

Forgiven but Unforgiving

Matthew 18:21-35

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ September 14, 2014

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.

Pastor: Gary D. Weaver ~ Minister of Music: Patricia W. Gensemer

Acolytes: Hanna Everhart, 8 a.m.; Keith Nissen 10:30 a.m.

Liturgists: Jennifer Anderson, 8 a.m.; Dawn Bressler, 10:30 a.m.

The altar flowers are presented to the glory of God and in honor of
All the Choirs of Wesley Church
by Gloria and Keith Young.

Let us know you worshipped at Wesley Church this morning by completing the communication/attendance registration card which was handed to you when you entered the sanctuary. Families can sign just one card but should list each individual in the family in attendance. If you have recently moved or changed telephone numbers, be sure to indicate that information. New residents and visitors: please provide as much of the contact information as possible.

Each week on the reverse side of the communication card, you will find a list of opportunities in which you can become involved at Wesley Church. This week's card includes several for you to consider. These are only for your consideration; you are not obligated to check any of these boxes. Completed cards should be deposited in the baskets located near each entrance — or place in the offering plate.

Thank you for letting us know you worshipped at Wesley today.

Wesley United Methodist Church

130 West Third Street, Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania 17815-1709

Telephone: 570.784.1407 Fax: 570.784.7937 www.wesleybloom.org

Welcome to 8 a.m. worship at Wesley Church

*Please stand where indicated by the asterisk.



THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

"Amazing Grace"arr. George Shearing

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, "We will go into the house of the Lord." (*Psalm 122: 1*)
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: The risen Christ is with us!

People: Praise the Lord!

*THE GLORIA PATRI UMH # 70

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

*THE HYMN

"Freely, Freely" UMH # 389

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed UMH # 881

THE CHILDREN'S CHAT

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

The Psalter (read responsively)
Psalm 23 UMH # 754

*The Gospel Lesson

Matthew 18: 21 - 35 New Testament Pew Bible Pages 18/19

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON Pastor Gary Weaver

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF GOD

THE OFFERING with organ offertory

"Near to the Heart of God" Stan Pethel

THE DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD UMH # 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*SIGNS OF PEACE AND HOSPITALITY

*THE HYMN

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" UMH # 121

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

"Go Forth for God" Robert Powell

Welcome to 10:30 a.m. worship at Wesley Church

***Please stand where indicated by the asterisk.**

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love" arr. Peter Scholtes

THE HYMN

"Freely, Freely" UMH # 389

A SCRIPTURAL WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

*THE HYMN

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" UMH # 121

*SIGNS OF PEACE AND HOSPITALITY

THE ANTHEM by The Sanctuary Choir

"Child of God" arr. Larry Goss

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF GOD and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE CHILDREN'S CHAT

THE OFFERING

*THE GOSPEL LESSON

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON Pastor Gary Weaver

*THE HYMN

"Shalom To You" UMH # 666 (sing twice)

*THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

*THE POSTLUDE

"Go Forth for God" Robert Powell



Today's Sanctuary Choir anthem is presented in loving memory of
ELOISE COUNCILMAN (Joan Ogden's mother)
by The Sojourners Class.
It is sung today in honor of Fred and Joan Ogden.

Sign Up To Volunteer At The Wesley Fair Tent

The Bloomsburg Fair gets underway this week, and there are still opportunities for you to volunteer at Wesley's Fair tent. The Fair Tent Team is asking for volunteers to work between the hours of 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. beginning this Saturday, September 20, and continuing through the close of the Fair on Saturday, September 27.



Please consider working a 2½ hour shift at the tent — or an entire day, if you would like. The main responsibility of the volunteers is to greet Fair-goers who visit the tent. Also needed are volunteers who would like to be available to those who request prayer.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to be a part of the great Bloomsburg Fair while greeting those who attend on behalf of your church. If you would like to be part of Wesley's Fair Tent Ministry, please see the sign-up sheet display in the Third Street narthex. Wesley Fair tent volunteers will be provided with a free pass for admittance to the Fairgrounds on the day(s) of your service.

Serving you today . . .

