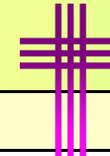
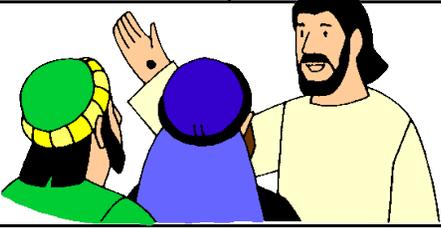


And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. Luke 24: 2 NRSV

April 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
 <p>1:00 Wesley Quilters</p>		<p>8:30 Bloomsburg Ministerium 2:00 - 6:00 V.I.T.A. 5:30 Columbia Child Development Board 6:00 Evangelism Team 6:00 Mission Team</p>	<p>8:00 Teen Pregnancy Prevention Action Coalition 2:00 - 6:00 V.I.T.A. 7:00 AFG Stepping Stones to Recovery</p>	<p>4:00 - 8:00 V.I.T.A. 6:15 Bells In Bloom 6:30 Cub Pack # 25 7:30 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>5:00 Young People's Choir</p> <p style="text-align: center;">— All Church Retreat at Wesley Forest — April 5 - April 7, 2019</p>	<p>10:30 Friendship Meal sponsored by First Columbia Bank</p>
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<p>8:00 Worship/Holy Communion 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 7:00 Starlight</p> 	<p>1:00 Wesley Quilters</p>	<p>1:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00 Theology on Tap BTE's Main Stage</p>	<p>7:00 AFG Stepping Stones to Recovery</p>	<p>12:00 UMW General Mtg. 2:00 Wesley Staff Mtg. 6:15 Bells In Bloom 6:30 Cub Pack # 25 7:30 Chancel Choir</p> 	<p>8:30 Adopt-A-Highway Litter Pick-Up 10:30 Friendship Meal sponsored by Wesley UMW 7:00 Cornerstone Concert Series: Yale Whiffenpoofs</p>	
PALM SUNDAY 14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<p>8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 6:00 G.L.O.W. Seder</p>	<p>1:00 Wesley Quilters</p>	<p>7:00 Journey Through Grief</p> 	<p>6:30 Board of Trustees 7:00 AFG Stepping Stones to Recovery</p>	<p>MAUNDY THURSDAY 18 2:30 Holy Communion at Bloom Health 7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion</p>	<p>GOOD FRIDAY 19 5:30 G.L.O.W. Egg Dying 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service of Tenebrae</p>	<p>8:00 Men's Breakfast at Morris' Montour Blvd. 10:30 Friendship Meal sponsored by Open Door Christian Fellowship</p>
EASTER SUNDAY 21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<p>6:30 Worship 8:00 Easter Breakfast 9:15 Easter Egg Hunt 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship</p> 	<p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>6:30 Permanent Endowment Committee</p>	<p>7:00 AFG Stepping Stones to Recovery</p>	<p>2:00 Wesley Staff Mtg. 6:15 Bells In Bloom 6:30 Cub Pack # 25 7:30 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>5:00 Young People's Choir 5:30 G.L.O.W. Chocolate Dipping Activity</p>	<p>10:30 Friendship Meal sponsored by Saint Columba Life Teen</p>
28	29	30				
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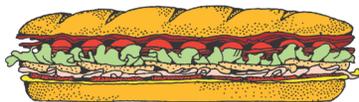
Grand Piano Fundraiser

Hoagie Sale

Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019

Regular subs, only: \$4

On Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019, Wesley Church's Chancel Choir will sponsor a hoagie sale to benefit the purchase of a grand piano.



Hoagies will be available in the church kitchen on that morning between worship services and after the 10:30 a.m. service.

Deadline to order is Sunday, April 7, 2019.

⇒ I would like to order hoagies for Sunday, April 14, 2019.

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Number of regular hoagies with onions: _____ without onions: _____

Total due: \$ _____

Complete this form, and place the *entire sheet* in the offering plate, or take it to the church office.

Wesley Tradings

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

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April Worship at Wesley Church

Sunday, April 7
Worship at 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Sermon Topic: "Greed"

Sunday, April 14 ~ Palm Sunday
Worship at 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Sermon Topic: "Gluttony at the Gate"

Thursday, April 18 ~ Maundy Thursday Worship at 7 p.m.

