

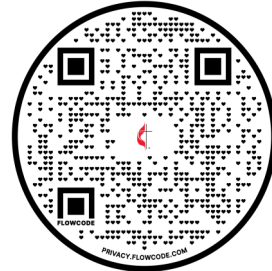
**WEEK AT WESLEY**

<b>Sunday, May 17th</b>	<b>SEVENTH SUNDAY of EASTER</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) <i>Directly following service</i> Loft/Balcony Area Reserved (Lillard) 1:00 p.m. Davis Gym Reserved (Mission Church)
<b>Monday, May 18th</b>	7:00 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting, Haden Chapel 7:30 p.m. NA Meeting (Lecture Room)
<b>Tuesday, May 19th</b>	7:00 p.m. Davis Gym Reserved (Moore)
<b>Wednesday, May 20th</b>	5:30 p.m. GS Meeting, Lecture Room
<b>Thursday, May 21st</b>	7:30 p.m. NA Meeting, Lecture Room
<b>Friday, May 22nd</b>	7:00 p.m. Social Group Gathering, Lecture Room
<b>Saturday, May 23rd</b>	6:00 p.m. Davis Gym Reserved (Mission Church)

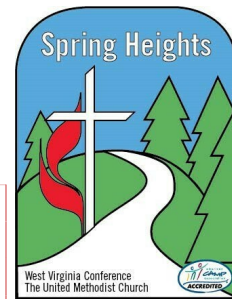
**2026 Wesley UMC**

**Sunday, May 10th:**

**137 In Person / 151 Online**



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



**Summer Camp is right**  
**around the corner...**  
**make plans for**  
**some summer fun!**  
**Camp ages 5-18**

Spring Heights Summer Camp is accepting registrations! There are camps for all ages and interests, including Classic Camp (with a short Mini Camp for younger kids), Hold Your Horses and Wranglers, which are camps all about horseback riding, Creative Camp, where you can 'develop' your photography skills, and Camp Outrageous, where you can do a little bit of everything! For schedules, age requirements, and all other camp info, see Martha or check our springheights.org. Have fun; enjoy nature; learn about God; make friends-let's go to camp!

**SUMMER-BREAK**

**Children/Youth Sunday School**

*last class Sunday, May 17th*

**Lectionary Study**

*last class is Wednesday, May 13th*

**Thursday Bible Study**

*last class is Thursday, May 7th*

**College Bible Study on break**

**Youth Group**

*last meeting May 31st*

**Chancel Choir**

*last practice is Wednesday, May 13th*

**WE WILL START BACK UP IN THE FALL!**



**Wesley United Methodist Church**

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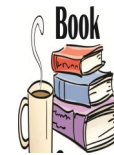
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Livestreamed 11:00 Service:  
facebook.com/wesleymorgantown

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

**Ascension Sunday** **May 17, 2026** **8:30 & 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.



**Wesley Book Club - Zoom Only**

**7:30 PM - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays**  
**(June 2nd & 16th)**

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

**June new book study is on**  
**Sinners in the Hands of a Loving God**  
**by Brian Zahnd starting June 2nd.**

**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 DATES: May Special Sundays**

Sunday, May 24th:

**Pentecost/Heritage/Aldersgate Day**  
**(Memorial Day Weekend):**

Sunday, May 31st: **Trinity Sunday**

**PRAYER FOCUS**

Dear God, as we go through life we often focus on the things that go wrong in our life. We forget to embrace the wonderful things you provide. When we think of Jesus' life, we see the beauty, joy, and the hardships he encountered. We see a life lived and given up, so we might have eternal life. Let us live our lives in joy and beauty. Let us be positive influences in Your world. Amen.

**Sundays 6PM YOUTH 3rd Fl Classroom**

May 17 - Field Trip Special Event

May 24 - Memorial Day Weekend - No Youth

May 31 - End of Year Cookout/Campout

ALL YOUTH (6th thru 12th grade)...Join us!  
Friends are welcome too!  
For more information on final three Youth events contact Youth Leaders Chad & Arielle Harvey  
Contact info: 304-619-9441  
simplysouthernphotographywv@gmail.com

**Social Group Events - Wesley Adults & friends are welcome!**

All Wesley adults are welcome to join us for fun, food, and fellowship! Listed below are the dates of upcoming Social Group Events. Details of each event will be announced in upcoming bulletins and newsletters. This is your invitation to have fellowship with your church family! Contact Doris Pitman at 304-599-4844 / maduwa1@yahoo.com if you would like to attend.

**May 22nd 7:00 p.m.** bring a snack or dessert to share! We will finalize plans for the year PLUS a Special Presentation by Mary and John Jacobs on their "home-away-from-home" Spain!

