

WEEK AT WESLEY	
Sunday, Aug 16th	TWELFTH 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.	2nd Floor/Balcony area (Mission Church)
Monday, Aug 17th	
1:00 p.m.	Ukrainian Ministry Meeting, Haden Chapel
7:00 p.m.	Administrative Council Meeting, Haden Chapel
7:30 p.m.	NA Meeting (Lecture Room)
Tuesday, Aug 18th	WVU Fall Semester & Mon County Schools Begin
7:00 p.m.	Davis Gym Reserved (Moore)
7:00 p.m.	Book Club (Zoom Only)
Wednesday, Aug 19th	
Thursday, Aug 20th	
7:30 p.m.	NA Meeting, Lecture Room
Friday, Aug 21st	
5:00 p.m.	Dinner at BW3 (University Towne Center)
7:00 p.m.	Black Bears Game & Fireworks (Kendrick Family Ballpark, Granville, WV)
Saturday, Aug 22nd	
6:00 p.m.	Balcony/Loft area Reserved (Mission Church)

All Saints' Sunday ~ November 1, 2026

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.”
- Hebrews 12:1

What a comfort it is to know that our saints, our loved ones who have gone before us, are not just taking their ease in Heaven, but that they are with us and cheering us on as we strive to live like Jesus. On All Saints Sunday, we remember and celebrate the saints that surround us: departed family, friends, mentors, and special persons who have touched our lives.

To remind ourselves that we are surrounded by loved ones who cheer for us from Heaven, we will be making banners with the names of all our saints. We'll hang these banners, along with the banners & names we've created since 2022, in the church from All Saints Sunday-November 1st- until the first Sunday of Advent. Please fill out the form below listing your beloved saints and return it to the church office by October 4th. We are asking for a donation of one dollar per name; the money raised will go toward our Conference apportionments, and you can submit your donation with your list of names. However, whether you can give a donation or not, please turn in the names of your saints. Let's be surrounded by our saints' names, just as we are surrounded by their supportive love!

The saints named by _____

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| 1. | 6. |
| 2. | 7. |
| 3. | 8. |
| 4. | 9. |
| 5. | 10. |

2026 Wesley UMC
Sunday, August 9th:
115 In Person / 184 Online

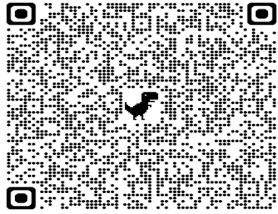


Online Offering Option!
Scan the QR code
with phone or device.
Thank You!

Support Our Disaster Response Ministries!

TWO WAYS to HELP Flood Victims!!

1. Wesley Church is collecting WV Flood Disaster Relief donations (check: memo line Flood Relief or cash) thru Sunday, August 30th.



2. Scan the QR Code with your smartphone to learn about ways you can support our Disaster Response Ministries in the West Virginia Annual Conference. You can also visit <https://www.wvumc.org/new-vision-depot>. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with those affected by recent flooding, as well as those responding in disaster relief!

SAVE THE DATE!

Charge Conference
November 1, 2026
12:15 PM
Wesley UMC (Sanctuary)



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:
facebook.com/wesleymorgantown

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

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 16, 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.



Mon County Schools
First Day

Tuesday, August 18th

Good Luck to all students!

WVU Fall Semester
Begins

Tuesday, August 18th

Welcome WVU Students & Families!



Wesley Book Club - Zoom Only

7:30 PM - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays
(August 4th & 18th)

Book Club Leader - Mary Ragland

304-282-1947 / mhragland5@yahoo.com



Calling ALL Children, Youth, & Volunteers!

There will be an informational gathering on Sunday, August 30th at 9:30 a.m. in the Choir Room (3rd Floor). Parents, Children, Youth, and interested volunteers are invited to come and learn more about opportunities for the upcoming school year AND offer your hopes, dreams and ideas for our children's and youth ministries. Please share this information and invite others to join us.



Christian Education Sunday & Wesley Kids KickOff Event!!
Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 13th!

9:30 a.m. ~ 10:30 a.m. ~ Sunday School Meet & Greet for all ages!
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. ~ Food, Fellowship, & Fun in the Gym!!

