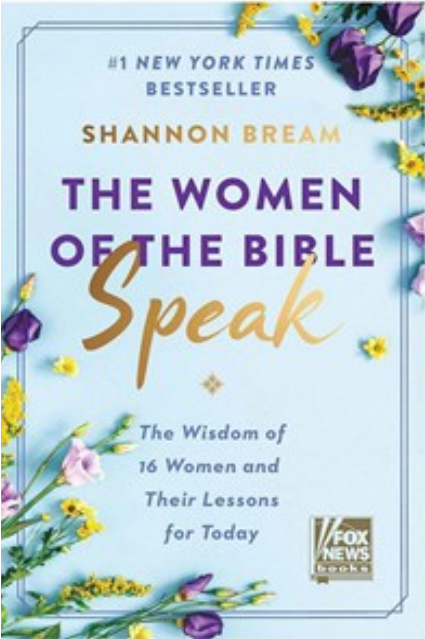


WEEK AT WESLEY	
Sunday, July 12th	SEVENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST
8:30 a.m.	Worship Service (In Person)
9:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday School, 2nd Floor Classrooms
11:00 a.m.	Worship Service (In Person & Livestreamed)
1:00 p.m.	Davis Gym (Mission Church)
Monday, July 13th	
7:30 p.m.	NA Meeting (Lecture Room)
Tuesday, July 14th	
6:00 p.m.	Finance Team Meeting, Haden Chapel
7:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting, Haden Chapel
7:00 p.m.	Davis Gym Reserved (Moore)
Wednesday, July 15th	
5:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.	VBS (Spruce Street UMC)
Thursday, July 16th	
7:30 p.m.	NA Meeting, Lecture Room
Friday, July 17th	
Saturday, July 18th	
6:00 p.m.	Balcony/Loft area Reserved (Mission Church)



MON VALLEY DISTRICT
UWIF Bookclub
 What: Next Book Club Meeting
 When: Tuesday, August 4 @ 6 p.m.
 Where: In Person at Wesley United Methodist Church and
 Via ZOOM @
<https://zoom.us/j/98629712987?pwd=kBglPI94psl1TtakyFlwRW1M8axI34.1>
 Meeting ID: 98629712987
 Passcode: 268770

Book: The Women of the Bible Speak
 Author: Shannon Bream

PRAYER MINISTRY AT WESLEY
 Prayer is one of the most important ministries at Wesley. The Wesley Church Prayer Team prays continually for those who request prayer.
 To request prayer you may -

- Write your prayer request on the **Connection Card** and place it in the offering plate. These will be shared with Pastor Michael and the prayer team.
- Contact for **Prayer Requests** is Rachel Beach (email rplybonbeach@gmail.com or call 304-382-3255).
- Place a prayer request in the **Prayer Box** at the back of the sanctuary. *These requests will be known only to God.*
- BECOME a MEMBER of WESLEY'S PRAYER TEAM** by contacting Rachel Beach at rplybonbeach@gmail.com

Wesley
Magnetic
Nametag

Reminder to please wear your nametag at worship service. It's a wonderful way for our church family to get acquainted with each other. Thank you!

2026 Wesley UMC
Sunday, July 5th:
124 In Person / 368 Online

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

Stitched Together in Love
 Guest Speaker, Janet Flanagan
**brochures for event on Welcome table*
Ministry Spouses Fellowship
September 25 - 27, 2026
 Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center
 100 Hodges Rd,
 Charleston, WV 25314
wvministryspouses@gmail.com
 facebook: wvministryspouses

Wesley United Methodist Church
 503 N. High St.
 Morgantown, WV 26505
 304.292.9485
 Website: wesleymorgantown.org
 Email: wesleymorgantown@gmail.com
 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
 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost **July 12, 2026** **8:30 and 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.