Greeters	Jennie King, Third Street; Terry King, Market Street; 8 a.m. Nancy and David Swisher, Third Street, 10:30 a.m.; Gloria and Richard Cope, Market Street, 10:30 a.m.
Ushers (8 a.m.)	Jennie and Terry King
Ushers (10:30 a.m.)	Wendy Criqui, Joe Darlington, Gary Erwine, Cindy Gensemer, Tom Gensemer, Judy Krum, and Wendy Krum
Children's Chat Presenter	Jane Bercher
Sound Technicians	John Shively, 8 a.m.; John Stone, 10:30 a.m.
Projectionists	Doug Kovach, 8 a.m. Joshua Flook, 10:30 a.m.
Nursery Volunteers	Jennie King, combined nursery, 8 a.m. Ginny Herring and Kalina Nissen, infant nursery, 10:30 am. Beverly Wintersteen and Adam Kopitsky, toddler/pre-school nursery, 10:30 a.m.
September Altar Guild	Judy Krum and Wendy Krum

Sunday School at Wesley

If you do not currently attend a Sunday School class, consider being part of one of the many Wesley Church has to offer. There are classes for all ages, and adult classes offer a wide selection of topics. To learn more about Sunday School at Wesley, talk with Dawn Bressler, director of Christian education, or contact her at 570.784.1407 or E-mail christianed@wesleybloom.org. We'll be looking for you in Sunday School soon.

Food Cupboard needs for the month of September

Dry Pasta ~ Spaghetti Sauce
(no glass containers, please)



Please bring a donation of these items when you come to worship during the month of September — or at any time during the week.

Items can be left at the Donation Station inside the Murray Avenue door.

Thank you for helping those who are hungry.

Coming next month: the Men of Wesley's Crusade for Food. Watch for sales on non-perishable items and stock-up ahead of time for this annual drive that also benefits The Bloomsburg Food Cupboard.

Bells In Bloom Annual Nut Sale

It's time once again to place an order for delicious Terri Lynn products being sold by the Bells In Bloom handbell choir, and Sandy Darlington will be available to take your order this morning in the Coffee Café. You will want to purchase several of these delectable fruit, nut, candy, and granola products for your snacking pleasure — or for a special treat for someone on your gift list.



During the week, see any member of Bells In Bloom, or stop at the church office. You won't want to miss purchasing several of these scrumptious goodies. Show your support of the projects and efforts of Bells In Bloom by placing your order soon.

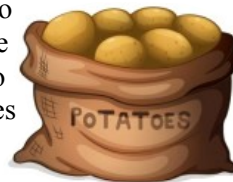


Wesley Tumblers For Sale ~ \$12 each

The Evangelism Team offers, for sale, a portion of the tumblers which are given to first-time visitors. The tumblers are stainless steel inside and out with an easy-to-grasp design. See Pat Weir to make your purchase. Tumblers will also be available in the church office on weekdays.

Potato Patch Harvest

Mike Miller has announced that the next harvest at Wesley's potato patch will take place this coming Saturday, September 20, beginning at 8:30 a.m. All interested persons are invited to come to the patch at the Chapman Farm to help dig potatoes that will benefit The Bloomsburg Food Cupboard. Be sure to wear old clothes and bring gloves. For directions to the patch, or for additional information, contact Mike at 570.204.7122.



Wesley United Methodist Youth Corner

✧ Celebrations!

Today

6:30 - 8 p.m.

Welcome back to "regular" UMYF. There will be a BIG treat, games, and devotions. Youth, come, invite a friend for this event.

✧ Potato Patch Harvest

Saturday, September 20

8:30 a.m.

Youth should come, help dig potatoes at Wesley's potato patch. Meet at the Chapman Farm or, if you need directions or a ride, call Janet Bodenman at 570.387.8975.

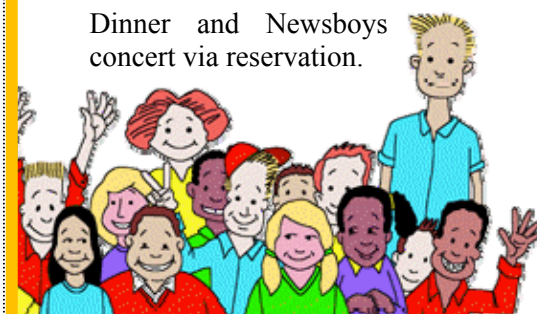
✧ Bloomsburg Fair

Next Sunday

Youth will help at Wesley's Fair tent next Sunday. Additional details will be forthcoming.

Monday, September 22

Dinner and Newsboys concert via reservation.



New York City Trip ~ Saturday, October 25



On Saturday, October 25, 2014, thirty people from Wesley Church will be traveling via bus to New York City to see the play "Les Mis." There are currently seventeen seats open on the bus. These seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis, to anyone who might want to take the trip into the city for a day of sightseeing, shopping, entertainment, etc. Please note, this is a day on your own and does not include tickets to "Les Mis" (if you are interested in seeing this show, or any other show while you are in New York, you will have to call and purchase tickets on your own. Please check to make sure the show coincides with the "Les Mis" show times).

