

**WEEK AT WESLEY**

<b>Sunday, June 28th</b>	<b>WE WILL MISS YOU PASTOR MARTHA!</b> 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School, 2nd Fl Classrooms 10:30 a.m. Worship Service (In Person & Livestreamed) 1:00 p.m. Loft/Balcony area (Mission Church)
<b>Monday, June 29th</b>	7:30 p.m. NA Meeting (Lecture Room)
<b>Tuesday, June 30th</b>	7:00 p.m. Davis Gym Reserved (Moore)
<b>Wednesday, July 1st</b>	7:30 p.m. NA Meeting, Lecture Room
<b>Thursday, July 2nd</b>	<b>Church Office Closed</b>
<b>Friday, July 3rd</b>	<b>Celebrating 250 Years...AMERICA!!!</b>
<b>Saturday, July 4th</b>	6:00 p.m. Balcony/Loft area Reserved (Mission Church)

**Concerts In The Loft**

featuring the voice of rhythm & blues



**Miss Freddye's Trio**  
**SUN-JULY 5<sup>th</sup> 5PM**

Pittsburgh's **Lady of The Blues**

2008 West Virginia Blues Society Winner for best blues band  
2012 Blues Society of Western PA best duo/solo



Concert & Parking compliments of

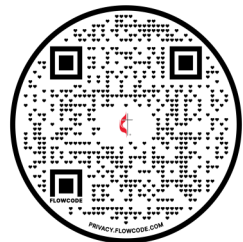
**Wesley UMC**

503 North High St. 304-292-9485 wesleymorgantown.org

**2026 Wesley UMC**

**Sunday, June 21st:**

**110 In Person / 160 Online**



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

**MEMORIAL DONATION**

Wesley Church has received donations in loving memory of Eileen Tavaglione given by Karen Kelley King and Donna Wetzel.

**4<sup>th</sup> of JULY** Wesley Church Closed Friday, July 3rd

July/August **THE UPPER ROOM** DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE  
Reading materials available

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

Wesley's Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Tuesday, July 7th at 10:00 a.m. Anyone that can knit or crochet or would like to learn are welcome to join us! For more information, please call Helen Ashenfelter at 304-598-3187.



**Wesley United Methodist Church**

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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*

**Pastor Martha's Retirement Service June 28, 2026 10:30 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.

**UPCOMING WESLEY FELLOWSHIP EVENT**

\*Make plans to bring yourself, family, & friends!  
**Mon County Symphony Orchestra**

presents the  
**CELEBRATION OF AMERICA**  
**Thursday, July 2nd ~ 7:30 PM**  
**Hazel Ruby McQuain Amphitheatre**

Talented musicians from Mon County, including Wesley's very own performing artists John and Carolyn Hendricks and Maddie Nguyen, will present music that celebrates America's 250th semiquincentennial!



**MORGANTOWN MUNICIPAL BAND CONCERT**

*Celebrating America's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday!*

**Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**11:00 am**

**WVU Canady Creative Arts Center**

Come join us for this annual outdoor concert featuring music by Sousa, Fillmore, Cohan, Joplin, Berlin, and many more.

Traditional classics like "America, The Beautiful", a tribute to the Armed Forces, and "The Stars and Stripes Forever" will be included.

The event is free! Patrons are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be moved indoors to the Clay Concert Theatre. Parking is available in the lots in front of the Canady Creative Arts Center.



**Meet Wesley's New Pastor!**

**Sunday, July 5th**

Meet Rev. Michael Burge at his first and ONE service at Wesley!  
**10:30 a.m. ONE SERVICE ONLY.**

**Sunday, July 12th**

**8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services**

Let's celebrate Rev. Burge AND his BIRTHDAY!! Fellowship time - we will celebrate with cake and refreshments!

**Wesley Book Club - Zoom Only**

**7:30 PM - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays**  
(July 7th & 21st)

**Book Club Leader - Mary Ragland**

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

**July book study is on**

**Sinners in the Hands of a Loving God**  
by Brian Zahnd.

**Social Group Event (June...Date Change!)**

**Wesley Adults & friends are welcome!**

**NEW DATE: June 29th ~ 10 AM**

**A trip to the ACCA:**

(Avian Conservation Center of Appalachia)

The ACCA's Outdoor Education Classroom is located at 217 Morgan Hill Road. We will have an Educator talk to us about the ACCA and their work with birds. We will be able to walk along the sidewalk to see (and probably hear!) the raptors that are housed here. RSVP by June 26th to Linda Bagby 304-282-7236 if interested in attending. A collection will be taken on the day of the tour/walk to cover group cost.

