

NOVEMBER 2026



Wesley Journal Newsletter



Sunday Worship Times



8:30 a.m. In-Person & 11:00 a.m. In-Person & Online

Pastor's Corner



Rev. Michael Burge
Pastor



Wishing our
Wesley Church
Family a very blessed and
Happy Thanksgiving!
Wesley Church
Office is closed
Thursday, Nov 26th
& Friday, Nov 27th

Dear Wesley Church Family & Friends,

Is your faith dead? That's a captivating and thought-provoking question. I heard it asked a few weeks ago on a podcast and it made me think deeper. My mind turned immediately to the Apostle James who said, "...faith is dead when it doesn't result in faithful activity" (James 2:17, CEB). I am grateful for the faithful activity that I've witnessed at Wesley Church. And I know we will continue that faithful activity as we continue to nurture and grow our faith together. Don't just have faith. Live your faith! In the words of Jesus, "...Let your light shine before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16, CEB).

Speaking of faithful activity, we have a few opportunities throughout November to put our faith into action in rather simple ways.

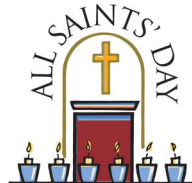
The first is helping to provide Thanksgiving baskets for families at Scott's Run Settlement House. Instead of filling baskets with specific food items, we are collection monetary donations and Kroger gift cards (any amount) so that families in need can provide a delicious meal for their own table. Last year we provided 20 baskets with \$75 each. Let's do 30 baskets this year! Checks can be made payable to Wesley UMC, and please note Thanksgiving Baskets on the memo line.

The second opportunity for faithful activity is in partnership with the newly formed WVU United Methodist Students club. We are taking donations of Study Bibles to be donated to the Appalachian Prison Book Network, a non-profit that sends free books to people imprisoned in six states (WV, VA, TN, KY, OH, MD). We are encouraging donations of the Common English Bible (CEB) translation; however, the King James Version (KJV) is a frequent request, also. Donations of Study Bibles MUST be NEW and SOFTCOVER. You can also make a momentary donation of any amount to Wesley UMC, just note "Study Bibles" on the memo line or envelope.

There are other ways we can engage in faithful activity...just continue reading our newsletter. You'll also hear about other exciting opportunities to be involved in the life of the church, to support our mission and ministry, and to live out your faith as we gather, grow, and go together in the name of Jesus Christ.

In Faith and Service,

Pastor Michael +



Sunday, November 1, 2026

Remembering Our Saints from Wesley Church

Gordon Rudolph Thorn

August 31, 1931 – November 15, 2025

Charlotte Lynn Nath

September 14, 1946 – May 5, 2026

Eileen Kay Tavaglione

December 17, 1944 – June 3, 2026

Thomas Paul Rogers

December 29, 1932 – October 6, 2026

More NEWS from Pastor Michael

BAPTISM & NEW MEMBERS

Pastor Michael will be celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism and welcoming New Members on Sunday, November 15th. Please notify Pastor Michael if you would like to be baptized or want to become a member of Wesley UMC. Have a quick word with Michael after service or email him at mburge12@gmail.com.

GUEST PASTOR ON SUNDAY, NOV 22nd

Rev. Dr. Daniel Kimble will be preaching at both services – retired Elder in the Conference. Let's all attend and give Rev Kimble a wonderful Wesley welcome!

ADVENT SERMON SERIES

Beginning November 29 - First Sunday of Advent Pastor Michael will start an Advent sermon/series themed "Restoration Song" based on Psalms. Advent is always a time filled with hope, peace, joy, and love...you won't want to miss a Sunday!

SUNDAY, NOV 1st

Wesley Charge Conference

November 1, 2026 at 12:15 PM

Light refreshments will be served.

Join us for for a 2026 review of Wesley
and Leadership into 2027!

Wesley UMC (Lecture Room)

PASTOR ONBOARDING FOLLOW UP SESSION

Next Sunday, November 8th Wesley congregation is invited to a follow-up onboarding session to work on strategic planning for the coming year. Join us from 12:15 PM - 1:15 PM in the Choir Room. Refreshments will be provided.