Friday, April 19 ~ Good Friday Worship at 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 21 ~ Easter Sunday Morning
Awe Inspiring Sunrise Worship
At the Chapman Farm ~ 6:30 (includes coffee and donuts!)
Delicious Easter Breakfast
In the Wesley Coffee Cafe ~ 8 o'clock (bring a breakfast food to share)
Traditional Easter Worship
In Wesley's Sanctuary ~ 10:30

Please note: on Sunday, April 28, there will be one combined worship service at 10:30 a.m.
Reverend Jason Mackey will be the guest speaker.

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Spring Is Upon Us!

By Jennifer Anderson, Coordinator of Adult Ministries

*May my teaching drop as the rain,
my speech distil as the dew,
as the gentle rain upon the tender grass,
as the showers upon the herb.*

~ Deuteronomy 32: 2



Though it's difficult to think about, with winter still fresh in our minds and frigid winds chilling our bones, Spring is upon us! Nature is awakening. Soon the grass will be green, leaves will cover the trees, and there will be rain. So. Much. Rain.

The rains will come to renew the earth, to fill our reservoirs, and bring new life to our town. It is the promise of Spring; new life is evident all around. Not coincidentally, this season brings Easter, the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the promise of eternal life in heaven for all those who believe. Jesus died so we could be forgiven our sins — made new like the tulips that bloom from bulbs left behind the previous year.

During this season of rebirth and renewal, many of us feel the need to purge our lives of things we no longer need. Whether you do this by giving something up for Lent or by going the "spring cleaning" route, I urge you to turn to the Lord and ask His guidance. What really needs to change in your life? Is it something material? Chances are that it's something more spiritual.

Those clothes you haven't worn in a year: are you really ever going to wear them again or are you holding onto them "just in case?" When you go through your closet and dresser drawers, consider those who may be living with just one outfit, threadbare and worn. What about those old cell phones collecting dust? Donate them to a women's shelter so those in crisis have a way to call for help. Don't simply think of what you can get rid of, but rather remember the ways you can help those less fortunate.

Looking toward the future, there are many ways of improving your life and getting closer to God. Continuous prayer for ourselves, our neighbors, and our church are imperative. Helping each other, looking out for one another no matter where they may be in their faith journeys, is what is asked of us day in and day out. Coming together to worship and learn will help us understand how to better be the hands and feet of God here on Earth.

While our church has many differing ways to achieve this goal, it is my hope to provide more opportunities to find our place within the church. Many of you are busy with lives outside of the church, working and tending to your homes and families, and even getting to church on Sunday is a Herculean effort. It is my hope that one of the many studies, small groups, and outreach efforts I'm planning will assist you in getting closer to God and finding your faith in this world of social media and instant gratification. Keep your eyes open for more details in the coming months.

For now, I compel you all to pray: Pray for each other, pray for our church, pray for our community, our friends, and those with whom we may not see eye to eye. We are all brothers and sisters in Christ. We are stronger when we stand together and learn from each other. As the flowers bloom, the birds return, and seasonal allergies test our patience, remember to look out for one another and to seek out ways to grow closer to God.



Don't Miss These . . .



Combined Worship with Jason Mackey Sunday, April 28 ~ 10:30 a.m.

Come, be part of the combined worship service at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 28. The special guest speaker will be Reverend Jason Mackey of the Susquehanna Conference office. Reverend Mackey was appointed last year as the new director of Connectional Ministries and Administrative Services of the Susquehanna Annual Conference. In addition to previously pastoring several churches, Reverend Mackey has also served as the chairperson of the Susquehanna Conference Board of Pensions and Health Benefits, as well as being a part of the Sessions Committee.



Facing The Issues — “Climate Change” Sunday, May 5 ~ 12 noon

After the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, May 5, you will want to come for an invigorating and enlightening discussion on the topic of “Climate Change.” Dr. Michael Shepard, professor and chair remote sensing, Planetary Geology, and Geophysics at Bloomsburg University will speak and lead this timely discussion.

Whip up a favorite covered dish, and join your Wesley friends at 12 noon in the Coffee Café for a time of food and discussion. All are invited, so bring a friend, neighbor, or relative. The “Climate Change” event will end at approximately 1:30 p.m.



Theology on Tap — Is Back!

