

WEEK AT WESLEY	
Sunday, Jan 18th	<b>SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY</b> 8:30 a.m. Worship Service (In Person) 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School, 2nd Fl Classrooms 9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School, 3rd Fl Classrooms 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (In Person & Livestreamed) 6:00 p.m. Youth Group, 3rd Floor Classroom 6:00 p.m. College Study, 3rd Floor Classroom 6:00 p.m. Davis Gym Reserved (Mission Church)
Monday, Jan 19th	<b>Martin Luther King Day (Office Closed)</b> 7:30 p.m. Davis Gym Reserved (Core) 7:30 p.m. NA Meeting (Lecture Room)
Tuesday, Jan 20th	5:00 p.m. Davis Gym Reserved (Bragg) 7:00 p.m. Davis Gym Reserved (Moore) 7:30 p.m. Book Club (Zoom)
Wednesday, Jan 21st	6:00 p.m. Lectionary Study (Zoom) 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir, 3rd Floor Choir Room
Thursday, Jan 22nd	1:00 p.m. BSF, 3rd Floor 5:30 p.m. Davis Gym Reserved (Bragg) 7:30 p.m. NA Meeting, Lecture Room
Saturday, Jan 24th	10:00 a.m. Davis Gym Reserved (Bragg) 6:00 p.m. Davis Gym Reserved (Mission Church)

WESLEY UMC STAFF	
Martha Ognibene	Pastor
Marianna Miller	Administrative Assistant
Albert Kaminsky	Building Custodian
Lya Stroupe	Director of Music, Children's Music & Education
Coleman Guenther	Bookkeeper
Ann Gore Price	Organist
Joe Andria	Accompanist
Colton Davis	Media Coordinator
Arielle Harvey	Youth Leader
Rebekah Bledsoe & Lawrence DeLeurere	Bus Drivers

## Church Office Hours have changed

**Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursday, and Fridays**

**9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m**

**Tuesdays Closed (phone calls only)**

**\*access to building will be available\***

**SUNDAYS AT 6:00 P.M. (3RD FLOOR CLASSROOMS)**

**COLLEGE BIBLE STUDY**

**ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS WELCOME!**

**College Study led by Lawrence DeLeurere**

**Contact info: 304-319-7740 / semangeloph@gmail.com**

**\*College Study will start back on**

**Sunday, JAN 18TH**

**UMYF \*United Methodist Youth Formation)**

**ALL YOUTH (6th thru 12th grade) WELCOME!**

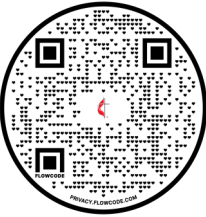
**Youth Leaders Chad & Arielle Harvey**

**Contact info: 304-619-9441 /**

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**Youth are invited to bring a friend!!**

**2026 Wesley UMC**  
**Sunday, January 11th:**  
**Baptism of the Lord**  
**97 In Person / 178 Online**



**Online Offering Option!**  
**Scan the QR code**  
**with phone or device.**  
**Thank You!**

**THANK YOU...THANK YOU!!**

Many thanks to all of you that donated to the Hat & Mitten Tree!! All donations (below) were delivered to Scott's Run on Wed Jan 14th.

Gloves/Mittens 19 pairs / Hats 23

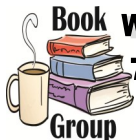
Scarves 2 / Socks 14 pairs



Are you a person-or the parent of a person-who is 10 years old or older and interested in joining Wesley UMC? Confirmation Class will be held later this spring (It's a 3-week class about God, Jesus, the Bible, Church history, the United Methodist Church, and church membership), and new members will be welcomed following it. Please contact Martha Ognibene if you or your child is interested, and we'll set the schedule!

**LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR GROUP**

Kristi DeLeurere is starting a new group called Love Your Neighbor. Since Wesley UMC has a special heart for immigrants, this group will help them to adjust to life in the United States. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 27 at 7p.m. in Haden Chapel (2nd Floor) Please join us in brainstorming ways to help our immigrant neighbors and then implementing those ideas. We will be meeting in person and via zoom. See Kristi for more information.



