for your hospitality — for opening your doors to us — for opening up your most awesome kitchen to us (!!) while we were working in Benton.*

*Your church is beautiful, but your hearts are more beautiful!*

*Thank you again!  
Southern Baptist Texas Disaster Relief*

Dear Friend of Mission Central:

*Thank you for the ongoing support that you've shown Mission Central. You've been an integral part of helping us continue our mission of "Connecting God's Resources with Human Need."*

*In fact, we were able to reach over 4.1 million people in 2017 by moving nearly \$8 million in resources through our warehouse. The could not have been done without you.*

*As we look ahead to 2019, we'd like you to be aware of two important opportunities to connect with and continue to help Mission Central. First, on Saturday, April 6, we will have our annual fundraising dinner held at Camp Hill United Methodist Church. This features silent and live auctions and a look back at the accomplishments of 2018. Then, on Saturday, October 26, 2019, we will host our 5th Annual Mission Central 5K, held at Mission Central. The 5K is a run/walk and is a great day for family and friends. It is professionally timed for the serious runners, as well.*

*These two events combine to make up a significant portion of our annual budget and are critical to us being able to continue to help those in need. We thank you in advance for your consideration. We hope you will join us at these events so you can directly see the results of your donations and we can thank you in person.*

*If you have any questions, please contact me at 717.766.1533 or [ahoover@susumc.org](mailto:ahoover@susumc.org).*

*Sincerely,  
Adam Hoover, Director of Development  
Mission Central*

Dear Bothers and Sisters in Christ:

*AGAPE once again thanks you for your recent support of its ministry. Your donation of the warming table from the church's kitchen has been an extremely helpful and valuable addition to our meal service on Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings. We serve between 175 and 225 during those two meals and serving, as a result, has become much more efficient. The stainless steel serving table that came with the warming table also is in good use and so easy to keep clean.*

*Additionally the two Wesley lunches provided for Benton area flood volunteers and flood survivors at the Northern Columbia Community Cultural Center was enthusiastically received by all. It was a difficult service as we never knew how many people would take advantage of the service each day (we served lunch for four weeks and dinner for two weeks). The numbers ranged from 15 to 109 for lunch and about 20 for dinner. Louise Grove's flexibility and coordination of the Wesley meals and volunteers was great. We also appreciated the meal provided by the Wesley Lunch Bunch who also had to be flexible with the numbers. We are all witnesses of God's sufficiency in this service to our community.*

*Finally, the Men of Wesley donated spaghetti with sauce, meat balls, rolls and salad from their annual spaghetti dinner. Four wonderful spaghetti lunches were served to our volunteers and staff.*

*Thank you for thinking of AGAPE; thank you for your generous support. May God continue to bless your ministry.*

*In His Service,  
Eileen Chapman, Executive Director  
AGAPE*

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It's the month of October — a month that is traditionally recognized as Clergy Appreciation Month. The concept of clergy appreciation may have begun as early as biblical times with the Apostle Paul as he was establishing the first Christian churches.

In *The First Letter to the Thessalonians*, the apostle Paul said the following: “Respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work.” (*1 Thessalonians 5: 12 - 13*)

Accordingly, over the centuries, decades, and years, pastors have been recognized and honored, either formally or informally, by many denominations and local churches at various times of the year. Clergy Appreciation, as we know it, was organized in 1992 when a group of lay people gathered to brainstorm about how they might best be of help to their minister.

It has been a long-standing biblical practice — and quite proper — to honor pastoral staffs and pastoral families throughout the year — but especially that the month of October be set aside for a special tangible tribute. Please remember to say thank you to, and be in prayer for, Pastor Mark — and the entire Wesley Church staff — all through the year — but especially during the month of October.

*My dad's a pastor; I grew up in the church, and it's really easy to just have a healthy respect for what some people might be sensitive to.*

*~ Brett Young  
American Country Pop  
Singer and Songwriter*



# Wesley United Methodist Church

## Wesley United Methodist Church

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The Mission of Wesley Church is to:

*KNOW* Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

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

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

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

### Sunday Worship at Wesley

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

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

Nurseries available during worship and Sunday School times.

