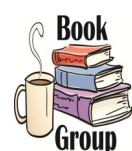


WEEK AT WESLEY

Sunday, Sept 13th	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST
NO Open Gym Time Today	8:30 a.m. Worship Service (In Person) 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School, 2nd Fl Classrooms 9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School, 3rd Fl Classrooms 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (In Person & Livestreamed) 12:00 p.m. Kids Kick Off Event (Davis Gym) 1:00 p.m. Mission Church (2nd Floor Balcony area) 5:00 p.m. Concerts In The Loft (2nd Floor Balcony area) 6:00 p.m. College Study, 3rd Floor Classroom 6:30 p.m. Davis Gym Reserved (WVU Volleyball Club)
Monday, Sept 14th	1:30 p.m. Heritage Bible Study (Village at the Heritage) 7:30 p.m. NA Meeting (Lecture Room)
Tuesday, Sept 15th	6:00 p.m. Fellowship Event at Mountainlair....join us! 7:00 p.m. Davis Gym Reserved (Moore) 7:30 p.m. Book Club (Zoom only) 9:00 p.m. Davis Gym Reserved (Young Life)
Wednesday, Sept 16th	7:00 p.m. Choir Practice, 3rd Floor Choir Room 7:00 p.m. Young Life (QUAD basement)
Thursday, Sept 17th	1:00 p.m. BSF, Choir Room 6:30 p.m. Nominations Committee Mtg, Haden Chapel 7:30 p.m. NA Meeting, Lecture Room
Friday, Sept 18th	7:00 p.m. Davis Gym Reserved (Young Life)
Saturday, Sept 19th	5:00 p.m. Balcony/Loft area Reserved (Mission Church)

SUNDAYS AT 6:00 P.M. (3RD FLOOR CLASSROOMS)

COLLEGE BIBLE STUDY is back for the Fall Semester!
ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS WELCOME!
College Study led by Lawrence DeLeurere
Contact info: 304-319-7740 / semangeloph@gmail.com



Wesley Book Club - Zoom Only

7:30 PM - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays
(September 1st & 15th)

Book Club Leader - Mary Ragland

304-282-1947 / mhragland5@yahoo.com

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: Davis Gym doors and Church entrance Willey Street (stone steps).

WVU Homecoming Parade

Friday, Oct. 16th ~ 6:30 p.m.

Volunteers for WVU parade arrive at Wesley by 5:30 p.m.

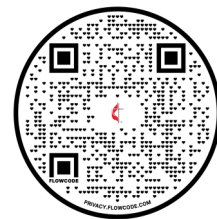
Pride Parade: date & time TBA

Veterans Day Parade: Nov 11th @ time TBA

Christmas Parade: date & time TBA

2026 Wesley UMC

Sunday, Sept 6th:
123 In Person / 281 Online



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

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, September 17th at 6:30 p.m.
Wesley's Nominations Committee Meeting will meet in Haden Chapel. Please notify the church office or Pastor Michael of your attendance.



The Chancel Choir has just started back on Sept 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.

2026 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Wesley Church will be mailing 3rd quarter (Jan - Aug) 2026 Contribution Statements the week of Sept 14th. Please notify the church office if you do not receive your statement. Thank you.

Lectionary Readings

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost,

September 20th:

Exod 16:2-15 / Ps 105:1-6, 37-45 or Ps 78

Phil 1:21-30 / Matt 20:1-16

SAVE THE DATE!

Charge Conference

November 1, 2026 at 12:15 PM

Wesley UMC (Lecture Room)



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

Christian Education Sunday

September 13, 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.



Christian Education Sunday, Sept. 13th & Wesley Kids KickOff Event!!

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!!

SUNDAYS at 6:00 P.M.

UMYF: *United Methodist Youth Formation
Start Back Date Sunday, Sept 20th

ALL YOUTH WELCOME!
(6th thru 12th grade)

Youth Leaders Chad & Arielle Harvey

Contact info: 304-619-9441

simplysouthernphotographywv@gmail.com

Youth are invited to bring a friend!!

September Fellowship Event

MOUNTAINLAIR...is the place to have FUN!!

Bowling, Billards,
& Ping Pong!!

Tuesday, September 15th

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

\$7 per person



Parking will be free and available in Wesley's Parking Lot
(Wesley parking permit will be required).

Notify us of your attendance on your

Connection Card or contact the Church Office.

We hope you will join us!

Concerts In The Loft Kittens Ain't Biscuits



SUN
SEPT 13
5 PM

Free Concert & Parking compliments of Wesley UMC
503 North High St.
304-292-9485
wesleymorgantown.org

Bible Study Fellowship (BSF)

getting ready for fall start-up!

