

WEEK AT WESLEY

Sunday, Sept 27th	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST
Open	8:30 a.m. Worship Service (In Person)
Gym Time	9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School, 2nd Fl Classrooms
Today	9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School, 3rd Fl Classrooms
12-12:45	11:00 a.m. Worship Service (In Person & Livestreamed)
	1:00 p.m. Mission Church (2nd Floor Balcony area)
	3:30 p.m. Davis Gym Reserved (Bragg)
	6:00 p.m. UMYF Group, 3rd Floor Classroom
	6:00 p.m. College Study, 3rd Floor Classroom
	6:30 p.m. Davis Gym Reserved (WVU Volleyball Club)
Monday, Sept 28th	
	6:15 p.m. Sober Living Exercise Class (Lecture Room)
	7:30 p.m. NA Meeting (Lecture Room)
Tuesday, Sept 29th	
	7:00 p.m. Davis Gym Reserved (Moore)
	9:00 p.m. Davis Gym Reserved (Young Life)
Wednesday, Sept 30th	
	7:00 p.m. Choir Practice, 3rd Floor Choir Room
	7:00 p.m. Young Life (QUAD basement)
Thursday, October 1st	
	1:00 p.m. BSF, Choir Room
	7:30 p.m. NA Meeting, Lecture Room
Friday, October 2nd	National Custodian Day...Thank U Albert!!
	7:00 p.m. Davis Gym Reserved (Young Life)
Saturday, October 3rd	
	9:00 a.m. Fellowship Trip to Forest Festival (Elkins, WV)
	11:00 a.m. UWF Guatemalan Project, Haden Chapel
	5:00 p.m. Balcony/Loft area Reserved (Mission Church)

Concerts In The Loft



Jeff Miller

Violinist, Bassist,
Mandolin & Trombonist

Touring Songwriter/Looping Guitarist

Producer & Composer

GREAT MUSIC
FELLOWSHIP REFRESHMENTS

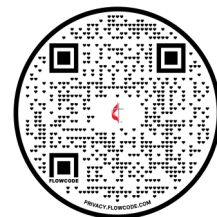
SUN → OCT 4th → 5PM

Free Concert & Parking compliments of

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

2026 Wesley UMC

Sunday, Sept 20th:
111 In Person / 267 Online



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

♥ All Pets. All Loved. ♥
PET BLESSING
A SERVICE OF THANKING GOD FOR OUR PETS
AND THE CREATED ORDER
OCTOBER 11TH
2:00 PM
At the Pavilion next to Spruce Street
United Methodist Church on
Fayette and Spruce Streets.
Bring your furry, scaly,
smooth, and feather
friends for a celebration
of their companionship
and gifts of love they
bring to the world.
PLEASE BRING DOG FOOD, CAT FOOD,
OR KITTY LITTER
FOR THE MON COUNTY
CANINE ADOPTION CENTER.
A MINISTRY OF THE
MORGANTOWN URBAN/EAST UNITED METHODIST PARISH
AND THE WVU UNITED METHODIST CAMPUS MINISTRY

SUNDAYS AT 6:00 P.M.
(3RD FLOOR CLASSROOMS)
COLLEGE BIBLE STUDY
ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS
WELCOME!

College Study led by
Lawrence DeLeure
Contact info: 304-319-7740
semangeloph@gmail.com

UMYF:
***United Methodist Youth Formation**
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!!

SAVE THE DATE!

Charge Conference

November 1, 2026 at 12:15 PM

Wesley UMC (Lecture Room)



Wesley United Methodist Church

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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

Eighteenth Sunday after Penetcost

September 27, 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.

Guatemalan Children's Scholarship
Project sponsored by UWF
All are invited to attend!

Subject: Meeting October 3 at 11:00 am in Haden Chapel for an update on Guatemalan Children's Scholarship Project. **What:** An update from Leeann Danley, an elementary school teacher in Waynesburg, PA, on the status of the Guatemalan Children's Scholarship Project. **Why:** Leeann has been selling handmade felted Christmas ornaments for several years now in support of the scholarship fund for children in Patzun, Guatemala. We will be selling them again this year at church starting in November. It is a very inspiring story and a glimpse of life in another country.

Sandy Putnam and Doris Pitman, Wesley UWF

ALTAR GUILD MEETING

New Members & Ideas are Welcome!

Next Sunday, October 4th there will be an Altar Guild Meeting at 12:15 p.m. directly following the second service in the Lecture Room. This meeting will be a planning session for the Advent/Christmas season. Pastor Michael will lead the meeting and is excited to work with Wesley's Altar Guild. Again...we encourage anyone interested to attend.

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

Forms to attend are on the Welcome Table

Deadline to RSVP is October 1st

Food ~ Fellowship ~ Raffles (Quilt & Baskets)

October Fellowship Event ~ Make plan to join us!

Save the Date for the 88th Forest Festival
"Autumn in Color"
September 26 - October 4, 2026



Wesley is going Saturday, October 3rd ~ Make plans to join us!

