



Susquehanna Conference Women's Retreat

Karen Knight
Speaker – Music – Drama
Will present
**Courageous and Contagious
Christian Women
(Martha's Story)**

**Best Western/Country Cupboard
7701 West Branch Highway
Lewisburg, PA 17837**

March 29-30, 2019

Registration starts 4:00 P.M. Friday – Saturday 3:00 P.M.

Cost (includes room, meals and registration fee): \$189.00 for Single occupancy; \$132.00 per person for Double occupancy; \$110.00 per person for Triple occupancy; \$102.00 per person for Quadruple occupancy; and \$69.00 per person for commuters (includes Friday buffet and Saturday lunch).

Space is limited so register early. DEADLINE for registration is Wednesday, March 6. Sorry but no registrations will be accepted after deadline as we will be turning in our count to the motel and we will be releasing any rooms we may not need back to the motel for their use. DO NOT contact the motel directly as they are not able to take your registration.

Keep this flyer for your information and return attached form. Questions? Contact Annette Steger, registrar at (717) 235-5693 or stegeraj@aol.com

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REGISTRATION FORM
FOR UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S RETREAT
MARCH 29-30, 2019

Make checks payable to **SUS UMW** and mail to Annette Steger, 6575 Fair School Road, Glen Rock, PA 17327. (Phone: 717-235-5693 or email: stegeraj@aol.com)
Each attendee fills out a registration form so we have contact information in case of an emergency.

NAME: _____

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ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Single \$189/person Double \$132/person Roommate's Name/s:

Triple \$110/person Quad \$102/person _____

Commuter \$69/person _____



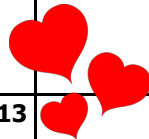

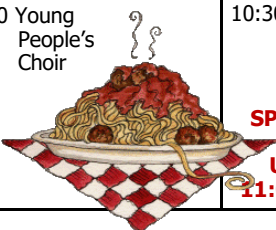
DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATIONS IS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2019. NO EXCEPTIONS. Do not contact the motel directly as they are not able to take your registration.

Emergency Contact _____ phone _____

List any food allergies or handicap needs.

February 2019

You don't need us to write about loving your brothers and sisters because God has already taught you to love each other. 1 Thessalonians 4: 9 CEB

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">Red Items = noteworthy events</p> <p style="color: blue; font-weight: bold;">Blue items = events located outside the church</p>					1 <b style="color: blue;">8:00 Breakfast Outing to 18th Century Artisan Show, Lewisburg, PA 5:00 Young People's Choir 6:00 G.L.O.W. Food Preparation	2 10:30 Friendship Meal sponsored by G.L.O.W. Youth 
3 <b style="color: red;">Souper Bowl of Caring <b style="color: blue;">8:45 G.L.O.W. at Food Cupboard 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship with Holy Communion 12:00 Pot Luck Lunch 7:00 Starlight	4 1:00 Wesley Quilters 4:00 Pampered Chef Spring Launch	5 5:30 Columbia Child Development Board 6:00 Evangelism Team 6:00 Mission Team	6 7:00 AFG Stepping Stones to Recovery	7 6:15 Bells In Bloom 6:30 Cub Scout Pack 25 7:30 Sanctuary Choir	8 	9 10:30 Friendship Meal sponsored by First Presbyterian Church
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Wesley Tradings

Wesley United Methodist Church, 130 West Third Street, Bloomsburg, PA 17815-1709

Volume 117 Issue ~ February 2019

70th ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER



Sponsored by The Men of Wesley
In memory of Myles Katerman & In honor of Dave Swisher

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2019

Wesley United Methodist Church
Market & Third Streets, Bloomsburg, PA

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

All you can eat . . . Salad & Dessert Included
Take-outs Available

Adult Donation: \$8 ~ Under age 6: Free

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



UMW Bake Sale

held in conjunction with the dinner!

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

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The Importance of a Touch



By Cynthia Willis, LAMs Visitation Coordinator
and Young People's Choir Director

I just spoke to someone who said, "I haven't been out the house for two days!" She lives by herself, and it sounds like she has something we call "cabin fever." What haunts us when we are separated from each other? What makes a cat such a good friend during those times when the cat is the only other living thing around us? We need this thing we call "touch." The contact from one human being to another. When we touch one another we instantly have made a connection. Our senses join in a way that merely speaking to one another, on the phone, E-mail or text messages can't complete us. We are sometimes taken from a frozen, hurtful world when we touch someone — in a handshake, a hug, a friendly nudge.