Tuesday, April 9, 2019 ~ 7 p.m. ~ BTE's Main Stage

Childhood Needs of our Community *and* (Before & After School) Opportunities

Speakers . . .

Adrienne Mael, CEO/President of United Way of Columbia and Montour Counties
and United Way intern, Kylie Brazil (in the social work program of B.U.)

This presentation will cover basic childhood development needs and how we as a community can support our children's best interest with programs and facilities that assist working families. This grass roots effort could be the start of new and exciting programs for our youth here in Bloomsburg.

“Theology on Tap” is sponsored by The First Presbyterian Church, Trinity United Church of Christ, and Wesley United Methodist Church. This time is open to everyone, so bring a friend, relative, or neighbor.

“O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, faintheartedness, lust of power, and idle talk.

“But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience and love to your servant.

“Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own sin and not to judge my brother, for You are blessed from all ages to all ages. Amen”

~ St. Ephraim the Syrian, 306 - 973 A.D.
Deacon, theologian, and hymnographer

Here's What's Coming for the UMW in April

By Judy Ryan, Communications Chairperson

Wesley UMW
April General Meeting
Program: "Mission Central"



Thursday, April 11, Bag Lunch at 12 noon

Please plan to be part of this informative and interesting meeting.

The special guest speaker will present a program on Susquehanna Conference's Mission Central. Bring a bag lunch to share during a time of fellowship prior to a short business meeting and the program.

Those who attend should also bring an item to benefit the Mission Central Warehouse.

Come, be a part of this UMW gathering, and invite a friend or neighbor to join us

The UMW indoor **YARD SALE**
will return

Friday, May 17, 2019 & Saturday, May 18, 2019

The time for the UMW Indoor Yard Sale is quickly approaching. Your donations of unwanted treasures will be appreciated — please continue to stockpile them at home.

Beginning on Monday, May 6, and through Thursday, May 16, you may begin to bring your items to the church gym.



Thank You!

There's nothing like a homemade baked item to satisfy the taste buds and, you, the congregation and friends of Wesley Church provided a scrumptious array of baked goods for the UMW bake sale held in conjunction with the Men of Wesley's annual spaghetti dinner during the month of February. To all those who baked, and to all those who made purchases, please know how much all the members of the Wesley United Methodist Women appreciate your generosity and your support. The sale was a huge success, and the proceeds will benefit various mission projects of the Wesley UMW.

*With Sincere Thanks,
Mollie Harris, Bake Sale Coordinator*

Much More Yet To Come For The Wesley UMW

Women of Wesley . . . don't miss these special events coming up this year.



- April 6: Lewisburg District UMW Spiritual Enrichment Day at Trinity UMC, Middleburg, PA.
- April 11: General Meeting with bag lunch and guest speaker from Mission Central
- April 27: Mission U Team/UMW Executive Team, First UMC, Muncy
- May 9: General Meeting with bag lunch and guest speaker, Liz Emerick from the American Cancer Association
- May 17 - May 18: UMW Indoor Yard Sale in the Wesley gymnasium
- May 21: Dinner for Ronald McDonald House
- 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

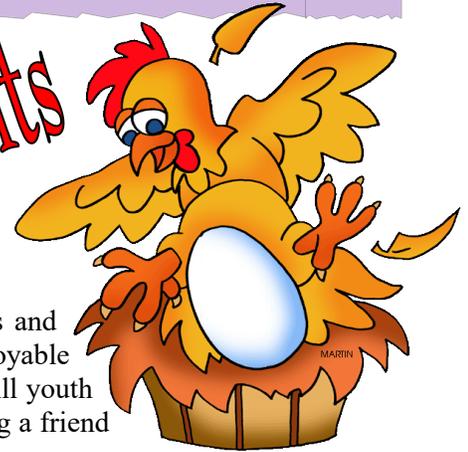
EASTER EGG HUNT



Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019 ~ Beginning at 9:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Hidden eggs will include candy and small prizes. Golden egg finders will receive an extra prize. Children of all ages are invited! Each child should bring her or his own basket.