**Book Wesley Book Club - Zoom Only**

**7:30 PM - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays**

**(January 6th & 20th)**

**Book Club Leader - Mary Ragland**

**304-282-1947 / mhragland5@yahoo.com**

**Please contact for more info.**

**January book study is on**

**Immortal Diamond by Richard Rohr**



# Wesley United Methodist Church

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Livestreamed 11:00 Service:

[facebook.com/wesleymorgantown](https://facebook.com/wesleymorgantown)

*GATHER as a community for worship ~ GROW in relationship with God and others ~ GO to serve Morgantown and the world*

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

January 18, 2026

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

**WELCOME TO WESLEY CHURCH**

We are glad you are here. Whether you are here for the very first time or a lifelong member of Wesley Church, you are welcome. May this day be filled with God's presence and blessing. Please fill out the Connection Card and drop it in the offering plate so that we will be able to contact you.

**Martin Luther King, Jr Day ~ Monday, January 19, 2026**

**Church Office is closed**



**Empty Bowls**  
— MONONGALIA —

**SAVE the DATE**  
*Soup & Bread Luncheon*

**FEBRUARY 28, 2026**

**11 AM - 2:30 PM**

Hazel & J.W. Ruby Community Center

**Tickets are \$25 Adult**

**\$10 Children 12 & Under (no bowl)**

**FREE Children 2 & under**

**Wesley UMC is selling tickets!**

**Contact the church office at**

**304-292-9485 or email**

**[wesleymorgantown@gmail.com](mailto:wesleymorgantown@gmail.com).**

**ENJOY COUPON BOOKS**

Wesley's Church is selling the NEW Enjoy Coupon books for \$40 each. All proceeds will be applied to Wesley's 2026 final apportionment obligation. Books have been ordered and will be distributed from the Church Office when they arrive. Please notify the church office at 304-292-9485 or [wesleymorgantown@gmail.com](mailto:wesleymorgantown@gmail.com) if you would like to place an order. **23 books left to sell!**

**CALLING ALL MIDDLE-AND HGH-SCHOOL STUDENTS!**

We launched **The Sanctuary Youth Series** on Sunday, January 11. This series of 8 sessions explores questions about faith and mental health. Every week we will focus on a different topic with a film, discussion, exercises, and prayer. The class will be facilitated by Pastor Martha and Kelsey Stancliffe, Licensed Clinical Social Worker. Parents are invited to continue the conversations at home through use of the Parent and Caregiver's Guide available at [sanctuarymentalhealth.org/youth](http://sanctuarymentalhealth.org/youth). You can also contact Martha for a copy. Class starts at 9:30 a.m.



# The Church in Worship

Congregational Responses and Prayers are in ***bold italic print***

† Congregation Standing (as you are able)

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “The God of Abraham Praise” Hebrew Melody / arr DeCoe

INTROIT (11:00 a.m.) “Come Down, Lord” Pethel  
Chancel Choir

† CALL TO WORSHIP ISAIAH 49:1, 6b, 7b

Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away!

**The Lord says, “I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.**

“Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
**because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”**

† OPENING HYMN #140 (UMH) “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

## OPENING PRAYER

We remember the conviction of Martin Luther King, Jr, that “freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed.” Therefore, let us pray for courage and determination by those who are oppressed... We remember Martin’s warning that “a negative peace which is the absence of tension” is less than “a positive peace which is the presence of justice.” Therefore, let us pray that those who work for peace in our world may cry out first for justice... We remember Martin’s insight that “injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly.” Therefore, let us pray that we may see nothing in isolation, but may know ourselves bound to one another and to all people under heaven... We remember Martin’s lament that “the contemporary church is often a weak, ineffectual voice with an uncertain sound. It is so often the arch-supporter of the status quo. Far from being disturbed by the presence of the Church, the power structure of the average community is consoled by the Church’s silent and often vocal sanction of things as they are.” Therefore, let us pray that neither this congregation nor any congregation of Christ’s people may be silent in the face of wrong, but that we may be disturbers of the status quo when that is God’s call to us... We remember Martin’s “hope that the dark clouds of racial prejudice will soon pass away and the deep fog of misunderstanding will be lifted from our fear-drenched communities, and in some not too distant tomorrow the radiant stars of love and brotherhood will shine over our great nation with all their scintillating beauty.” Therefore, in faith, let us commend ourselves and our work for justice to the goodness of almighty God. Amen.