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

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*October,*

*baptize me with leaves!*

*Swaddle me in corduroy*

*and nurse me with split pea soup.*

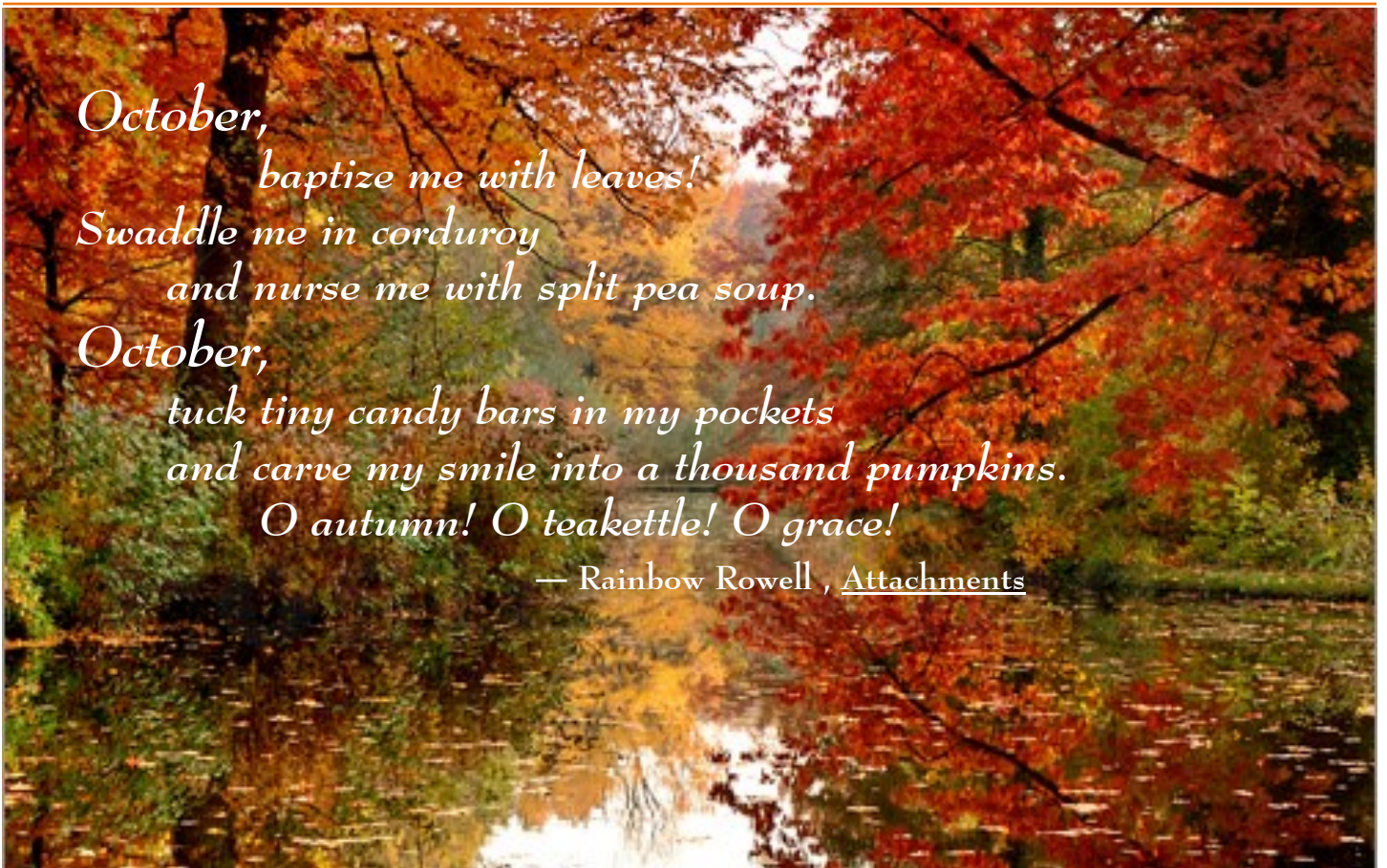
*October,*

*tuck tiny candy bars in my pockets*

*and carve my smile into a thousand pumpkins.*

*O autumn! O teakettle! O grace!*



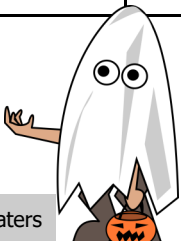
— Rainbow Rowell , Attachments







# October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 1:00 Wesley Quilters	2 4:30 Columbia Child Development Board 6:00 Evangelism Team 6:00 Mission Team	3 9:30 Wesley Staff 7:00 AFG Stepping Stones to Recovery	4 6:15 Bells In Bloom 6:30 Cub Pack 25 7:30 Sanctuary Choir	5 <b>7 p.m. Cornerstone Concert: Manor Winds</b>	6 10:30 Friendship Meal 
<b>All Month: Men of Wesley Crusade 4 Food — Bring donations to the display area when you come to worship or at any time during the week!</b>						
<b>WORLD 7 COMMUNION</b> 8:00 Worship with Communion 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship with Communion 11:30 Home Communion Training 6:30 G.L.O.W. 7:00 Starlight	8 1:00 Wesley Quilters 	9 1:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00 Staff Parish Relations Committee	10 7:00 Ballroom Dance 7:00 AFG Stepping Stones to Recovery	11 12:00 UMW General Mtg. 6:15 Bells In Bloom 6:30 Cub Pack 25 7:30 Sanctuary Choir	12	13 <b>8:30 Adopt-A-Highway Litter Pick-Up</b> 10:30 Friendship Meal
14 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship <b>3:00 Church Conference Lightstreet UMC</b> <b>5:00 G.L.O.W. to Corn Maze/Hayride</b> 7:00 Starlight	15 1:00 Wesley Quilters	16 7:00 Journey Through Grief	17 7:00 Ballroom Dance 7:00 AFG Stepping Stones to Recovery	18 <b>2:30 BHC Communion</b> 6:15 Bells In Bloom 6:30 Cub Pack 25 7:00 Board of Trustees 7:30 Sanctuary Choir	19 5:00 Young People's Choir	20 <b>8:00 Men's Breakfast at Perkin's Restaurant, Buckhorn</b> 10:30 Friendship Meal
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