G.L.O.W. Youth April Events



By Janet Bodenman and John Bodenman, UMYF Co-Leaders

With the month of April comes Holy Week and Easter and all the activities and worship services this time of year brings. The month also includes some fun and enjoyable events, so take a look the highlights below for an idea of what's in store this spring. All youth in Grades 6 - 12 are welcome to be part of G.L.O.W. — don't forget to invite and bring a friend to any youth gatherings. Be sure to mark your calendars for the following:

Friday, April 5 - Sunday, April 7 (6 p.m., Friday - 12 noon, Sunday)

All-Church Wesley Forest Spring Retreat

All youth should plan to attend the Wesley Forest Spring Retreat. It will be a weekend of reconnecting with one another and with our God in the beauty of Wesley Forest.



Saturday, April 13 ~ 7 p.m. ~ Wesley Sanctuary

Yale Whiffenpoofs Concert

You'll not want to miss this concert by the famous Whiffenpoofs (ticket information can be found on page 12).



Palm Sunday, April 14 ~ 6 - 8 p.m. ~ Wesley Church Upper Rooms

Christian Seder Meal

On this Palm Sunday, during this re-enactment of a traditional "Christian" Seder Meal, learn what it must have been like for Jesus and the disciples at the Last Supper.



Maundy Thursday, April 18 ~ 7 p.m. ~ Wesley Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday Worship

Youth, plan to attend the Maundy Thursday worship service that includes the Sacrament of Holy Communion.



Friday, April 19 ~ 5:30 - 8 p.m. ~ Social Room and Sanctuary

Egg Dying and Good Friday Worship

Youth, meet for dinner. Bring hard boiled eggs to dye for the Community Friendship Meal. After the egg-coloring activity, youth are encouraged to attend the Good Friday Service of Tenebrae.



Easter Sunday — No G.L.O.W. — Celebrate our Risen Savior on Easter.

Attend either the 6:30 a.m. sunrise service or the 10:30 a.m. traditional worship service.



Friday, April 26 ~ 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Chocolate-Dipping Activity

Help dip things in chocolate when the members of the G.L.O.W. Youth mission team prepare for their annual chocolate strawberry and pretzel fundraiser.

Wesley Scholarship Applications Available April 1



Applications for the Wesley United Methodist Church Scholarship Program have been updated and will be available in the church office beginning Monday, April 1. This scholarship is largely made possible by gifts from Mrs. Grace Keller, Mrs. Alice Magee, and Dr. C. Stuart Edwards — along with some more recent contributors.

The Wesley Scholarship is provided to assist students in defraying the cost of post-secondary education. To be eligible, persons must be active members of Wesley and enrolled in an accredited college, university, or vocational/technical school. Please note that the Wesley Scholarship is now a renewable scholarship that is available to all students of higher education whether or not a scholarship had been awarded to them in the past.

The deadline to apply for this year's Wesley Scholarship is May 15, so students should allow enough time to request the required letters of recommendation for the scholarship packet. Absolutely no applications will be accepted after this time. Persons interested in obtaining a scholarship application should stop at the church office.

I believe that we learn by practice. Whether it means to learn to dance by practicing dancing or to learn to live by practicing living, the principles are the same. In each, it is the performance of a dedicated precise set of acts, physical or intellectual, from which comes shape of achievement, a sense of one's being, a satisfaction of spirit. One becomes, in some area, an athlete of God. Practice means to perform, over and over again in the face of all obstacles, some act of vision, of faith, of desire. Practice is a means of inviting the perfection desired.

~ Martha Graham, 1894 (Allegheny County, PA) - 1991
American Modern Dancer and Choreographer

Graduate Recognition Sunday To Be Observed June 9

Graduates, please provide your graduating information . . .



Wesley is proud of all its 2019 graduates and can't wait to recognize each one at church on Sunday, June 9. During the 10:30 a.m. worship service on that day, graduates of high school, college, or any other institutions of higher education will be recognized for their achievement.

So that no one is missed, graduates are asked to supply the church office with the information regarding this milestone in their lives. The information you provide will be included with the Graduate Recognition edition of the Sunday worship folder on June 9 and will be published in the June/July issue of *Wesley Tidings*. To help the church office receive the proper statistics, graduates are asked to provide the information required by completing this form and placing it in the Sunday offering plate or by mailing it or bringing it to the church office. Thanks for helping to make this a meaningful celebration for all Wesley graduates.