The bus will leave Wesley at 6:30 a.m. to arrive in New York at 9:30 a.m. It will leave the city at approximately 5 or 5:30 p.m. for the return trip home. There will be a stop at the Rockaway Mall for a bite to eat. The bus will arrive back in Bloomsburg around 9 or 9:30 p.m.

The cost for the bus only is \$20.

Reservations must be to the church office by Wednesday, October 1, by completing and returning this form and including the \$20 cost. To check the availability of seats, contact Letha Stone at 570.204.6544.

Yes, I/we are interested in taking advantage of the extra seats on the New York City bus trip.

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

_____ number of seats x \$20 = _____

Checks should be made payable to Wesley United Methodist Church.

Bloomsburg Fair Vespers Service



This Friday, September 19

6:30 p.m. ~ Music prelude by Raven Creek (Joe & Lorraine Feola)
Bluegrass, Gospel & Old-Time Music

7 p.m. ~ Ruthy Stock, in concert

Ruthy is an internationally known, award-winning,
inspirational singer and Bible speaker

Music by the combined Bloomsburg Bicentennial & Vesper Choirs
Under the direction of Minister of Music Patricia W. Gensemer 

Wishing Well proceeds benefit The Orangeville Manor

 "The Refuge" following the service.

Offering will be given to Woody Wolfe -- Heart to Hand Ministry,
and displaced veterans of Orangeville Manor.

Please plan to attend!

"Soup & Scripture"

In the Coffee Cafe



Every Thursday evening at 6 o'clock

Soup, bread, and dessert followed by a Spirit-led discussion

"Soup & Scripture" is an hour of simple fellowship and reflection on the Word of God for the day. This time of reflection is designed so that you may come on a regular basis or as your personal schedule will allow week to week. Each evening's discussion will end at 7 o'clock. "Soup & Scripture" will continue through Thursday, November 20, with a holiday break, and resuming again on Thursday, January 8.

*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for,
the evidence of things not seen.*

This Week's Happenings

Today:

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. ~ UMM Spaghetti Dinner
2 p.m. ~ Fair Vespers Choir Rehearsal
3 p.m. ~ Girl Scouts
6 p.m. ~ Singers of Faith . . . 6:30 p.m. ~ UMYF

Monday:

1 p.m. ~ Wesley Quilters . . . 5:30 p.m. ~ Joyful Ringers
6 p.m. ~ Fair Tent Set-Up . . . 6 p.m. ~ Pampered Chef
6:30 p.m. ~ Bells in Bloom . . . 7 p.m. ~ Board of Trustees

Tuesday:

1 p.m. ~ Men of Wesley

Thursday:

2:30 p.m. ~ Open Protestant Holy Communion
at Bloom Health Care Center
4:30 p.m. ~ Kinder Choir . . . 5 p.m. ~ Family Singers
6 p.m. ~ "Soup & Scripture"
7:15 ~ Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Friday:

6:30 p.m. ~ Bloomsburg Fair Pre-Vespers
7 p.m. ~ Fair Vespers

Saturday:

8:30 a.m. ~ Potato Patch Harvest
10:30 a.m. ~ Community Friendship Meal
sponsored by Sojourners Class

Next Sunday:

8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. ~ Worship
9:15 a.m. ~ Sunday School
2:30 p.m. ~ Worship at Emeritus
3 p.m. ~ Girl Scouts . . . 6 p.m. ~ Singers of Faith

Fair Tent Set-Up

Wesley's Fair tent will be set up tomorrow evening, and all who would like to help are invited to do so. If you are interested, please meet at the church at 6 p.m. For additional details, call the church office (570.784.1407).

Technical Difficulties

Wesley's technology department has recently experienced some difficulties sending out the Sunday bulletins and the September issue of *Wesley Tidings*. The problem has been taken care of but, in the process, we are not sure if any E-mail addresses have been deleted from the mailing list. If you typically receive the Sunday bulletin and/or the newsletter via E-mail and have not been getting one or the other — or both — please E-mail technology@wesleybloom.org or et@wesleybloom.org.



"Food . . . Faith . . . & Flexibility"



Presenter: Judy Kennedy
Friday, October 3
thru Sunday, October 5, 2014
Wesley Forest in Weikert, PA



"Food . . . Faith . . . & Flexibility"

**2014 UMW Retreat
at Wesley Forest in Weikert, PA**

**With Special Guest Presenter:
Judy Kennedy**

Friday, October 3 - Sunday, October 5, 2014

Tentative Schedule

Friday, October 3

7:30 p.m.: Gathering for introductions
8:30 p.m.: Movie & refreshments

Saturday, October 4

8:00 a.m.: Breakfast
9:30 a.m.: Session 1
11:30 a.m.: Walk/free time/reflection
12:00 p.m.: Lunch
1:15 p.m.: Session 2
2:30 p.m.: Break/reflection
3:30 p.m.: Session 3
5:00 p.m.: Dinner
6:30 p.m.: Walk/free time/reflection/activities
8:00 p.m.: Campfire (weather permitting)

Sunday, October 5

8:00 a.m.: Breakfast
9:00 a.m.: Clean up & packing
10:00 a.m.: Closing Worship

Cost to take part in the UMW Retreat:

Full weekend = \$90 ~ Saturday only = \$35
No refunds after Friday, September 26, 2014

Contact Marg Laytar (570.389.1013) or Kathy Finnerty (570.387.8930).