Touch is a language. We speak to one another with gestures; a fist bump, pinching of the cheek, patting someone on the head. Touch can be a more effective and more immediate way of expressing a feeling than words ever can be. Our friend is hurting, and so we hold her hand and speak silently of our understanding of her pain. No words are necessary here. The language of touch has already spoken, saying, "I am here for you. We are both human and in our like humanness we understand each other."

Our human spirits, our bodies and the energy that keeps us moving throughout each day, have been given to us by the creator, God. Our connection to one another is ultimately our connection to the God who created us, since we are of God's likeness. We often greet one another with a hand shake during worship, and at the same time we verbally express that we want to share the peace of Jesus Christ. Before we say the words, our hands meet, our skin connects, and we are instantly in a moment of prayer with our creator. This happens before our words have had the time to express the notion that has already been spoken through this silent language.

A man in a wheelchair is sitting in a corner of a nursing home, his hand holding up his head from his chin, elbow resting on the arm of the chair. You walk past, and his eyes dart toward your presence. You extend your hand to him, and he slowly looks down, responds to the greeting as he lifts his hand to yours, and your hands embrace. He smiles. No words are necessary here. The voice of touch reaches from God and extends from one another touching our soul.

So, today, and every day, reach out to someone and communicate with them through the language of touch. It might be the only communication they have had from another human being all day, all week . . . we do not know.

A Blessing for the Senses

- May your body be blessed.*
- May you realize that your body is a faithful and beautiful friend of your soul*
- And may you be peaceful and joyful and recognize that your senses*
- are sacred thresholds.*
- May you realize that holiness is mindful, gazing, feeling, hearing,*
- and touching.*
- May your senses gather you and bring you home.*
- May your senses always enable you to celebrate the universe*
- and the mystery and possibilities in your presence here.*

~Anam Cara A book of Celtic Wisdom

Special Sunday School Class Continues

Even though it has already begun, it is not too late to attend the conversational sessions focusing on the February 23 - 26, 2019, special UMC General Conference dealing with gay marriage and ordination in the United Methodist Church. Through Sunday, March 3, those interested should gather in the Wesley social room (on the basement level) during the Sunday School hour (9:15 - 10:15 a.m.). The discussion will focus on the history of the conversation on these issues in the UMC, issues of scriptural interpretation, the specific plans to be voted on at the General Conference, and other topics related to this historic General Conference and its potential repercussions for our denomination and congregation. The class will be led by Pastor Mark, Todd Davis, and Dennis Frohlich, with The Reverend Dr. Tom Salsgiver joining in to lead the group on February 3.



Combined Worship Sunday, February 3

As noted above, as part of the gathering during the Sunday School hour, The Reverend Dr. Thomas L. Salsgiver, assistant to Bishop Park, and former pastor at Wesley Church, will be the special guest speaker on Sunday, February 3. In addition to leading the day's conversation regarding the upcoming UMC General Conference, Pastor Tom will deliver the message during a combined worship service that will take place at 10:30 a.m. All are invited and encouraged to attend the Sunday, February 3, worship service.

Reminder: February 3 is the first Sunday of the month. In keeping with the new schedule of Holy Communion Sundays, please note that The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be served during the combined worship service on February 3.



And, There's Lunch, Too!

All those who will be in attendance on Sunday, February 3, will be invited to remain after worship for lunch served in the church social room. Bring a side dish of your choice, and join your Wesley Church family for this time of fellowship with one another and with Pastor Tom. A main dish and beverages will be provided.

Super Bowl Snack Sale ~ Sunday, February 3, 2019



Sponsored by The Sojourners Sunday School Class

A variety of tasty snacks: \$4 per bag or 2 for \$7

Available for purchase in the Coffee Cafe before and after the 10:30 a.m. worship service

Proceeds benefit the purchase of food for the Community Friendship Meal.