Graduate's Full Name and Graduating School

Parents of Graduate: _____

College Degree (if applicable): _____

Future Plans (further education [school and major area of study] or employment): _____

Notes From Your Director of Music

By Jordan Markham, Director of Music

Thank you so much to all those who attended Wesley Church's two fundraisers last month to benefit the purchase of a grand piano — Panera Bread and our first Open Mic Night. With the help of about ten volunteers, we turned the gym into a gorgeous cabaret lounge. If you weren't able to attend this time, be on the lookout for the next one . . . I promise you don't want to miss it again! Our profits from these two events have not yet been calculated, but approximately \$300 or more was raised. The music ministry will next hold a hoagie sale and a silent auction to benefit the grand piano purchase. A hoagie order form is included with this newsletter, and information regarding the silent auction will be forthcoming. So far 37 keys have been sold and two donors have given a total of \$1,700. If you haven't

yet done so, please consider giving to this campaign and purchasing a key. Our goal is to dedicate this piano on Easter Sunday. This piano will not only be a visible sign of growth but a sign of hope and encouragement to our congregation and community.

While many churches are struggling to reach their community and younger generations, Wesley is thriving in that respect. Our Choral Scholars Program has done exactly what it was intended to do — it has brought in four scholars, but also brought in non-paid singers to participate in the music ministry of Wesley Church.

The Cornerstone Concert Series is another way that our music program reaches out to the community. The Yale Whiffenpoofs are the most well-known collegiate cappella group in the United States. We have a few premium seats available, and free general seating remain, as well. All tickets, premium or free, should be purchased or reserved via our online ticketing site in order to be seated first (see next page for website to order tickets).

As some of you know, I am also the artistic director of The Central Pennsylvania Womyn's Chorus, CPWC, in Harrisburg. This year our concert is in collaboration with PAIRWN, The PA Immigrant and Refugee Women's Network. Throughout the concert we will present stories by members of PAIRWN. CPWC is the first and only women's chorus in Central PA. This group has performed nationally and

THE CORNERSTONE CONCERT SERIES
PRESENTS

YALE WHIFFENPOOFS

America's Oldest Collegiate A Cappella Group!



For Tickets, visit: WESLEYBLOOM.BROWNPAPERTICKETS.COM or purchase at the door beginning at 6 pm that evening.

Ticket prices range from FREE—\$35

Doors open at 6:15 for *Premium* and *Advanced* Ticket Holders,
6:30 for general public

SATURDAY APRIL 13, 2019
7 PM

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Third & Market Street Bloomsburg PA 570-784-1407

Music Notes, continued

internationally, and three years ago performed to a packed house of 2,500 people in Denver, Colorado, receiving five separate standing ovations. This concert will be an encore program to The Cornerstone Concert Series and all proceeds will go into the series for next year's season. Please join us for these incredible concerts.

For tickets to the concert by the Yale Whiffenpofts, go to:

WESLEYBLOOM.BROWNPAPERTICKETS.COM

Central PA Womyn's Chorus &
Pennsylvania Immigrant and Refugee Women's Network
present a collaboration of song and story...

We Rise Again

Artistic Director
Jordan R. Markham



Central PA
Womyn's Chorus
Giving Voice to Our Community



Supported by
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SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2019

Wesley United Methodist Church
130 W 3rd Street
Bloomsburg, PA
Showtime: 3:30 p.m.

Suggested
Donation
\$10



WWW.CPWCHORUS.ORG

A Starlight Thank You



By Jane and Brian Bercher
Starlight Leaders

The members of Starlight would like to thank the Men of Wesley for once again inviting them to run a coat check during this year's spaghetti dinner. We so appreciate being able to serve others in this special way. With the donations we received, we were able to purchase a key in support of the Sanctuary Piano Fundraiser's Campaign for a grand piano for Wesley United Methodist Church. As shown in the photo above, Deb Hartman, Derek Confer, and Jane Bercher presented the donation to Jordan Markham.

Thank you to all who supported Starlight's coat check at this year's spaghetti dinner.

Music does a lot of things for a lot of people. It's transporting, for sure. It can take you right back, years back, to the very moment certain things happened in your life. It's uplifting, it's encouraging, it's strengthening.

