

WEEK AT WESLEY	
Sunday, Feb 8th	5th SUNDAY after the EPIPHANY 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. 2nd Floor (Mission Church)
Monday, Feb 9th	7:30 p.m. Davis Gym Reserved (Core) 7:30 p.m. NA Meeting (Lecture Room)
Tuesday, Feb 10th	5:00 p.m. Davis Gym Reserved (Bragg) 6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting, Haden Chapel 7:00 p.m. Davis Gym Reserved (Moore)
Wednesday, Feb 11th	12:30 p.m. Backpack Feeding Project (Scott's Run) 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir, 3rd Floor Choir Room
Thursday, Feb 12th	1:00 p.m. BSF, 3rd Floor 5:30 p.m. Davis Gym Reserved (Bragg) 7:30 p.m. NA Meeting, Lecture Room
Friday, Feb 13th	7:00 p.m. Young Life, Davis Gym
Saturday, Feb 14th	10:00 a.m. Davis Gym Reserved (Bragg) 6:00 p.m. 2nd Floor (Mission Church)

Confirmation or Become a NEW Member!

Are you interested in exploring church membership, and faith, and church history, and the United Methodist Church? Are you 10 years old or older? Then sign up for Confirmation Class this spring! Pastor Martha will teach the class, which will meet from 9:30-10:30 on Sunday, March 22, Sunday, March 29, and Sunday, April 12. New members will be received on April 19. Come learn where we come from and who we are...and join us on the way! Contact Martha for more information.

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

UMYF *United Methodist Youth Formation)
ALL YOUTH (6th thru 12th grade) WELCOME!
Youth Leaders Chad & Arielle Harvey
Contact info: 304-619-9441 /
simplysouthernphotographywv@gmail.com
Youth are invited to bring a friend!!



PYSANKY CLASSES
Saint John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church , 201 E Main St., Uniontown, will be offering Pysanky (Slavic, Eastern European, and Ukrainian style egg decorating) classes on Tuesday evening February 16 and Monday evenings thereafter (Feb. 23, Mar. 2, 9, 16, and 23) from 6-8 PM starting March 3 through April 7. If interested or want more information please call 724-438-1382 (leave name and phone number.)

2026 Wesley UMC
Sunday, February 1st:
85 In Person / 246 Online

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

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 if you would like to place an order. **23 books left to sell!**

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
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Livestreamed 11:00 Service:
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GATHER as a community for worship ~ GROW in relationship with God and others ~ GO to serve Morgantown and the world

5th Sunday after the Epiphany
February 8, 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.

Today for Sunday, February 8th
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Wesley Church will be collecting the following items for the Community Kitchen's WEEKEND FOOD BAGS that are given out on Fridays to their meal participants to provide a meal over the weekend when the kitchen is closed. Place all donations in the TEAM SOUP POT you support!

1. CANS OF SOUP - any type
2. CUP OF NOODLES - any flavor
3. CANNED RAVIOLI OR PASTA IN SAUCE (Chef Boyardee types)

Monetary donations are accepted too! Cash or checks (memo: Souperbowl Sunday)

Backpack Feeding Program
Scott's Run House
Wednesday, Feb 10th - 12:30 p.m.

We pack food bags that are sent home with school children so they have food over the weekend. The goal at Scott's Run is to ensure that no school child spends the weekend hungry. The task takes about 90 minutes. We're a fun group and have a good time but we're on the move for the entire packing time. (Cheat Lake location)

African American Ministry Emphasis - for February
I feel lonely and serious. Something has been happening to me, a change that has been a long time coming. I want to be real. —Assata Shakur
I could no more escape than I could think of my identity. Perhaps, I thought, the two things are involved with each other. When I discover who I am, I'll be free. —Ralph Ellison

PRAYER
For the journey back to yourself Steady God, We are shape-shifters, drifting in and out of our counterfeit selves depending on whom we are in proximity to. There are days when who we are feels so imprecise, so transient, that we wonder if anything of us is real at all. Turn us toward the parts of us that are true and reveal the parts that are more mask than flesh. Keep us from demonizing our false selves but let us turn to them in curiosity and compassion; knowing every mask is born of a wound. Travel with us into memories of all that has formed us, those secret places in ourselves where we have hesitated to go. And on the journey, may we listen for the sound of our own name. May we speak it with the conviction of one who knows it by heart. Amen.