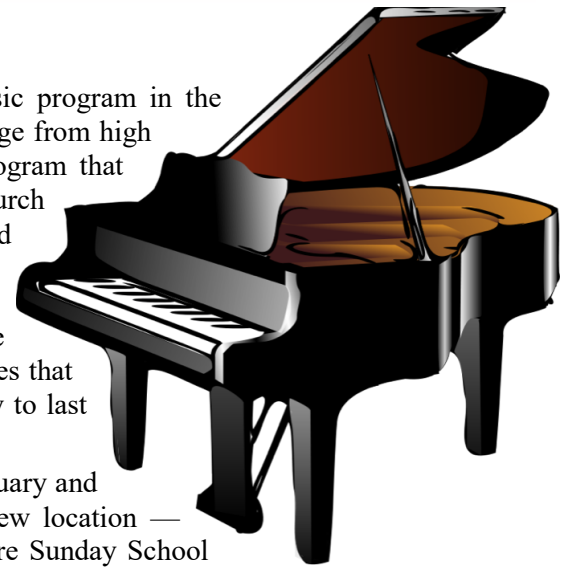
The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today.

~ Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1882 - 1945, 32nd President of the United States

Piano Fundraiser Campaign

By Jordan Markham, Director of Music

Wesley Church is blessed with, what I believe is, the best music program in the surrounding area. Wesley has dedicated choirs with members varying in age from high school well into adulthood. In addition, we have a thriving scholars program that gives Wesley an outreach program into the university that no other church within fifty miles has to offer. Wesley is also blessed with the largest and most beautiful organ in the area. The place we are sorely lacking is a piano that can handle the size of our space and one that is capable of hosting professional concerts. In meetings with the Music Endowment Committee of Wesley Church, it was decided that our funds are best used for purchases that will both further the music program at Wesley, as well as have the ability to last for generations to come.



It is important to note that neither of the two newest pianos (sanctuary and Coffee Café) will be disposed of but rather each will be moved to a new location — possibly to a classroom for use as a private teaching studio or for a future Sunday School choir. Another possibility for relocation of one of the newer pianos would be to replace the piano currently housed in the social room.

The overall goal of this campaign is to raise a minimum of \$45,000 for the purchase of a grand piano as noted in the following outline:

GOAL: \$45,000

Music Endowment Pledge: \$20,000

88 Keys Fundraiser: \$10,000

Sanctuary Choir/Bells in Bloom Contributions: \$ 7,500 (\$3,750 per group)

Income needed from other sources: \$ 7,500

TOTAL: \$45,000

The purchase goal date is April 1, 2019, for a dedication on April 21, 2019, Easter Sunday. The piano will begin its life at Wesley as part of the largest celebration in the church year. The contributions of the Sanctuary Choir and Bells in Bloom will be fronted by the Music Endowment until the monies can be paid back to the endowment as fundraisers commence. The pianos currently being considered are rebuilt pianos meaning that they are used pianos that have been completely restored by a professional and will last just as long as a brand new piano. There are six reputable rebuilders on the northeast coast that I will visit in order to play their inventory. I will only call for the purchase of a piano that I find to be in top condition, perfect sound, and a wonderful addition to this church.

For all those interested in making a contribution to the new grand piano purchase, see the piano-shaped poster display in the Third Street narthex. In addition to the information included with the piano display, each week an envelope will be included with the Sunday worship folder. The envelope will provide the opportunity to purchase one or more of the piano keys, or it can be used to make a monetary contribution of any amount.

The Music Ministry of Wesley United Methodist Church thanks you for your prayerful consideration in supporting the grand piano fundraiser. For additional information, feel free to talk with me on Sunday morning, call the church office (570.784.1407), or send an E-mail to me at jmarkham@wesleybloom.org.



Scout Sunday at Wesley Church ~ February 10, 2019

One Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

Cubmaster Dennis Frohlich and the Cub Scouts of Pack #25 invite you to join them for this special worship service that will honor Wesley's Cub Pack and Scouts everywhere.

Please plan to attend.



Interested in joining Wesley Church?

If you are considering becoming a member of the Wesley Church family, the first step is to attend membership orientation where you will learn more about the church, get to know Pastor Mark a little better, and review expectations regarding membership. The next opportunity to be part of a new member orientation will be Sunday, March 10, 2019, when those interested will meet during the Sunday School hour beginning at 9:15 a.m.

Attending the orientation sessions is the path to membership at Wesley Church. Pastor Mark's session will be relaxed and informative as you learn more about Wesley Church and membership expectations. If you would like to attend, please contact Pastor Mark at mreisinger@susumc.org or call the church office 570.784.1407.