~ Aretha Franklin
1942 - 2018
Singer, pianist,
songwriter

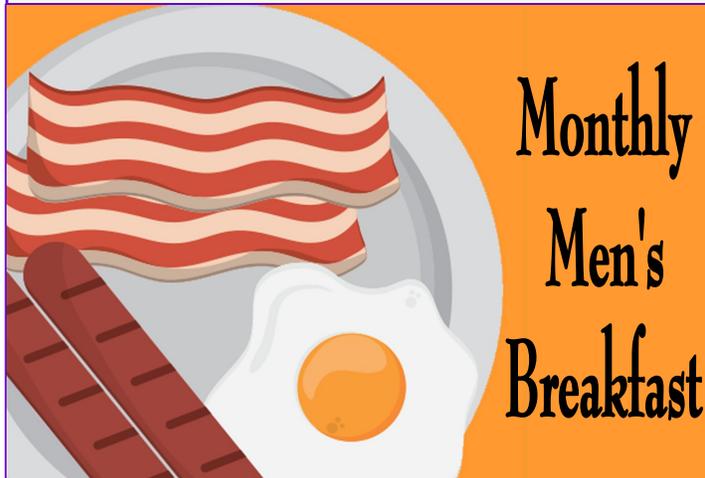
Adopt-A-Highway Litter Pick-Up

Saturday, April 13, 2019 ~ 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, April 21, to take part in the spring 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 is a semi-annual project that 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 take place the following Saturday: April 20. For additional details, contact Brian Willie at 570.316.7457 or mustang3@ptd.net.



Monthly Men's Breakfast

Calling all men: mark your calendars for the monthly men's breakfast on the third Saturday of every month.

The April breakfast takes place April 20 at 8 a.m.

Morris Family Restaurant
Montour Boulevard, Bloomsburg

All men are invited! Bring a friend or neighbor.

Did you know that, by being part of the Adopt-A-Highway program:

- collaboratively, thousands of miles of Pennsylvania roadway are cleaned, and millions of pounds of litter are removed.
- Wesley Church continues to enhance its social responsibility helping to bring about environmental awareness throughout the community.
- Wesley Church can help inspire other companies and individuals to take on environmental initiatives.

Food Cupboard Needs for April . . .



Canned Soup & Canned Vegetables

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

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

Remember:
Food Cupboard contributions can be placed there at any time during the week.



Thank you for helping those who are hungry.

Keeping Up With The Wesley LAMs

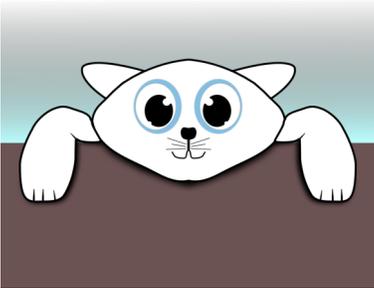
By Cynthia Willis, LAMs Visitation Coordinator

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

John Babb

John is a well-known Bloomsburg educator and coach
— and active in a variety of ways at Wesley Church.

Thanks, John!



Journey Through Grief on April 16.

Journey Through Grief is a time for those who are dealing with loss, to be together and be with God, in a relaxing and refreshing way. It is a time to let God remove all those things that are causing pain and anxiety as a result of great loss in our lives. Grief can appear for many reasons, and we all experience grief at some point or another. Please know all are welcome who are dealing with grief.

Please note: The April gathering of Journey through Grief will take place in the Lenten prayer chapel at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16. Remember that the Murray Avenue door will be locked, so be patient as it might take a few minutes to unlock it for you.

Especially for the LAMs during April . . .

Holy Communion at Geisinger Bloomsburg Care Center
(211 East First Street, Bloomsburg)

Thursday, April 18, 2019 ~ 2:30 p.m. ~ second floor activities center

Worship leaders are Sandy Cooper, Janet Lee, and Gloria Young



Worship at Brookdale Assisted Living Center
(420 Shaffer Road, Bloomsburg)

Sunday, April 28, 2019 ~ 2 p.m. ~ activities center

Worship leaders are Todd Davis and Alicia Reisinger



A special Easter card is being prepared for the Wesley LAMs.
If you would like to deliver a card or two, check the appropriate box on
the Sunday Communication Card or contact Cynthia Willis at 570.784.1407,
or cwillis@wesleybloom.org. Cards will be delivered April 19 - 21.

April Greeters/10:30 a.m.

