

WEEK AT WESLEY

Sunday, Aug 23rd

THIRTEENTH 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 24th

7:30 p.m. NA Meeting (Lecture Room)

Tuesday, Aug 25th

7:00 p.m. Davis Gym Reserved (Moore)

Wednesday, Aug 26th

Thursday, Aug 27th

7:30 p.m. NA Meeting, Lecture Room

Friday, Aug 28th

Saturday, Aug 29th

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
Coleman Guenther	Bookkeeper
Ann Gore	Organist
Joe Andria	Accompanist
Colton Davis	Media Coordinator
Arielle & Chad Harvey	Youth Leaders
Rebekah Bledsoe & Lawrence DeLeurere	Bus Drivers

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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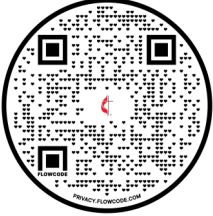
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2026 Wesley UMC

Sunday, August 16th:

149 In Person / 131 Online



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



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!



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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

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 23, 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.

Welcome WVU Students & Families!



The Chancel Choir will begin this season on September 2nd. Choir practices are held on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the Choir Room on the third floor. NEW and SEASONED voices are welcome to join us! Chancel Choir sings every week at the 11:00 am Sunday service and occasionally at the 8:30 am service. The Chancel Choir offers a variety of musical selections. This is a great time for people who want to start singing in the choir to join. For more information, contact Lya Stroupe lyastroupe@comcast.net for more information.

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.

PARADES & HOSPITALITY!!

Helping hands and smiling faces are needed
for our parade hospitality outreach.

All ages are welcome to be a part of Wesley's Parade Hospitality Group! Be a part of outreach that serves the community during a fun and energized parade. Volunteers arrive one hour before the parade begins and will prepare cold and/or hot beverages then serve at two locations: Davis Gym doors and Church entrance Willey Street (stone steps). Below are dates for upcoming parades will be Downtown Morgantown:

Mon County Fair Parade: Tuesday, September 8th @ 7:00 p.m.
Volunteers for fair parade arrive at 6:00 p.m.

UHS Homecoming Parade: week of Oct 2nd @ time TBS
MHS Homecoming Parade: week of Oct 9th @ time TBS
WVU Homecoming Parade
Friday, Oct. 16th ~ 6:30 p.m.
Volunteers for WVU parade arrive at 5:30 p.m.

Pride Parade: date & time TBA
Veterans Day Parade: Nov 11th @ time TBA
Christmas Parade: date & time TBA
Volunteer times will be announced. Contact Karen Kelley King at 304-282-8478 to participate.

The Church in Worship

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

† Congregation Standing *(as you are able)*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

† OPENING HYMN #545 (UMH)

† OPENING PRAYER

† PASSING THE PEACE

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

SPECIAL MUSIC

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #884 (UMH)

HYMN OF PREPARATION #413 (UMH)

SCRIPTURE READING

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

† DOXOLOGY #95 (UMH)

† CLOSING HYMN #2153 (TFWS)

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

“Chaconne”

Young

“*The Church’s One Foundation*”

Almighty God: I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed for thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen. *(A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition, UMH 607).*

“Start a Fire” (by Unspoken)

Praise Team

“A Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church”

“A Charge to Keep I Have”

Romans 12:1-8

Rev. Michael Burge

“A Living Sacrifice”

“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.”

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

“Air”

SERMON NOTES

ROMANS 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God’s mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ²Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.^[a] ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

ALTAR GUILD

The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and in honor of Jarod King, a loving and supportive father, as well as a kind son, who’s celebrating his 50th birthday (Aug. 28th) from Simon, Sarah, his mother, and the entire Kelley Family.

PRAYER FOCUS

Dear God, We are one body. You created us to be unique individuals. Yet we each need to work together for You. Help us to use our individuals talents to glorify You! Give us the courage to lead or follow. We ask in Jesus name. Amen.

Lectionary Readings

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 30th:
Exod 3:1-15 / Ps 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b
Rom 12:9-21 / Matt 16:21-28

Save the date! Women of Faith Event



Tuesday, October 13th

4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

St. Mary's Peace Hall

Hosted by The Catholic Daughters

\$20 per person

Food ~ Fellowship ~ Raffles (Quilt & Baskets)

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:

September 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th



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 12:00 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

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Greeters	(8:30)	Mary and Kaz Koike (11:00)
Scripture Readers	Katlin Swisher (8:30)	Emily 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	