Praying Our Way Forward Prayer Service

Wednesday, February 20, 2019 ~ 6:30 p.m., at Trinity UMC, Espy

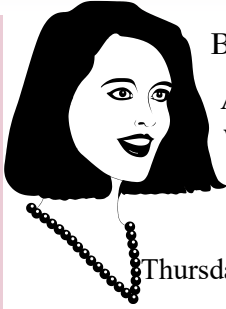


Join the folks at Trinity, Espy, in praying our way forward in the United Methodist Church as the Council of Bishops and delegates attend the special General Conference, February 23 - 26, 2019, in St. Louis, Missouri. They are to receive and act on a report from the Commission on a Way Forward concerning human sexuality and exploring options to strengthen the unity of the church.

The service is neutral and is using liturgy from the original service from 2017. There will be no discussion on where you stand.

You are invited to come in unity as the body of Christ. Come with an open heart to petition the Lord to guide our churches to His will and not our own. All are welcome who seek the power of the Holy Spirit in the direction of The United Methodist Church and for those attending the special conference.

All Are Invited to Wesley's UMW Activities



By Judy Ryan, UMW Communications Chairperson

As we move into the month of February, the UMW Leadership Team of Wesley Church would like to remind all women of some important events that will take place this year and which are open to all those who are interested. Take a look at the following listing, and plan to be part of the 2019 UMW excitement.

- Thursday, February 14: It's a Valentine's Day luncheon! All those who signed-up will enjoy lunch together at the Iron Fork in Danville. If you did not make a reservation for this luncheon, but would like to be part of it, contact Judy Ryan at 570.317.5449.
- March 29 - March 30: Women's Retreat sponsored by the Susquehanna Conference UMW at the Best Western/Country Cupboard. See flyer and registration insert.
- April 6: Lewisburg District UMW Spiritual Enrichment Day at Trinity UMC, Middleburg, PA. See next page for info.
- May 30 - June 1: Susquehanna Conference Annual Conference at Hershey Lodge
- July 10: Mission U Express, Bucknell University, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- July 11 - July 13: Mission U, Bucknell University, three-day school
- October 5: Lewisburg District Annual Day, location to be announced.
- October 26: Susquehanna Conference UMW Annual Day, First Muncy UMC
- December 12: Wesley United Methodist Women Christmas Lunch, Pine Barn Inn

Thank you for your generosity to the World Thank Offering which was received at Wesley on Sunday, November 18, 2018. The Wesley UMW was able to send \$675 forward to help those in need.

February UMW Member Recognition — Linda Stiansen, Christmas Cookie & Confection Sale Coordinator

Linda was born in Newton, New Jersey, and raised in the small town of Andover Borough, New Jersey. Her family lived across the street from the Methodist Church, so she began attending at a very early age. There she had perfect attendance at Sunday School for ten-plus years as a child. She has been Methodist her entire life.

Linda attended Mountainside Hospital School of Nursing in Montclair, New Jersey. She worked for forty years in nursing — primarily in long-term care. She believes that God sent her to help people living in those facilities and their families.

Linda and her husband, Steve, have been married for 27 years. After Steve retired in 2001, they moved full-time to Pennsylvania. Linda continued working in Hazleton and Bloomsburg until her retirement in 2014. After retirement, she was able to become more involved in the church. She has served on the Evangelism Team and the UMW, as well as serving as greeter, usher, and Communion server. In addition to her time with the Wesley UMW, Linda was active in the UMW in Lansdale, Pennsylvania, and Hackettstown, New Jersey.

Linda and Steve's family includes a daughter Heather and her family of Plano, Texas; son Steven and his family of Hagerstown, Maryland; and daughter Kimberly and her family of Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Linda really appreciates the members of her church family for all of their care and concern.

Wesley UMW



This popular bake sale is held in conjunction with the Men of Wesley Spaghetti Dinner.

Saturday, February 23, 2019

11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Come and have a plate of delicious spaghetti and meatballs, then make a purchase of delicious baked goods to take home to enjoy later.

Attention Bakers:

You are needed to help provide baked goods for the upcoming UMW Bake Sale.