As we prepare to celebrate our Christian education ministries and kickoff our children's and youth ministries for another school year, it's time to get excited! This coming year we are committed to offering ministries for the whole family and to provide ways for everyone to be engaged in the full life of the church. Get Ready! More information will be shared soon.

Wesley Kids' Volunteer Needed: we are looking for adults of all ages to serve as a Sunday School Teacher, Substitute Teacher, Youth, Music, Skits, Crafts or Nursery volunteer. Volunteer forms are located on the Welcome Table...fill out a form and leave in the church office or offering plate.

All are Welcome! Invite a Friend!

Wesley Fellowship
August Event

BlackBears baseball game & Fireworks!

Friday, August 21st ~ 7:00 p.m.

\$13.00 per ticket (30 seats reserved)

5:00 p.m. Pre Game Dinner (Dutch of course!!) at BW3

University Town Center location

***Notify us on your Connection Card**
or contact the church office

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.

The Church in Worship

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

† Congregation Standing *(as you are able)*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *“This is My Father’s World”* K Sheppard

† CALL TO WORSHIP
Hear the Good News: God is with us!
God's love is steadfast and God's promises endure forever.
When we feel forgotten, God reminds us that we are not rejected.
God's mercy is greater than our failures and God's grace is greater than our sin.
God's gifts and God's call are irrevocable.
We come trusting in the faithfulness of our God.
Let us worship the One whose mercy reaches all people.
We are not rejected! We are loved, called, and held by the grace of God.

† OPENING HYMN #548 (UMH) *“In Christ There Is No East or West”*

† OPENING PRAYER
Heavenly Father, we come before You today with grateful hearts, knowing that we are never forgotten and never rejected by You. Your mercy is greater than our failures and Your promises remain steadfast. As we worship You today, remind us that Your gifts and Your call are irrevocable. When we feel unworthy, uncertain, or far from You, help us to remember that Your grace continues to reach for us. So, open our hearts to receive Your word. And by your Holy Spirit, strengthen our faith, renew our hope, and help us extend the same mercy to others that You have so freely given to us. May all that we say and do glorify you, O Lord. In the name of Jesus the Christ 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 *“Ain’t-a That Good News”* arr Sellers
Joe Andria, John Hendricks, Paul Ragland, and Dave Champe

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #885 (UMH) *“A Modern Affirmation”*

HYMN OF PREPARATION #121 (UMH) *“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”*

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

SERMON *“We Are Not Rejected”* 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 #94 (UMH) *“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”*
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 #363 (UMH) *“And Can It Be that I Should Gain”*

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE *“Postlude”* W Walond

SERMON NOTES

ROMANS 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ² God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? ²⁹ for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now ^[a] receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

ALTAR GUILD

The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and in celebration of Alaigna Burge’s 1st Birthday *by her family: Pastor Michael, Alexia, and Johnny.*



PRAYER FOCUS

Dear God, Have you noticed we mess up a lot? We try and do the right thing and it isn't right. You always seem to forgive us. You grant us Grace. God, help us be more like You. Let us be forgiving as well as travel the path of Your righteousness. 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 DATE: August 23rd

Lectionary Readings
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 23rd:
Exod 1:8-2:10 / Ps 124 / Rom 12:1-8 / Matt 16:13-20



Start Back Date!

Scott’s Run Settlement House
Backpack Feeding Program

Wednesday, September 9th 12:00 p.m.

Do you want to make a practical, visible difference in the life of a child? Then come help fill weekend backpacks for Mon County students at Scotts Run Settlement House. Every second Wednesday is our turn to help fill bags with shelf-stable, easy to consume food items for over 800 students who would otherwise go hungry from Friday night to Monday breakfast. We begin around 12:30 PM, and the work takes about an hour. Come help somebody-join us at Scotts Run!

Cheat Lake location:
750 Fairchance Road
Morgantown, WV 26508
304-435-5098



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	Steve Stroupe (8:30)	Bill and Nancy Wasson (11:00)
Scripture Readers	Jeannie Douglas (8:30)	Nancy Wasson (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	