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

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

School Supply Drive
Scott's Run Settlement House
 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

Wesley Social Group ~ July Event

A Historical visit to Arthurdale, WV
Friday, July 24th ~ 1:00 p.m.
\$10 per person
Carts will be available to take us place to place.

All Wesley adults are welcome! Contact Doris Pitman at 304-599-4844 / maduva1@yahoo.com if you would like to attend.

West Virginia University
Office of the Provost
Amber Brugnoli
 Associate Vice President and Executive Director of the Office of Global Affairs
 Phone: 304-293-9298
 Email: amber.brugnoli@mail.wvu.edu
 Office: 201 Purinton House (Morgantown)

UWM (United Women in Faith) invite you to a discussion on Immigration & Sources of Assistance
Guest Speaker, Amber Brugnoli
Wednesday, August 5th
2:00 p.m. Haden Chapel
If interested in attending contact UWF Leader, Sandra Putnam at sputnam1@gmail.com / 304-210-8865

Hosted by Spruce Street UMC

The Church in Worship

Congregational Responses and Prayers are in ***bold italic print***

† Congregation Standing *(as you are able)*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“I Believe”

Drake, Graham, Shirl, and Stillman

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus teaches us that the seed of God's Word is scattered generously among us.

We come with open hearts, ready to receive God's truth.

Some seeds fall on hard paths, some on rocky ground, and some among thorns.

Lord, prepare our hearts to be good soil for Your Word.

May the worries of this world not choke out Your message, nor the trials of life cause us to fall away.

Help us to be deeply rooted in Your love and grounded in Your grace.

As we gather to worship, may God's Word take root within us and bear fruit in our lives.

We come to worship the Lord, whose love nourishes, strengthens, and sustains us.

† OPENING HYMN #732 (UMH)

“Come, We That Love the Lord”

† OPENING PRAYER

Gracious and loving God, as we gather for worship today, prepare the soil of our hearts to receive Your Word. Remove the stones of doubt, the thorns of worry, and anything that keeps us from growing in faith. Plant Your truth deeply within us so that we may be rooted in Your love and bear fruit for Your kingdom. Open our ears to hear, our minds to understand, and our hearts to respond to Your call. May this time of worship draw us closer to You and strengthen us to live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. In His holy name we pray. Amen.

† PASSING THE PEACE

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

“In the Garden”

arr Hayes

Nancy Casdorph, soloist and Lya Stroupe, pianist

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #881 (UMH)

“The Apostle’s Creed”

HYMN OF PREPARATION #600 (UMH)

“Wonderful Words of Life”

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

SERMON

“Rooted in Love”

Rev. Michael Burge

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.

† DOXOLOGY #95 (UMH)

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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 #707 (UMH)

“Hymn of Promise”

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

“O Worship the King”

Grant/J. M. Hayden

SERMON NOTES

MATTHEW 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: ‘Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears⁺ listen!’ ¹⁸‘Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away.⁺ ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.’

ALTAR GUILD

The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and in loving memory of my sister, Eleanor Joan Federer and her husband, Harold George Morrow for their wedding anniversary by *Eloise Federer*.

PRAYER FOCUS

Dear God, Let our action and words land in the hearts of others. We want to help grow Your Kingdom here on Earth. May our actions be the seeds or fertilizer needed to help others experience Your love in a personal way. In Jesus name. Amen.

FELLOWSHIP TIME

TODAY, SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026

Happy 36th Birthday to Pastor Michael!!



Several church members have prepared a variety of homemade cakes to celebrate Pastor Michael's birthday. Directly following worship service please join Pastor Michael in the Lecture Room for a piece of birthday cake and get to know our new Pastor!!



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 DATE: July 26th

Lectionary Readings

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, July 19th:

Gen 28:10-19A / Ps 139:1-12, 23-25

Rom 8:12-25 / Matt 13:24-30, 36-43

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.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Greeters	(8:30)	Ann O’Neal (11:00)
Scripture Readers	(8:30)	Jim Culberson (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	