As is the tradition, in conjunction with the Men of Wesley's annual spaghetti dinner on Saturday, February 23, the Wesley United Methodist Women will hold its annual bake sale. Your donations of cakes, pies, cookies, breads or other homemade items are vital to making this sale a success. Please help make it so by offering some homemade baked goods of your choice. Baked goods should be brought to the social room on Friday evening, February 22, or Saturday morning, February 23. Please label and identify the baked good by name, and indicate if it contains nuts. It would also be helpful to know if a baked item is gluten free or vegan. If possible, price your baked item according to the ingredients and your preparation time.

The members of the Wesley United Methodist Women appreciate your support of this annual fund-raising project that benefits missions.

Lewisburg District UMW Spiritual Enrichment Day

A Recipe for Covenantal Living ~ **Judy Kennedy, Presenter/Leader**

Saturday, April 6, 2019 ~ 9 a.m. - 12 noon ~ Trinity UMC, Middleburg, PA

Reception with light refreshments from 9 - 9:30 a.m.

Lewisburg District UMW Spiritual Enrichment Day Registration Form

Name: _____ Church: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Registration fee: \$5. Checks payable to Lewisburg District UMW
Submit by March 10, 2019, to Louise Grove, 143 Freewill Road, Catawissa, PA 17820

Appreciation To & From the Wesley UMW

Dear Congregation of Wesley Church:

Once again your generosity toward our Head Start families at Christmastime was truly amazing. Thank you so much for all the efforts you put into ensuring that each Head Start child had gifts to open on Christmas morning. The Head Start families are very appreciative of your efforts and are always very excited to receive the beautifully packaged gifts for their children. As usual, everything was so well organized, so getting the gifts out to our families was easy and fun.

Peace and blessings for the new year!

Fondly,
Julie Kennedy, Family Engagement Manager
Columbia Sullivan Head Start

Dear Wesley Congregation:

On behalf of the entire UMW membership — “thank you!” You, the Wesley congregation, supported our Christmas cookie sale by contributing baked goods, purchasing treats, and by praying for our endeavor. Because of you, the sale was a huge success.

Please know that the profits from the Christmas cookie sale will be used for local, national, and international missions.

Again, thank you for your support.

Linda Stiansen, UMW Cookie Sale Chairperson

The UMW Indoor YARD SALE

will return

Friday, May 17, 2019

Saturday, May 18, 2019

Your donations of unwanted treasures will be appreciated, but please note . . .

yard sale donations will not be accepted until two weeks prior to the sale.

Stock-pile your unwanted items at home, then watch for information about when to bring them to the church.

February —
The Month of Love

Read these thoughts,
by Mother Teresa,
on the subject of “love.”



Mother Teresa of Calcutta, 1910 - 1997

I am not sure exactly what heaven will be like, but I know that when we die and it comes time for God to judge us, He will not ask, ‘How many good things have you done in your life?’ rather He will ask, ‘How much love did you put into what you did?’

♥
I am a little pencil in the hand of a writing God who is sending a love letter to the world.

♥
Every work of love done with a full heart brings people closer to God.

Mother Teresa was an inspiration to countless millions for her lifelong devotion to the neediest, most vulnerable of the world. The selflessness and sacrifice with which she lived her own life made her an international symbol of charitable work, and the love and compassion she showed the destitute of all faiths won her a Nobel Peace Prize in 1979, which she donated entirely to the poor.



Men's Breakfast

The Men of Wesley invite all men to the monthly breakfast and meeting

The Morris Family Restaurant, Bloomsburg

The men gather at 8 a.m.
on the third Saturday of each month.

**This month's breakfast takes place on Saturday, February 16.
Please come, and bring a friend, neighbor, or relative.**



Circling The Block . .

In a hurry to make an appointment, a businessman parked his car in a prohibited area and left the following note under his windshield wiper:

“I’ve circled the block for 15 minutes. If I don’t park here, I’ll lose my job. ‘Forgive us our trespasses.’”

Returning to his car later, he found a parking ticket and this note under the windshield wiper:


“I’ve been circling this block for 15 years. If I don’t give you a ticket, I’ll lose my job. ‘Lead us not into temptation.’”