**June 26th ACCA (Avian Conservation Center of Appalachia) hosted by Mike and Linda Bagby**  
Departure, cost, and additional details will be announced.

**July Trip to Arthurdale hosted by Doris Pitman**

**August Presentation on the History of WV with Ron Lewis hosted by Mark Reasor**

**Sept 18th WVU Planetarium hosted by Mark Reasor**

**October 18th (Sunday) Lunch at Tygart Lake and enjoy the Fall weather and colors!**

**November 20th Eat-n-Park breakfast at 9:00 a.m. followed with a service project at Wesley**  
hosted by Mary Ragland

**December 11th - Christmas Party**

**Wesley United Methodist Church**

**invites you to celebrate the retirement of**

**Reverend Martha Ognibene**

**Sunday, June 28, 2026**

**Worship Service: 10:30 am**

**One Service Only**

*(Plan to wear something green-it's Martha's favorite color)*

**Memories and Gifts for Martha...**

**Please email any pictures of Martha you want to be included in a slideshow and memory book**

**\*email pics to Kristi DeLeurere at**  
**intrigue329@yahoo.com**

**Deadline: May 31, 2026**  
and/or

**Monetary donations and cards will be received to be included in a Pastor's Gift from our congregation**

**Deadline: May 31, 2026**

**Let's have a picnic!!**

**Lunch will be provided by the church immediately following the service**

**Menu to include: Hot Dogs and all the fixins', chips, sides, cake, ice cream**



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# 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 "I Surrender All" W. Weeden/C. Taylor

INTROIT (11:00 a.m.) "Make a Joyful Noise" Pethel  
Chancel Choir

† CALL TO WORSHIP PSALM 68:1-5

Let God rise up; let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him.

***As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire, let the wicked perish before God.***

But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy.

***Sing to God; sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds-his name is the Lord-be exultant before him.***

† OPENING HYMN #312 (UMH) "Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise"

† OPENING PRAYER

***O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven. Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and bring us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.***

† GATHERING HYMN #2281 (TFWS) "I'll Fly Away"

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)

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (11:00 a.m.) p 39-43 (UMH)

Blake and Allison Lillard present their son,  
Ellis Ernest Lillard, born November 15, 2025, for Christian Baptism.

BAPTISMAL RESPONSE "God Claims You" Farr  
Inside back cover of hymnal (red)

SPECIAL MUSIC 8:30 a.m. "The Gift to Be Simple" Chancel Choir

11:00 a.m. "Joyful Noise" Choplin  
Chancel Choir and Carolyn Hendricks, Percussion

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #885 (UMH) (8:30 a.m.)

HYMN OF PREPARATION #173 (UMH) "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Sky"

SCRIPTURES 1PETER 4:12-14, 5:6-11 AND ACTS 1:1-14

SERMON "Did You See It?" Pastor Martha

THE 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 #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 #315 (UMH) "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" J. Ellor

## 1 PETER 4:12-14, 5:6-11

<sup>12</sup>Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. <sup>15</sup>But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, a criminal, or even as a mischief maker. <sup>16</sup>Yet if any of you suffers as a Christian, do not consider it a disgrace, but glorify God because you bear this name. <sup>17</sup>For the time has come for judgment to begin with the household of God; if it begins with us, what will be the end for those who do not obey the gospel of God? <sup>18</sup>And "If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinners?" <sup>19</sup>Therefore, let those suffering in accordance with God's will entrust themselves to a faithful Creator, while continuing to do good. <sup>5</sup>Now as an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you <sup>2</sup>to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it—not for sordid gain but eagerly. <sup>3</sup>Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. <sup>4</sup>And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away. <sup>5</sup>In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." <sup>6</sup>Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup>Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup>To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

## ACTS 1:1-14

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." <sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." <sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

## ALTAR GUILD

The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and in honor of  
Amy Cartwright; you're such a good friend, God bless you!  
*by Susan Jackson.*



**In Memoriam**  
**Charlotte Nath**  
**May 5, 2026**



Wesley will be notified of future funeral arrangements

## Wednesday Lectionary Study

Lectionary Study is on summer break, but we encourage you to continue studying the weekly Lectionary Readings.

### Lectionary Readings

**Pentecost Sunday, May 24th:**  
**Acts 2:1-21 / Ps 104:24-34, 35b**  
**1 Cor 12:3b-13 / John 7:37-39**

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Greeters	Connie Farber (8:30)	Mary and Kaz Koike (11:00)
Scripture Readers	Connie Farber (8:30)	Glenn Gallagher (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	