April 7, The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Deborah and William Forsythe ~ Third Street
April and Dennis Frohlich ~ Market Street

April 14, Palm Sunday

Kristene and John Reibsome ~ Third Street
Louise Eister and Kay Hammaker ~ Market Street

April 21, Easter Sunday

Joshua and Kaen White ~ Third Street
Rebecca and Kale White ~ Market Street

April 28, The First Sunday of Easter

Gerri Danilowicz ~ Third Street
Betty Brown ~ Market Street

April Greeters/Ushers/8 a.m.

April 7 ~ Melissa and Terry Everhart
April 14, Palm Sunday ~ Debbie and Bill Maximiek
April 21 and April 28 ~ No 8 a.m. worship

April Ushers/10:30 a.m./Holy Week

Sandy Cooper ~ Louise Eister ~ Glenda Kowalski
Sandra Norton ~ Linda Stiansen ~ Eileen Thomas

Holy Week Greeters

April 18, Maundy Thursday

Tana and David Cooper ~ Third Street
Billee Horn ~ Market Street

April 19, Good Friday

Phil and Ben Burrell ~ Third Street
Allison and Abby Burrell ~ Market Street

April Sound Technicians

April 7 ~ Spencer Ross, 8 a.m.; Steve Karaffa, 10:30 a.m.
April 14 ~ Spencer Ross, 8 a.m.; Jacob Cuddeback, 10:30 a.m.
April 18, Maundy Thursday ~ Steve Karaffa, 7 p.m.
April 19, Good Friday ~ John Stone, 7 p.m.
April 21, Easter Sunday ~ Phil Burrell, 10:30 a.m.
April 28 ~ John Stone, 10:30 a.m.

April Altar Guild

Laura Powell

LAMs April Birthday

Pastor Tom Young ~ April 15

330 Hemlock Lane
Frenchville, PA 16836

Pastor Bruce Fisher ~ April 19

37173 Orders Road, Apt. 125
Grove City, OH 43123

April Acolytes

April 7

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

April 14, Palm Sunday

Zoe Ross, 8 a.m.
Maggie Hosler ~ 10:30 a.m.

April 18, Maundy Thursday

Ben Burrell, 7 p.m.

April 19, Good Friday

Abby Burrell, 7 p.m.

April 21, Easter Sunday

Evan Long, 10:30 a.m.

April 28

John Bodenman, 10:30 a.m.

April Liturgists

April 7

Jennifer Anderson, 8 a.m.
Robert Dunkelberger, 10:30 a.m.

April 14, Palm Sunday

Cathy Casey, 8 a.m.
Todd Davis, 10:30 a.m.

April 18, Maundy Thursday

Jane Bercher

April 19, Good Friday

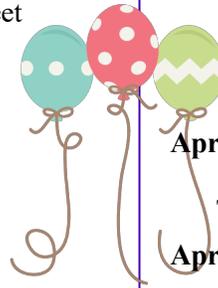
Robert Dunkelberger

April 21, Easter Sunday

John Reibsome, 10:30 a.m.

April 28

Pastor Mark, 10:30 a.m.



April Combined Nursery Volunteers

(10:30 a.m. Worship Services)

April 7

Louise Grove
Nichol Reinford
Abby Burrell

April 14, Palm Sunday

Brian Bercher
Jane Bercher
Makiah Brewer

April 21, Easter Sunday

Volunteers Needed

April 28

Glenda Kowalski
Raven Reinford
Adria Unger

Children's Chat Leaders

April 14 ~ Laura Davis

April 28 ~ Kathy Beidler

*Do not abandon
yourselves to despair. We are
the Easter people and
hallelujah is our song.*

~ Pope John Paul II
1920 - 2005

April Projectionists

April 7 ~ Ross Family, 8 a.m.; John Stone, 10:30 a.m.

April 14, Palm Sunday ~ Ross Family, 8 a.m.; Josh Flook, 10:30 a.m.

April 18, Maundy Thursday ~ Josh Flook, 7 p.m.

April 19, Good Friday ~ Tom Ross, 7 p.m.

April 21, Easter Sunday ~ Ben Burrell, 10:30 a.m.

April 28 ~ Phil Burrell, 10:30 a.m.



Have unwanted yarn?

The members of Wesley's Prayer Shawl Ministry
would like to donate yarn to the crocheters at
the Columbia County Prison
and possibly restock their own yarn supply.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will take your leftovers --
or you can purchase new yarn to donate.

Yarn donations can be dropped off at the church office
or left at the Donation Station.
Please mark it for "Prayer Shawl Ministry."