The Wesley Family **Bowling Party**

Sponsored by The Men of Wesley

**postponed in January, due to weather,
has been rescheduled for**

Sunday, February 17, 2019

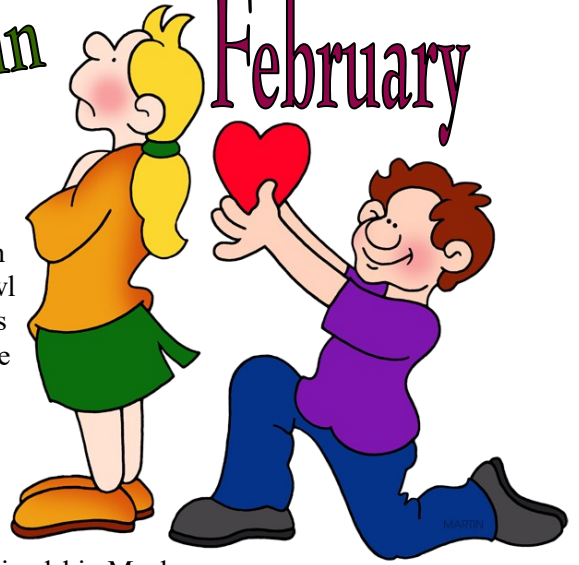


***Bowling from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
at the P-Nut Bowl***

Pizza at the church afterwards! Everyone is invited to this event!

There is no need to register -- or re-register -- just come for an afternoon of bowling fun!

G.L.O.W. Youth Events in February



By Janet and John Bodenman, G.L.O.W. Co-Leaders

Around Wesley Church, the month of February is known for the time of year that brings the famous spaghetti dinner sponsored by the Men of Wesley. But, as you know, it's also the month that brings the Super Bowl — and a time that brings expressions of love. G.L.O.W. (youth in Grades 6 - 12) will acknowledge all that February brings. The following schedule gives you a glimpse of what's in store:

Friday, February 1 ~ 6 - 8 p.m. ~ Church Kitchen

Making The Community Friendship Meal

Youth, come for an evening of food preparation and cookie-making. Enjoy a dinner of pizza and salad while preparing for the Community Friendship Meal.



Saturday, February 2 ~ 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. ~ Kitchen and Social Room

Serving The Community Friendship Meal

Come for a morning of serving — stay for as long as your schedule will allow.



Sunday, February 3 ~ 8:45 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.

Serving at The Bloomsburg Food Cupboard & "Souper Bowl of Caring"

G.L.O.W. will serve at The Bloomsburg Food Cupboard from 9 - 10:15 a.m.

After worship, G.L.O.W. will collect "Souper Bowl of Caring" donations to benefit The Bloomsburg Food Cupboard.

There will no regular evening meeting of G.L.O.W. — enjoy the Super Bowl.



Sunday, February 10 ~ 6:30 - 8 p.m. ~ Youth Rooms

Spread The Love

Valentine's Day is coming this week, and G.L.O.W. will spread love to the Wesley LAMs and college students.



Sunday, February 17 ~ 1 - 3:30 p.m. ~ P-Nut Bowl and Church Social Room

Bowling with The Men of Wesley

Youth should plan to be part of the rescheduled bowling party.



Saturday, February 23 ~ 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. ~ Kitchen and Gym

Men of Wesley Spaghetti Dinner

G.L.O.W. will help serve (in one-hour shifts) with the Men of Wesley at the UMM's Spaghetti Dinner.



Sunday, February 24 ~ 6:30 - 8 p.m. ~ Youth Rooms

The Way Forward

Pastor Mark will lead a discussion of the special session of General Conference which takes place this month.

Keeping Up With The Wesley LAMs

By Cynthia Willis, LAMs Visitation Coordinator

The LAMs Ministry announces the LAM of the Month for February

Charlie Werner

Charlie has always been a very active member of Wesley Church.

He led the Boy Scout troop for many years and was active in many other areas of the church.

Charlie is recuperating from surgery at Orangeville Rehab Center (200 Berwick Road, Orangeville, PA 17859) and is now a bilateral amputee. He would love a card or visit.

Thank you, Charlie!



Holy Communion at Bloomsburg Care & Rehab Center

211 East First Street, Bloomsburg, PA

Residents and Visitors Welcome!

Thursday, February 21, 2019
2:30 p.m.

*Led by Gail Menapace and Gloria Young
Music by Harland Shoemaker*

Worship at Brookdale Assisted Living Center

420 Shaffer Road, Bloomsburg, PA

All Welcome!

Sunday, February 27, 2019
2 p.m.

*Led by Gerri Danilowicz
and Janet Lee*

Journey through Grief ~ for those dealing with a loss

Tuesday, February 15 ~ 7 p.m.