BREATHE
INHALE: I know who I am.
EXHALE: I am near to myself.
INHALE: I am still being made.
EXHALE: I can honor my becoming.
INHALE: I will listen for my voice.
EXHALE: I come home to myself.

Let your soul receive this rest: Take heart. You, who are fighting the current of self-neglect and self-loathing, are doing the best you can. As the forgiveness of God comes awake in you, may you have mercy on the complexities of your own interior world and liberate it daily. You don't have to run from yourself. Take your time. Amen.

Cole A. Riley. Black Liturgies: Prayers, Poems, and Meditations for Staying Human (p. 14, 18, 20-21).

The Church in Worship		
Congregational Responses and Prayers are in <i>bold italic print</i>		
† Congregation Standing (as you are able)		
WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		
PRELUDE	“Jesus, Priceless Treasure”	JS Bach / Leopold
† CALL TO WORSHIP		PSALM 112:6-9b
The righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever. <i>They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.</i> Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid; <i>in the end they will look with triumph on their foes.</i> They have distributed freely; they have given to the poor; <i>their righteousness endures forever.</i>		
† OPENING HYMN #57 (UMH)	“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” vs 1-7	
† OPENING PRAYER	<i>O Lord, open my eyes that I may see the needs of others; open my ears that I may hear their cries; open my heart so that I can care; let me not be afraid to defend the weak because of the anger of the strong, nor afraid to defend the poor because of the anger of the rich. Show me where love and hope and faith are needed, and use me to bring them to those places. Today, may I be able to do some work of peace for you. Amen.</i>	
GATHERING MUSIC #585 (UMH)	“This Little Light of Mine”	
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		
8:30 a.m.	“Let it be a Hallelujah”	Daigle
Amy Cartwright, soloist, Joe Andria and Lya Stroupe, keyboards, Carolyn Hendricks, percussion		
11:00 a.m.	“Witness”	arr Halloran
Chancel Choir		
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #885 (UMH)		
HYMN OF PREPARATION #463 (UMH)	“Lord Speak to Me”	
SCRIPTURES	ISAIAH 58:1-12 AND MATTHEW 5:13-20	
SERMON	“It’s What We Do”	Pastor Martha
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH		
THE LORD’S PRAYER	<i>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.</i>	
SPECIAL MUSIC (11:00 a.m.)	“Let it be a Hallelujah”	Daigle
Amy Cartwright, soloist, Joe Andria and Lya Stroupe, keyboards, Carolyn Hendricks, percussion		
† PRESENTATION OF GIFTS & OFFERINGS		DOXOLOGY #94
<i>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!</i>		
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† CLOSING HYMN #569 (UMH)	“We’ve a Story to Tell the Nations”	
† BENEDICTION		
† POSTLUDE	“Ravenshaw”	C S Lang

ISAIAH 58:1-12	
¹ Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. ² Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. ³ “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. ⁴ Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. ⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? ⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. ⁹ Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. ¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.	
MATTHEW 5:13-20	
¹³ “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. ¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.	
ALTAR GUILD	
The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and in loving memory of Jenny Church and Paulette Smith by Nate and Michelle Smith.	
PRAYER FOCUS	
Dear God, We have had snow almost every day for weeks. It covers everything. It's like Your love and grace, God. Your love and grace cover us completely. Thank you for the reminder that You have us covered. We need only to ask You into our lives. Amen.	
PASTOR ANNOUNCEMENT	
Martha will be out of town this afternoon through Friday. If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact Eldon Callen at 304-290-7142.	
February 18, 2026 Ash Wednesday Curbside Ashes Noon - 1PM 7PM Service	
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY	
Greeters	Duncan & Owen Lorimer (8:30) Connie Farber & Lawrence DeLeurere (11:00)
Scripture Readers	Kyle Swisher (8:30) Connie Farber (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