

**WEEK AT WESLEY**

<b>Sunday, March 22nd</b>	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT</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.	Davis Gym Reserved (Mission Church)
<b>Monday, March 23rd</b>	
7:30 p.m.	Davis Gym Reserved (Core)
7:30 p.m.	NA Meeting (Lecture Room)
<b>Tuesday, March 24th</b>	
5:00 p.m.	Davis Gym Reserved (Bragg)
7:00 p.m.	Davis Gym Reserved (Moore)
7:30 p.m.	Love Your Neighbor Meeting (Zoom only)
<b>Wednesday, March 25th</b>	
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
<b>Thursday, March 26th</b>	
9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.	Lenten Prayer Day, Sanctuary
1:00 p.m.	BSF Group, 3rd Floor
5:30 p.m.	Davis Gym Reserved (Bragg)
7:30 p.m.	NA Meeting, Lecture Room
<b>Friday, March 27th</b>	
7:00 p.m.	Davis Gym Reserved (Young Life)
<b>Saturday, March 28th</b>	
10:00 a.m.	Davis Gym Reserved (Bragg)
10:00 a.m.	Sanctuary Reserved (Sorority)
11:00 a.m.	Ukrainian Refugee Meeting, Haden Chapel
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

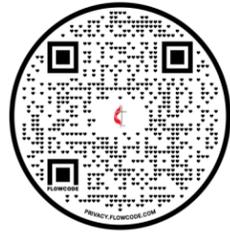
the Mon Preston County Rotary Rise Against Hunger Day in the Wesley gym. Since 2011, (except during pandemic) folks from Wesley have joined seven Rotary clubs, and sometimes a few other organizations, to package more than 450,000 meals for distribution in several of the 50+ countries served by RAH! I'm 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 zoom only. See Kristi for more information.

**2026 Wesley UMC**  
**Sunday, March 15th:**  
**112 In Person / 139 Online**



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

**PRAYER FOCUS**

Dear God, We are not living the You want us to. We act like we are dead. Breathe into us your living spirit. Make us joyous living our lives for you. Amen.

**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.

**Deadline:** Applications will be due by April 26, 2026 and awards will be made in time for the Fall Semester. The award will be given to the individual and is to be used only for direct educational expenses.

**Contact the Church Office for an application.**



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

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**March 22, 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.

**Lenten Prayer**

**Thursdays**

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

Bring your personal prayer and meditation for the last Lenten Prayer Thursday on March 26th. *Parking available for anyone that would like to pray. Designated church parking spaces and bagged meters will be provided.*



**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. 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.

**LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR INFO NEEDED**

If you were born in a country other than the United States, please indicate on your Connection Card. Wesley wants to celebrate the diversity of our congregation.

**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. **No study on Wednesday, April 1st.**

**Lectionary Readings**

**Palm Sunday March 29th:**  
**Mark 11:1-11; 14:17-15:47**



**ONLY 1 WEEK 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**

**WESLEY UMC**

**ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

Greeters	(8:30) Jeff Stewart and Jim Stevenson (11:00)
Scripture Readers	Katlin Swisher (8:30) Chad Harvey (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

# 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 "Gracious Spirit, Hear Our Pleading" G Hamilton

† CALL TO WORSHIP PSALM 130:5-7

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits, and in his word I hope.

***My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning.***

*O Israel, hope in the Lord!*

***For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.***

† OPENING HYMN #467 (UMH) "Trust and Obey"

† OPENING PRAYER

***O Creator and mighty God, you have promised us strength for the weak, rest for the laborers, light for the journey, grace for trials, help for the heavy-laden, unfailing sympathy, undying love. O Creator and mighty God, help us to continue in your promise. Amen.***

GATHERING MUSIC #314 (UMH) "In the Garden"

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. "My Easter Plan" composer Ragland  
Paul Ragland, soloist

11:00 a.m. "Day by Day" Shackley  
Chancel Choir

AFFIRMATION OF FATIH #887 (UHM)

HYMN OF PREPARATION #393 (UMH) "Spirit of the Living God"

SCRIPTURES EZEKIEL 37:1-14 AND JOHN 11:1-44

SERMON "Into Thin Air" 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.***

SPECIAL MUSIC (11:00 a.m.) "My Easter Plan" composer Ragland  
Paul Ragland, Soloist

† 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 #261 (UMH) "Lord of the Dance"

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE "Larghetto" arr Wolff

## ALTAR GUILD

The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and in loving memory of Hazel Ruby McQuain by her Wesley Friends.

## EZEKIEL 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." <sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. <sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

## JOHN 11:1-44

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup>Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." <sup>4</sup>But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." <sup>5</sup>Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup>after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. <sup>7</sup>Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." <sup>8</sup>The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" <sup>9</sup>Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. <sup>10</sup>But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." <sup>11</sup>After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." <sup>12</sup>The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." <sup>13</sup>Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup>Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup>For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." <sup>16</sup>Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." <sup>17</sup>When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup>She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." <sup>28</sup>When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." <sup>29</sup>And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup>The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" <sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."