In the Bride's Room

Journey through Grief is a time for those who are dealing with loss to be together to be with God in a relaxing and refreshing way. It is a time to reflect on God's voice as we work through a season of sorrow. If you are grieving and need time to be with God, please come join us!



Love seeks one thing only: the good of the one loved.

It leaves all the other secondary effects to take care of themselves. Love, therefore, is its own reward.

~ Thomas Merton, 1915 - 1968, American Trappist monk

Thomas Merton was a writer, poet, theologian, social activist, and scholar of comparative religion.

On May 26, 1949, he was ordained to the priesthood and given the name Father Louis.

February Greeters/10:30 a.m.

February 3, The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Terry Hock ~ Third Street
Patti Hock ~ Market Street

February 10, Scout Sunday

Members of Cub Scout Pack 25

February 17, The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Gloria Young ~ Third Street
TBA ~ Market Street

February 24, The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

TBA ~ Third Street
Jeanne and Paul Bejger ~ Market Street

February Ushers/10:30 a.m.

David Hogue ~ Madelyn Miller ~ Sandra Norton
Judy Ryan ~ Mary Ann Schalles

February Greeters/Ushers/8 a.m.

No 8 a.m. worship on February 3 or February 10
February 17 ~ Mary Beaver and Lois Sauers
February 24 ~ Linda Boyer and Gayla Jean Horn

February Sound Technicians

February 3 ~ no 8 a.m. worship; Steve Karaffa 10:30 a.m.
February 10 ~ no 8 a.m. worship; Phil Burrell, 10:30 a.m.
February 17 ~ Spencer Ross, 8 a.m.; Steve Karaffa, 10:30 a.m.
February 24 ~ John Stone, 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

February Projectionists

February 3 ~ no 8 a.m. worship; Jacob Cuddeback, 10:30 a.m.
February 10 ~ no 8 a.m. worship; Ben Burrell, 10:30 a.m.
February 17 ~ Ross Family, 8 a.m.; Jacob Cuddeback, 10:30 a.m.
February 24 ~ Ross Family, 8 a.m.; Josh Flook, 10:30 a.m.

LAMs February Birthdays

Marjorie Laytar ~ February 5

332 C Main Mifflin Road
Bloomsburg, PA 17815

Betty Musser ~ February 15

Brookdale Assisted Living Center
420 Shaffer Road
Bloomsburg, PA 17815

Carolyn Derr ~ February 21

3800 Shamrock Drive
Charlotte, NC 28215



February Acolytes

February 3:

No 8 a.m. Worship
Maggie Hosler, 10:30 a.m.

February 10:

No 8 a.m. Worship
Keith Nissen, 10:30 a.m.

February 17:

Zoe Ross, 8 a.m.
Ben Burrell ~ 10:30 a.m.

February 24:

Sage DePoe-Grove, 8 a.m.
Evan Long, 10:30 a.m.

February Altar Guild

Janet Lee and Eileen Thomas

February Children's Chat Leaders

February 10 ~ Kathy Beidler

February 14 ~ Laura Davis

Extending Valentine love to the Wesley family of members and friends!



February Nursery Volunteers

10:30 a.m.

February 3:

Jane and Brian Bercher
Raven Reinford

February 10:

Jeanne Bejger
Kathy Heddens
Abby Burrell

February 17:

Louise Grove
Glenda Kowalski
Makiah Brewer

February 24:

Melanie Hosler
Maggie Hosler

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

~ George Washington
1st President of the U.S.A.

A man watches his pear tree day after day, impatient for the ripening of the fruit. Let him attempt to force the process, and he may spoil both fruit and tree. But let him patiently wait, and the ripe pear at length falls into his lap.

~ Abraham Lincoln
16th President of the U.S.A.

February Liturgists

February 3, The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

No 8 a.m. worship; Pastor Mark, 10:30 a.m.

February 10, The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

No 8 a.m. worship; Cub Scout Pack # 25, 10:30 a.m.

February 17: The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

TBA, 8 a.m. ~ John Reibsome, 10:30 a.m.

February 24: The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

TBA, 8 a.m. ~ Robert Dunkelberger, 10:30 a.m.

Food Cupboard Requests for February . . . *Cereal & Canned Fruit*



Please consider bringing one or more of this month's requested items when you come to worship on Sunday morning.

