

WEEK AT WESLEY

Sunday, March 15th	FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
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)
2:00 p.m.	Eagle Scout of Honor Ceremony, Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Circle of Friends, Davis Gym
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, March 16th	WVU Spring Break
7:30 p.m.	Davis Gym Reserved (Core)
7:30 p.m.	NA Meeting (Lecture Room)
Tuesday, March 17th	St. Patrick's Day
5:00 p.m.	Davis Gym Reserved (Bragg)
7:00 p.m.	Davis Gym Reserved (Moore)
7:00 p.m.	Book Club (Zoom only)
Wednesday, March 18th	
5:00 p.m.	Davis Gym Reserved (Bragg)
6:00 p.m.	Lectionary Study (Zoom)
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Practice, Choir Room 3rd Fl
Thursday, March 19th	
9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.	Lenten Prayer Day, Sanctuary
1:00 p.m.	BSF Group, 3rd Floor
5:00 p.m.	Lecture Room Reserved (Journey to the Cross)
5:30 p.m.	Davis Gym Reserved (Bragg)
7:30 p.m.	NA Meeting, Lecture Room
Friday, March 20th	First Day of Spring!
5:00 p.m.	Lecture Room Reserved (Journey to the Cross)
Saturday, March 21st	
10:00 a.m.	Davis Gym Reserved (Bragg)
12:00 p.m.	Lecture Room Reserved (Journey to the Cross)
6:00 p.m.	Davis Gym Reserved (Mission Church)



Wesley UMC has a long history of serving local hunger needs (Circle of Friends) and our alms and other gifts help with feeding via UMCOR and other mission wings of the larger church. We also have a 14 year history providing a venue, helping hands and donated dollars to help end world hunger in another, almost entertaining, way! On

Saturday, April 18th we will again host the Mon Preston County Rotary Rise Against Hunger Day in the Wesley gym. Since 2011, (except during pandemic) folks from Wesley have joined seven Rotary clubs, and sometimes a few other organizations, to package more than 450,000 meals for distribution in several of the 50+ countries served by RAH! I'm proud to say (quietly) that for most of our recent events Wesley has not only provided the venue, and physical help, but been among the most generous donors. You are invited to participate in packaging (2 hour session) and of course, to donate! Please write RAH on the memo line for checks made to Wesley. Put RAH put on your calendar NOW! (If you want to know more, check the website above!)

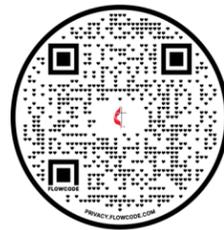
LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR GROUP

Kristi DeLeurere has started 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. **Next Meeting is March 24th at 7:30 p.m. (Zoom only).** 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.

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Sunday, March 8th:

130 In Person / 210 Online



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

Attention High School Seniors

Thomas C. Stewart Scholarship

This scholarship was established in honor and memory of Thomas C. Stewart, an active and devoted member of Wesley Church who died August 14, 2002 at the age of 49. The scholarship seeks to preserve Tom's commitment and concern for young people and his overall enthusiasm and vision for ministry at Wesley.

Eligibility: Any graduating high school senior who meets the following criteria may apply:

1. A member of Wesley United Methodist Church
2. A minimum grade point average of 2.5 or higher
3. Enrollment in a fully accredited college or university undergraduate program
4. Submission of application materials

General: Amounts of the award will be determined annually by The Finance Team of Wesley United Methodist Church based on the investment income received from the scholarship fund. It is our goal to award at least one scholarship annually in the amount of \$1,000.00. This is a one-time award only.

Book Wesley Book Club - Zoom Only
7:30 PM - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays
(March 3rd & 17th)

Book Club Leader - Mary Ragland
304-282-1947 / mhragland5@yahoo.com

Please contact for more info. March book study is on
The Last Week
by Marcus Borgan and John Dominic Crossan



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

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 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.



Sunday

Special Collection goes towards
U.S. and International Disaster Response,
Global Migration, Environmental
Sustainability, and Agricultural Initiatives.



Eagle Scout Court of Honor
for Caleb DeLeurere

Sunday, March 15th - 2:00 PM

Wesley UMC - Sanctuary

Reception following Ceremony - All are Invited!!

Don't miss your chance to pick up an Alms Bag!

Almsgiving is a Christian practice of giving money or material items to persons living in poverty. Wesley UMC is practicing almsgiving this Lent. You can pick up a bag at church (or contact the church office, and we will mail you one; or you can use any type of container that you like) and fill it as you see fit. Perhaps you'll decide to put a set amount of money in; maybe you'll put your pocket change in the bag every day. You might decide to skip a coffee or a meal out once or twice a week, and put the money you would have spent there in your alms bag. However you decide to use it, fill your alms bag and return it to the church by Easter Sunday, April 5th. All money collected will be used to help pay our conference apportionments, which help to bring people out of poverty by funding feeding programs, schools, farming improvements, anti-malaria nets, safe wells, and hospitals around the world.



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!!

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 "Forty Days and Forty Nights" P Heinlein

† CALL TO WORSHIP PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

† OPENING HYMN #381 (UMH) "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

† OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and most merciful God, you know the thoughts of our hearts. We confess that we have sinned against you and done evil in your sight. We have transgressed your holy laws. We have disregarded your word and sacraments. Forgive us, O Lord. Give us grace and power to put away all hurtful things, that, being delivered from the bondage of sin, we may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance and may ever walk in your holy ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GATHERING MUSIC #128 (UMH) "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought"

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. "I Will Arise and Go To Jesus" arr Hayes
Lya Stroupe, piano

11:00 a.m. "More Precious Than Silver" with "Give Me Jesus" Hayes
Chancel Choir

AFFIRMATION OF FATIH #886 (UHM)

HYMN OF PREPARATION #454 (UMH) "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

SCRIPTURES EPHESIANS 5:8-14 AND 1 SAMUEL 16:1-13

SERMON "About Failure" Pastor Martha

PRAYER 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 #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.

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† CLOSING HYMN #581 (UMH) "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE "Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone" arr M Hayes

PRAYER FOCUS

Dear God, We are failures, but some see us as successful men and women of faith. We know the truth. Churches are not for saints, but for sinners. We are all sinners! We want to be better people. God, you forgive us, if only we ask. Please, forgive our sin. Let us be more faithful to your teachings. Amen.

EPHESIANS 5:8-14

⁸For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

1 SAMUEL 16:1-13

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ²Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'" ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. ⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." ⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Lenten Prayer

Thursdays

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

During the season of Lent, you are invited to come to our sanctuary for personal prayer and meditation on Thursdays March 19th, and 26th. Deepen your relationship with God this Lent through intentional sacred conversation. *Parking available for anyone that would like to pray. Designated church parking spaces and bagged meters will be provided.*

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

Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 22nd:

Ezek 37:1-14 / Ps 130 / Rom 8:6-11 / John 11:1-45



ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Greeters Steve Stroupe (8:30) Doris and Jim Pitman (11:00)
Scripture Readers Jeannie Douglas (8:30) (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



HOLY WEEK

ONLY 2 WEEKS AWAY!

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH

8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. SERVICES

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND

7:00 P.M. SERVICE

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD

7:00 P.M. SERVICE

EASTER VIGIL,

SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH

9:00 P.M. SERVICE

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH

6:30 A.M. SUNRISE SERVICE

(MARKETPLACE PAVILION—SPRUCE ST UMC)

8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. SERVICES

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