February 24 - March 24, 2019, Attendance and Offering Statistics

Date	Attendance	Offering
Sunday, February 24	24 (8 a.m.), 107 (10:30 a.m.) = 131	\$11,783.71
Sunday, March 3	29 (8 a.m.), 110 (10:30 a.m.) = 139	\$6,024.25
Sunday, March 10	29 (8 a.m.), 108 (10:30 a.m.) = 137	\$6,165.46
Sunday, March 17	30 (8 a.m.), 123 (10:30 a.m.) = 153	\$6,229.86
Sunday, March 24	45 (8 a.m.), 137 (10:30 a.m.) = 182	\$6,339.12





The Church Office Bulletin Board

**cash for
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the simple solution to community fundraising

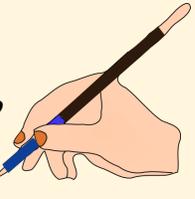


Giant Food Stores & Weis Markets Gift Cards

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 2019 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.

Special Thanks

The church office wishes to convey a very heartfelt “thank you” to Sonny Frederick for making the trip to Selinsgrove to pick up this year’s order of paper from the Susquehanna Conference Paper Co-op.



Sonny not only picked up this annual supply of paper using his own vehicle, but single-handedly loaded and unloaded the paper and transported it to the paper supply room and placed each carton in its proper location. The church office — and the entire staff — is very appreciative.

The deadline to submit information for the

May issue
of *Wesley Tidings*
is Saturday, April 13.



Send your latest news to
ethomas@wesleybloom.org.



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

Easter Sunday will be a glorious celebration of the resurrection, and Wesley Church is expecting a full congregation of both adults and children. So that young children can be cared for during the worship service at 10:30 a.m., volunteers are needed to staff the combined nursery. If you might be willing to help care for our youngsters, please call the church office at 570.784.1407.



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A Little Holy Week & Easter History



When is Easter?

Christmas is December 25; Valentine's Day is February 14; Halloween is October 31 — but when is Easter? Each year we have to look at a calendar to find out when Easter is, for this moveable feast can occur any time from March 22 to April 25. Why is this so?

The yearly celebration of Jesus' resurrection is the oldest feast of the Christian Church, and the resurrection is the central belief of the Christian faith. According to the Bible, Jesus Christ's death and resurrection occurred around the time of the Jewish Passover, which was celebrated on the first full moon following the vernal equinox. This soon led to Christians celebrating Easter on different dates. At the end of the second century, some churches celebrated Easter on the day of the Passover, while others celebrated it on the following Sunday.

Holy Week

The observance of the week before Easter as Holy Week probably began in the fourth century when pilgrimages to Jerusalem began. Christians used liturgical drama to re-enact the last scenes of Christ on earth. On Palm Sunday, they re-enacted Christ's joyous entry in Jerusalem. Maundy Thursday's love feast and foot washing recalled the institution of the Lord's Supper. The Good Friday of the crucifixion became a day of deepest penance and fasting. On the evening of the Great Sabbath, during that time when Christ lay in the grave, the Easter vigils began with Scripture reading, singing, and prayer. Everyone poured into the church with light to await the glorious resurrection morning.

Sunrise Worship

The first Easter sunrise service recorded took place in 1732 in the Moravian congregation at Herrnhut, Germany, in the Upper Lusatian hills of Saxony. After an all-night prayer vigil, the Single Brethren — the unmarried men of the community — went to the town graveyard on the hill above the town to sing hymns of praise to the Risen Savior. The following year, the whole congregation joined in the service. Thereafter, the Easter morning or sunrise service spread around the world with the Moravian missionaries. The procession to the graveyard is accompanied by the antiphonal playing of chorales by brass choirs.

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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.

Telephone: 570.784.1407 Fax: 570.784.7937

Lenten Prayer Chapel

Available now through Easter, April 21, 2019

At the top of the stairs leading to Wesley's education wing,
you will find a place where you can take time to
rest, pray, and meditate with the Lord.
Light a candle as you pray and center your spirit.

In the back of the prayer chapel will be an area to assemble cards to
be distributed to homebound members at Eastertime.
Please join together, and be a part of this event.

The Lenten Prayer Chapel is available on Sunday mornings, during regular church office hours,
and during times of activities and events at the church.