GATHERING MUSIC #347 (UMH) “Spirit Song”

## CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

11:00 a.m. Service Only - Children age 3 through 2nd grade are welcome to attend Children’s Church immediately following the Children’s Message (located on 2nd floor behind balcony)

SPECIAL MUSIC “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” Runyan  
Lya Stroupe and Joe Andria, piano duet

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #886 (UMH)

HYMN OF PREPARATION #334 (UMH) “Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

SCRIPTURES PSALM 40:1-11 AND JOHN 1:29-42

SERMON “An Open Ear” Pastor Martha

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

### 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.**

† PRESENTATION OF GIFTS & OFFERINGS DOXOLOGY #94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**

**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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† CLOSING HYMN #2150 (TFWS)

“Lord, Be Glorified”

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

“Three Interludes”

Travers/Hine/Heron

## PSALM 40:1-11

<sup>1</sup>I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry. <sup>2</sup>He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. <sup>3</sup>He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD. <sup>4</sup>Happy are those who make the LORD their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods. <sup>5</sup>You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted. <sup>6</sup>Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required. <sup>7</sup>Then I said, “Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me. <sup>8</sup>I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.” <sup>9</sup>I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD. <sup>10</sup>I have not hidden your saving help within my heart, I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation. <sup>11</sup>Do not, O LORD, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

## JOHN 1:29-42

<sup>29</sup>The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup>And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup>And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.” <sup>35</sup>The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” <sup>39</sup>He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup>He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

## PRAYER FOCUS

Dear God, Thank you. There is so much we have to be thankful for. We ask that you use us to expand your love throughout the community, state, nation and world. We ask this in Jesus’ name.

## ALTAR GUILD

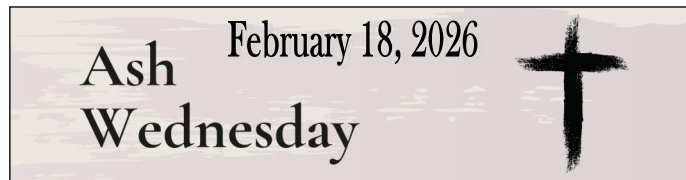
Would you like to dedicate flowers to someone *special in your life*? *Sunday altar flowers can be given in loving memory of in honor of your loved ones or a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, baptism, etc,.).* Altar Guild member Michelle Smith handles all flower arrangements. To place a dedication please contact Michelle at 304-216-8870 or email her at michelle012067@gmail.com. **OPEN DATE:** Jan 25th

## Lectionary Study w/Pastor Martha

We'll be meeting weekly via Zoom on WEDNESDAYS at 6:00 PM. Everyone is invited to take part in this lively discussion of the upcoming Sunday's scripture lessons. Contact the church office to get the Zoom link.

## Lectionary Readings for Sunday, Jan 25th:

Isa 9:1-4 / Ps 27:1, 4-9 / 1 Cor 1:10-18 / Matthew 4:12-23



## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Greeters	Steve Stroupe (8:30)	Ann O’Neal and Ronay Tenney (11:00)
Scripture Readers	Katlin Swisher (8:30)	Ronay Tenney (11:00)
Ushers	Frank Cox , Alan Waters, Dennis Chambers, and Karl Yagle	
Sound & Media	Colton Davis, Scott Blosser, Kyle Swisher, Wesley Davis, Shelby Davis, Brad Davis, Bob Beach and Ellis Oti Boateng	