Food Cupboard contributions can be left at the Donation Station inside the Murray Avenue door.

Don't forget . . .

Food Cupboard contributions can be placed at the Donation Station at any time during the week.

Thank you for helping those who are hungry in the Bloomsburg area.



The deadline to submit information for the March issue of Wesley Tidings is Wednesday, February 13.

Have some news to include?

Be sure to send it, before the deadline, to ethomas@wesleybloom.org.

Sunday Bulletin/announcement Folder Deadline

The deadline to submit information to be included in the Sunday worship folder is 12 noon on the Tuesday prior to the corresponding Sunday.

January Attendance and Offering Statistics

Date	Attendance	Offering
Sunday, January 6	155 (one service only)	\$8,001.30
Sunday, January 13	35 (8 a.m.) + 118 (10:30 a.m.) = 153	\$6,718.00
Sunday, January 20	35 (one service only due to snow)	\$2,830.75
Sunday, January 27	40 (8 a.m.) + 151 (10:30 a.m.) = 191	\$8,038.01



The Church Office Bulletin Board

Special Thanks to

Beth Mauk

former director of Christian education
for bringing us the Narnia Escape Room,
Bethlehem, and so much more,
and for stretching our imaginations!



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Giant Food Stores & Weis Markets Gift Cards

Please remember that you can still purchase Cash for Causes gift cards for Giant Food Stores and Weis Markets that will help G.L.O.W. youth earn cash for their 2018 mission trip. Gift cards are available every Sunday morning, in the Coffee Café. Cards are available in amounts of \$25, \$50, or \$100 — and you get dollar for dollar what you spend. The cards can be purchased with cash or checks. Checks should be made to Wesley United Methodist Church and in the memo line write – Cash for Causes. This is an ongoing fundraiser so you can purchase cards on Sunday mornings or E-mail or call Sue (drf52@aol.com or 570.387.0402 or 570.594.1914) to let her answer questions or get gift cards to you.

Welcome Spring Cookie Exchange

Sunday, March 31, 2019

2 - 4 o'clock in the afternoon

Bake up two dozen cookies . . .

Think 'spring' --

pastels: green, yellow, etc.



Bring your cookies to the Coffee Cafe
for a social time of tasting one another's cookies.

We'll also make plates of cookies for shut-ins.

Those who are able will deliver cookies to two shut-ins.



Wesley Church Access Reminder

Please remember: the church doors now remain locked at all times. Visitors are asked to ring the buzzer to enter the building (you may be asked to identify yourself).

Because the church is locked at all times, it is important to remember the church office hours:

Monday - Thursday: 8 a.m. - 12 noon and 1 - 5 p.m.

On Friday the office hours are the same with the exception that the office closes at 4 p.m.

Please note the lunch hour of 12 - 1 p.m. when no one may be available to allow you to enter.

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V.I.T.A.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

Free Basic Tax Help by Community Volunteers

Sponsored by The United Way of Columbia and Montour Counties

Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 2 - 6 p.m.
Thursdays from 4 - 8 p.m.

Program runs February 11 - April 4

Program will not run over Spring Break: March 11 - 15.

Volunteers, trained and certified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), will prepare and e-file federal, state and local income tax returns at no cost for low- to moderate-income residents and those age 60 and older. Volunteer training included the Earned Income Tax Credit, the Child Tax Credit, and the Credit for the Elderly or the Disabled.

Taxpayers should bring wage and earnings statements for all employers, known as Form W-2; interest statements from banks, Form 1099; proof of identification for the taxpayer, his or her spouse and any dependents; a copy of last year's tax return; a blank check or other proof of bank account routing numbers and account numbers for direct deposit; and any other relevant income and expense information. For those filing jointly, both spouses must be present to sign the required forms and provide proof of identification, such as a Social Security card or photo ID. Federal refunds generally are received within seven to 10 business days when returns are filed electronically and in conjunction with direct deposit.

Walk-ins are welcome — no appointments will be scheduled.

Wesley United Methodist Church

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Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania ~ wesleybloom.org



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. (Friday: 4 p.m.)

Telephone: 570.784.1407 Fax: 570.784.7937



The hunger for love is much more difficult to remove than the hunger for bread.

Mother Teresa

Share the
love of Christ
on Valentine's Day.