

WEEK AT WESLEY	
Sunday, July 26th	NINETH 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 27th	
7:30 p.m.	NA Meeting (Davis Gym)
Tuesday, July 28th	
7:00 p.m.	Davis Gym Reserved (Moore)
Wednesday, July 29th	
Thursday, July 30th	
7:30 p.m.	NA Meeting, Lecture Room
Friday, July 31st	
Saturday, Aug 1st	
6:00 p.m.	Balcony/Loft area Reserved (Mission Church)

WESLEY UMC STAFF	
Rev. Michael Burge	Pastor
Marianna Miller	Administrative Assistant
Albert Kaminsky	Building Custodian
Lya Stroupe	Director of Music, Children's Education & Music
Coleman Guenther	Bookkeeper
Ann Gore	Organist
Joe Andria	Accompanist
Colton Davis	Media Coordinator
Arielle & Chad Harvey	Youth Leaders
Rebekah Bledsoe & Lawrence DeLeurere	Bus Drivers

Concerts In The Loft



The Morgantown, West Virginia duo of Schnell & Paris combines the instrumental, vocal, and songwriting talents of guitarist Terry Schnell and pianist Steve Paris to deliver acoustic classics, rarely covered gems, and originals that take the listener from a Chicago music club to a cottage on the Oregon coast and out onto the metaphoric sea of life. Terry's voice has drawn comparisons to James Taylor, and his guitar style ranges from nimble fingerpicking to percussive strumming. Steve is a veteran of several bands who builds on Terry's guitar and voice with masterful piano accompaniment, rocking solos, and tasteful vocal harmonies.

SUN—AUG 9th—5PM

GREAT MUSIC FELLOWSHIP REFRESHMENTS

Free Concert & Parking compliments of

Wesley UMC

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

2026 Wesley UMC
Sunday, July 19th:
111 In Person / 241 Online

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

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!**

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Livestreamed 11:00 Service:
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GATHER as a community for worship ~ GROW in relationship with God and others ~ GO to serve Morgantown and the world
Nineth Sunday after Pentecost July 26, 2026 8:30 a.m. 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.

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Dear Wesley Friends,
You are cordially invited to join us on **Wednesday, August 5th at 2 p.m.**, in Haden Chapel, when the Wesley United Women in Faith, together with our new Love Your Neighbor group, are sponsoring a talk about immigration and related issues in our community by a noted local attorney and academic administrator. We are fortunate to have as speaker, L. Amber Brugnoli, J.D., Ph.D., who is Associate Vice-President and Executive Director for Global Affairs at WVU. She is very knowledgeable about immigration law, knows the ins and outs of visa and asylum application and can help us understand what is changing about international student and other U.S. visa programs. We have asked her to provide an overview of the immigration issues affecting WVU students, staff, faculty and others in our international community and speak on ways we church members can assist and support our international community. She will include advice on how to find services for specific immigration concerns, and we will end with a discussion and question and answer period. Dr. Brugnoli has agreed to address any questions or areas of interest to us related to the important immigration issues facing our community and nation as well as addressing ways to obtain related information, guidance, and assistance. Please let me know what your questions are for her so she can gear her talk accordingly. Save the date and please send me questions or issues that you would like Amber to focus on or address. Plan to attend and invite friends, especially those directly affected by these problems. If you are interested in attending, please contact Sandra Putnam at slputnam1@gmail.com or 304-210-8865.

School Supply Drive

Scott's Run Settlement House

Wesley Church will collect school supplies for Scott's Run Settlement House families thru Sunday, July 26th. Scott's Run distributes over 200 backpacks filled with school supplies and appreciates all donations. Place all donations in the Lecture Room. Donations will be delivered Monday, July 27th.

Wesley Fellowship
August Event

BlackBears baseball game & Fireworks!
Friday, August 21st ~ 7:00 p.m.

*More details TBA
Seat Section/Ticket Price
Pre-Game Dinner meet-up?

WESLEY FELLOWSHIP EVENT
(rescheduled from July cancellation)
Join West Virginia Botanic Garden member, Linda Bagby for a tour of the Garden Saturday, August 15th at 10:00 a.m. Meet on the Education Center deck. The walk lasts about 1 1/2 hours on the 3/4 mile level trail. We will see the special art exhibit by WV native Blanche Lazell on this walk. The café at the Visitors Center will be open if anyone wants to have lunch afterward. Please notify us of your attendance on your Sunday Connection Card or contact the church office at wesleymorgantown@gmail.com or 304-292-9485 by Friday, August 14th.

The Church in Worship

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

† Congregation Standing (*as you are able*)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Glory to God, We Give You Thanks”

J Kerr

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved of God, come and worship! Even when we do not know how or what to pray, the Spirit intercedes for us.

We come trusting God's presence and grace.

God works in all things for the good of those who love Him and are called according to his purpose.

We come ready to receive God's Word and share it with the world.

Nothing can separate from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

We come rejoicing, for we are more than conquerors through Christ who loves us.

Beloved of God, come and worship!

Let us worship our God whose love never fails.

† OPENING HYMN #540 (UMH)

“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

† OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, we gather in Your presence today with thankful hearts. When we are weak, Your Spirit helps us. When we struggle to find the words to pray, Your Spirit intercedes for us with love beyond understanding. Remind us that You are working all things together for good for those who love You and are called according to Your purpose. As we worship, fill us with the assurance that nothing can separate us from Your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Open our hearts to Your Word, strengthen our faith, and draw us closer to You and to one another. May all that we say and do in this time of worship and in our daily living bring glory and honor to Your holy name. 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

“On Eagles Wings”

Lucy Mapunda, flute and Lya Stroupe, piano

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #887 (UMH)

“Affirmation From Romans”

HYMN OF PREPARATION #566 (UMH)

“Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love”

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 18:26-39

SERMON

“Nothing Can Separate Us”

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 #2140 (TFWS)

“Since Jesus Came into My Heart”

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

“Give Ear, O Lord”

J Walther

SERMON NOTES

ROMANS 18:26-39

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes^[a] with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And God,^[b] who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit^[c] intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ We know that all things work together^[d] for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family.^[e] ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ^[f] who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.” ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

PRAYER FOCUS

Dear God, There is so much on our hearts that needs Your attention. Some of them are easy for us to pray about. We can offer them up to You with words and thoughts. But God, there are times, we can not find the words we need to voice our prayers. Hear us even when the words for prayer will not come. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

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

SUNDAY COUNTERS NEEDED

Wesley Church is looking for a few adults (18 yrs. and older) that would be part of the Sunday Counters group. The task of counting and documenting the Sunday offering is a very manageable task. There is a rotation schedule for 2 counters for every Sunday and takes only about an hour. Please speak with Pastor Michael if you are interested.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Greeters	(8:30)	Arielle and Chad Harvey (11:00)
Scripture Readers	Alison Cihla (8:30)	David Weigand (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	

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: August 9th, 23rd, and 30th

Lectionary Readings

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 2nd:

Gen 32:22-31 / Ps 17:1-7, 15

Rom 9:1-5 / Matt 14:13-21

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.