Donation baskets will be in the Lecture Room starting Sunday, July 5th.



**School Supply Drive**

**Scott's Run Settlement House**

Let's fill backpacks of all styles and shapes! Collecting thru Sunday, July 26th!

Wesley Church will collect school supplies for Scott's Run Settlement House families starting Sunday, July 5th thru Sunday, July 26th. Scott's Run distributes over 200 backpacks filled with school supplies and appreciates all donations. Listed below are just a few of the supplies that are needed. Copies of the School Supply List are in the Lecture Room. Place all donations in the Lecture Room.

**Just a few of the supplies that are needed:**

Backpacks ~ pencils ~ crayons ~ glue sticks ~ scissors ~ notebooks (wide ruled & college ruled) ~ loose leaf paper (wide ruled & college ruled) ~ markers ~ colored pencils ~ composition book ~ folders & more

# 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 "Promise" R Rowland-Raybold

† CALL TO WORSHIP PSALM 13:5-6

I trust in God's steadfast love;  
***my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.***  
I will sing to the Lord  
***because God has dealt bountifully with me.***

† OPENING HYMN #57 (UMH) "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" vs 1-7

† OPENING PRAYER  
***God of grace and glory, we thank you that you judge us not by the perfection of our actions, but by our readiness to live boldly by faith. Help us, as individuals and as a congregation, to trust you and follow where you lead, that in Christ your name may be glorified in all the earth. Amen.***

† GATHERING HYMN #261 (UMH) "Lord of the Dance"

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)*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #883 (UMH)

HYMN OF PREPARATION #468 (UMH) "Dear Jesus, in Whose Life I See"

SCRIPTURES PSALM 42 AND Matthew 10:40-42

SERMON "Hope in God" Pastor Martha

SPECIAL MUSIC "I Would Be True" arr McIntyre  
Joe Andria, soloist and Lya Stroupe, piano

## 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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WELL WISHES FOR MARTHA  
Adrienne Ognibene ~ Bishop Sandra Steiner-Ball ~ Jamie, Asia, and Silas Ognibene ~ Bart Thompson  
Kelsey Stancliffe ~ Amy Shanholtzer

ORDER OF FAREWELL (congregational responses onscreen)

† CLOSING HYMN #110 (UMH) "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Jesus Loves the Little Children"

## ALTAR GUILD

The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and in honor and celebration of Pastor Martha's retirement. Much gratitude and blessings for you Martha for your next chapter in life...we will miss you!

## PSALM 42

<sup>1</sup>As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. <sup>2</sup>My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? <sup>3</sup>My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?" <sup>4</sup>These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival. <sup>5</sup>Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help <sup>6</sup>and my God. My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar. <sup>7</sup>Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your cataracts; all your waves and your billows have gone over me. <sup>8</sup>By day the LORD commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life. <sup>9</sup>I say to God, my rock, "Why have you forgotten me? Why must I walk about mournfully because the enemy oppresses me?" <sup>10</sup>As with a deadly wound in my body, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me continually, "Where is your God?" <sup>11</sup>Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

## MATTHEW 10:40-42

<sup>40</sup>"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; <sup>42</sup>and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

## PRAYER FOCUS

Dear God, We know life circles around repeatedly. Today we bid farewell to Martha, our pastor. She begins a new part of life retirement. Next week we will welcome Pastor Burge and his family and a new circle will begin. Often we avoid change preferring to remain in roles we are familiar with. God give us courage to embrace the new things in life. Give us the skills to offer Your love to others. We ask in Jesus name. AMEN.

## 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: July 5th, 12th, and 26th**

## Lectionary Readings

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, July 5th:  
Gen 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 / Ps 45:10-17 or Ps 72  
Rom 7:15-25a / Matt 11:16-19, 25-30

## PRAYING WITH BONHOEFFER

*A Spiritual Retreat on Prayer, Psalms, and the Presence of Christ*  
"When your words fail you - the Psalms will carry you."  
**Saturday, August 22, 2026**  
**10 AM - 3:30 PM**  
Hosted by Pastors Mike Estep, Bart Thompson, and the Center for Spiritual Renewal  
Location: LIFE UMC (Fairmont, WV)

Through silence, guided Psalm prayer, spiritual direction, and communal worship, discover a deeper way of praying inspired by Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

## Volunteers and Children can register online at wesleymorgantown.org



## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Greeters Nancy and Bill Wasson (10:30)  
Scripture Readers Jamie Ognibene (10:30)  
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