9:30 a.m. Depart from church parking lot

11 seats available on the Church Bus! \$10 per person for gas fee

Interested in going? Notify the church office on your
Connection Card or email wesleymorgantown@gmail.com.

Worship in the Park!



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11th

Outdoor Worship & Church Picnic

10:30 a.m. ONE SERVICE ONLY

Westside Senior Center (Westover, WV)

500 DuPont Road (behind Westover Police Barracks)

Church Picnic to follow service. Wesley will provide

main dish and beverages. Asking members with last name beginning with:

A-M bring a side dish (hot or cold) ~ N-Z bring a veggie, fruit, desse

The Church in Worship		
Congregational Responses and Prayers are in <i>bold italic print</i>		
† Congregation Standing (<i>as you are able</i>)		
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		
PRELUDE	“Let All Things Now Living”	arr M Hayes
† CALL TO WORSHIP		
Come, let us worship God who calls us to examine our hearts and change our ways.		
<i>Lord, give us humble hearts that are willing to hear Your voice and follow Your will.</i>		
Jesus reminds us that it is not simply what we say, but how we live, that reveals our faith.		
<i>Help us move from words to action, from resistance to obedience, and from our ways to Your ways.</i>		
As we worship today, may God transform our hearts and make us more faithful followers of Christ.		
<i>Lord, change us, renew us, and lead us in Your truth. We come to worship you!</i>		
† OPENING HYMN #139 (UMH)	“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”	
† OPENING PRAYER		
<i>Heavenly Father, we bow before you today with humility, recognizing that You call us not only to hear Your word, but to live it. Remind us that true change begins within. Give us hearts that are willing to turn from our old ways, to listen to Your voice, and to follow You faithfully. Where we have been stubborn, give us wisdom. Where we have been unwilling, give us courage. And so for that good work which you begin in each of us, Lord, we praise You. May our worship this day and always bring honor and glory to You. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.</i>		
† PASSING THE PEACE		
CHILDREN’S MOMENTS		
SPECIAL MUSIC		
8:30 a.m.	“Draw Me Close” Paul Ragland, piano and solo	arr Michael W. Smith
11:00 a.m.	“Order My Steps” (In Your Word) Chancel Choir and Carolyn Hendricks, percussion	Burleigh
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #888 (UMH)		
“Affirmation from 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 and Colossians 1:15-20”		
HYMN OF PREPARATION #400 (UMH)		
“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”		
GOSPEL READING		Matthew 21:23-32
SERMON	“Change”	Rev. Michael Burge
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH		
THE LORD’S PRAYER		
<i>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.</i>		
† DOXOLOGY #95 (UMH)	“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” <i>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.</i> ©1989 The UM Publishing House, all rights reserved	
† CLOSING HYMN #467 (UMH)	“Trust and Obey”	
† BENEDICTION		
† POSTLUDE	“Carlise“	C S Lang

SERMON NOTES

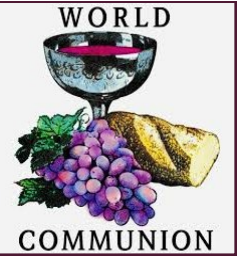
MATTHEW 21:23-32

23 When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” 24 Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. 25 Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why, then, did you not believe him?’ 26 But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet.” 27 So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. 28 “What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ 29 He answered, ‘I will not,’ but later he changed his mind and went. 30 The father[a] went to the second and said the same, and he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go. 31 Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. 32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him.

PRAYER FOCUS

Dear God, We are often like the two sons in this parable. We say yes to you, but we don't follow through. We want to do Your good, but often say no out of fear. We wonder what it will cost us -with the people in our lives. Help us to change Lord. Let us be willing to go out doing Your service. We know that only YOU can provide heavenly guidance! Amen.

WORLD COMMUNION



World Communion Sunday is a special observance in which Christians worldwide gather to celebrate Holy Communion, emphasizing the unity of the global body of Christ regardless of cultural, linguistic, or denominational differences.

You are invtied to gather around Wesley's table...join us!

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:

October 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th

Lectionary Readings

World Communion Sunday October 4th
19th Sunday after Pentecost:
Exod 20:1-4, 7-9; 12-20 / Ps 19
Phil 3:4b-14 / Matt 21:33-46

SUNDAYS: Open Gym Time

Parents and Children who attend the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sundays are welcome to have some free play time in the Davis Gym directly following the second service until 12:45 p.m.

EVERY CHILD regardless of age HAS TO BE accompanied by a parent. There will be times that the Davis Gym is reserved for other events, therefore, OPEN GYM TIME will be canceled for that day.

Other than equipment provided there will be no outside equipment allowed in the gym. NOTE: children will not have access or are permitted to be on the stage for safety reasons. We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely, Wesley Staff

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY		
Greeters	Arielle and Chad Harvey (8:30)	Mary and Kaz Koike (11:00)
Scripture Readers	Paul Ragland (8:30)	Logan Pfaff (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	