Registration

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Emergency contact: _____

Indicate choice: full weekend (\$90) Saturday only (\$35). Please note: the cost includes meals and lodging.
(Checks should be made payable to Wesley United Methodist Women.)

Will be able to provide transportation: Yes No Will need transportation: Yes No

Complete this form and return to the Wesley Church office or mail to
Wesley United Methodist Church, 130 West Third Street, Bloomsburg, PA 17815-1709

Registration Deadline: September 26, 2014 — No refunds after this date.

2014 Covered Bridge Excursion ~ October 14

A few leaves have fallen in the yard . . . temperatures are cooling . . . and, the days are noticeably shorter . . . these, among other things, are indications that the autumn season is about to arrive. Another indication is that Eileen is planning another adventure into the countryside to view beloved covered bridges and to take in some of the fall foliage while traveling the highways and byways of our beautiful state of Pennsylvania. This year's trip will take place on Tuesday, October 14, tentatively leaving the church parking lot at 7:30 a.m.



Pull on a sweatshirt, slip into comfortable shoes, and grab your camera for an excursion into Lancaster County and the town of Lititz. Those who take part will travel via the church van and possibly one other van or vehicle. The day will include visits to about seven of the covered bridges in Lancaster County, the first of which will be in Manheim. In the town of Lititz, there will be a stop at the Wilbur Chocolate Museum and Store, a tour of the Julius Sturgis Pretzel Bakery, and lunch at the Tomato Pie Café. During the drive through the countryside, you can look forward to seeing rolling farm lands, all kinds of animals, and probably a few Amish folks here and there.

If you would like to be a part of this year's covered bridge excursion — and enjoy some fun and fellowship, too, please complete the information below and return **this entire half page** by placing it in the Sunday offering plate, put it in Eileen's mailbox in the office workroom, or send it via the U.S. Postal Service. Please sign-up for this trip by Sunday, October 5. For additional details, call Eileen at the church office (570.784.1407) or E-mail et@wesleybloom.org.

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Telephone: _____

Mums & Gourds & Things

During the entire month of October, the Wesley Church sanctuary will be decorated with mums and gourds and pumpkins and corn stalks and all the things that represent the fall season. You can help by making a monetary contribution that will help defray the cost of these items. If you would like to do so, please put your gift, along with this card, in an envelope (or attach this card to your gift), and place it in the Sunday offering plate or drop off at the church office.



Yes, I would like to make a contribution towards the fall items that will be used to decorate the sanctuary during the month of October.

Name

Contribution amount: \$ _____

Communication Card

Please print all information.



Wesley
United Methodist Church
130 West Third Street, Bloomsburg, PA

Dr. / Mr. / Mrs. / Ms.

Name: _____ Change in contact information

E-mail address: _____

- 1st-Time Guest
- 2nd-Time Guest
- Regular Attendee
- Member

Address: _____ Apt: _____

Town/City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Best Contact Telephone: (____) _____

Complete this section
only if visiting
or if a change

If 1st or 2nd-time guest, how did you hear about Wesley Church? _____
(Name of person who invited you, radio, website, newspaper, other.)

This Week's Opportunities

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 14, 2014

Help Others Make a Positive Change in Their Lives

Wesley Church is helping to support a new AGAPE 16-week program to help low income families make positive changes in their lives. It is called the "AHA" project, hoping the participants will have some "AHA" positive change moments from the course. For one-half of this program, Wesley Church is preparing the weekly meal for the fifteen participants and their children and, in addition, is also providing childcare. Volunteers are needed to help with both these Tuesday activities. **However, there is a most urgent need for persons to provide child care and supervision for nine children from 6 - 8 pm. — either two adults — or one adult and a teenage helper.** Please prayerfully consider volunteering to help this program by checking the area for which you would like to offer your services.

- I/we would like to learn more about how I/we can offer a meal to AGAPE'S "AHA" program.
- I/we would like additional information about how I/we can offer my/our child care services to the persons who attend the "AHA" program.

My/our best contact information (a must): _____