Ladies, if you are interested in an in-depth Bible study, you are welcome to join the BSF Class. We meet in the choir room on Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. For thirty weeks, our study will be "Romans: From Guilt to Grace" BSF is an international organization with classes in many countries around the world. There are women in our class from several Morgantown area churches. Contact Ann Gore to join this study. We appreciate Wesley for providing a place to study, and thank Albert Kaminsky, Wesley's Building Custodian, for setting up each week. Please note that parking is provided until reserved spaces in church parking lot fill up.

The Church in Worship

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

† Congregation Standing (as you are able)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Children of the Heavenly Father” J Keer

† CALL TO WORSHIP
Come, let us worship God who has forgiven us freely and completely.
We come with grateful hearts, remembering the mercy God has shown us.
Jesus calls us not only to receive forgiveness, but also to extend it to others.
Lord, soften our hearts, heal our wounds, and help us forgive as we have been forgiven.
Let us release resentment, embrace mercy, and worship the One whose grace never runs out.
We come to worship God and live as godly people in His image.

† OPENING HYMN #89 (UMH) “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

† OPENING PRAYER
Gracious and loving God, we thank You for bringing us together in worship today. Remind us that we are called to forgive others, just as You have forgiven us. Lord, soften our hearts and help us release any bitterness, anger, or resentment. Give us the strength to forgive even when it is difficult, and remind us also of the great mercy You have shown us through Jesus Christ. As we worship You, experience your power and presence, and hear Your Word today, help us live as a people of grace, compassion, and forgiveness. May our lives reflect Your love to all those around us. In the blessed name of Jesus we pray. Amen!

† PASSING THE PEACE

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

RECOGNITION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS & CHILDREN/YOUTH/COLLEGE VOLUNTEERS
Director: Dear friends, let us recognize those who have responded to the call of God to become teachers and volunteers in our Sunday School program and children, youth, and college ministries. To teach, to administer the work of teaching, and to support the work of teaching are ministries of Christ among us. Those called to these ministries need our loyal support and our prayers.

Pastor: Let us pray. Eternal God, you have entrusted us with the message of your power, grace, justice, and love. Provide for us your guidance, that we may be teachers, learners, and disciples together. Believing that you are in our midst, we set apart those who would serve in our church school. May they serve you in nurturing the spiritual growth of all who are entrusted in their care. Bless each one gathered before us, enabling them to be channels of your grace. We pray through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Pastor to Teachers/Volunteers: You have recognized God's call in your lives. Will you endeavor to develop your gifts for teaching and mentoring so as to continue to pass on the Christian faith and nurture discipleship? Will you be faithful to the task, taking seriously the commitments of time and talent? Will you take seriously your role as learner, studying diligently the Scriptures and traditions of the faith?

Teachers/Volunteers: We have heard God's call to teach and have responded to that call. We teach, trusting in God's promises to support, sustain, and encourage us through gifts sufficient for the task. We teach, relying on prayer and the presence of the Holy Spirit. We teach, inviting others to recognize and respond to God's call in their lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. We teach, depending on this congregation to uphold us in this task.

Congregation: We pledge ourselves to pray for you and for the educational ministries of our congregation. We pledge ourselves to enable, encourage, and love you in this ministry. We pledge ourselves to be learners and disciples with you, diligently studying with you the Scriptures and traditions of the faith.

SPECIAL MUSIC
8:30 a.m. “Great Day!” with “Every Time I Feel the Spirit” Traditional Spiritual
Joe Andria, piano and solo
11:00 a.m. “Lord, Teach Your Church” Martin
Chancel Choir

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #889 (UMH)
“Affirmation from I Timothy 2:5-6; 1:15; 3:16”

HYMN OF PREPARATION #2040 (TFWS) “Awesome God”
GOSPEL READING Matthew 18:21-35
SERMON “Forgiving Others” 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.

† CLOSING HYMN #558 (UMH) “We Are the Church”

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE “Praise Our God” Peterson

SERMON NOTES

MATTHEW 18:21-35

²¹ Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²² Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven^[a] times. ²³ “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

PRAYER FOCUS

ALTAR GUILD
The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and in loving memory Ruth K. Jones.

Hello God, we are feeling guilty. We readily accept your forgiveness, BUT we do not forgive others easily. You set such a wonderful example. Help us to give up our pettiness and forgive those who have offended us. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Greeters Duncan and Owen Lorimer (8:30) Doris and Jim Pitman (11:00)
Scripture Readers Duncan Lorimer (8:30) Heidi Gallegly (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