Veterans Recognition

Next Sunday, November 8th

Wesley will recognize all military
veterans during both services.

Make plans to attend this special service.



Wesley Social Group

Adults & friends are welcome!

November 13th (Friday) Eat-n-Park breakfast at
9:00 a.m. followed with a service project at
Wesley

hosted by Mary Ragland

All adults and friends are welcome to join us for fun, food, and fellowship! Details of each event will be announced in upcoming bulletins and newsletters. This is your invitation to have fellowship with your church family! **Contact Doris Pitman at 304-599-4844 / maduva1@yahoo.com**

Pastor Michael, Alexia, Johnny & Alaigna
having some Fall & Halloween fun!



Youth Schedule

Sundays 6pm



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Nov. 1. - youth room

Nov. 8 - youth room

Nov. 15 - Game Night

Nov. 22 - youth room

Nov. 29 - NO YOUTH

Dec. 6 - youth room

Dec. 13 - Christmas Party

Dec. 20-Jan. 3 - NO YOUTH

Jan. 10 - youth room

Jan. 17 - youth room

Jan. 24 - Bowling



Youth 6th thru 12th grades...this is for you!

Youth Leaders are Arielle and Chad Harvey

**Youth
Pumpkin
Party
was fun!**

Feb. 21 - Movie Night

Feb. 28 - youth room

Mar. 7 - youth room

Mar. 14 - youth room

Mar. 21 - Easter Party

Mar. 28 - Apr. 4 - NO YOUTH

Apr. 11 - youth room

Apr. 18 - youth room

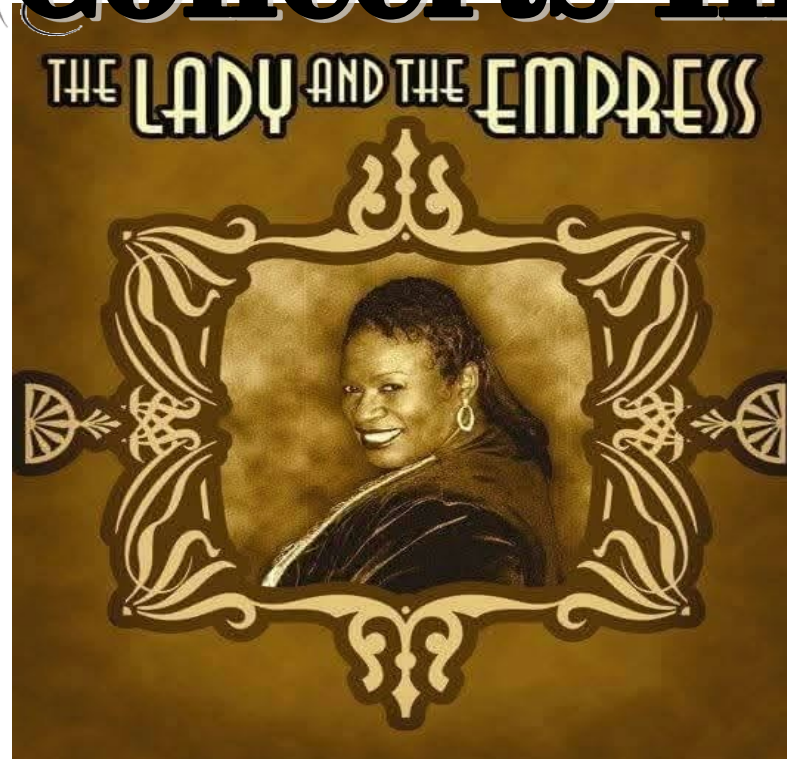
Apr. 25 - Mini Golf

May 2 - youth room

May 9 - NO YOUTH

May 16 - Family Cookout/Bonfire

Concerts In The Loft



West Virginia's First Lady
of Soul & Blues

Lady D

Accompanied by Guitarist
Andrew Caldwell

Bessie's Blues is a one-woman theatrical performance that is a direct spin-off of the original Lady and the Empress stage play. "Bessie's Blues" was conceived specifically with young people in mind but because of its' minimal set and space requirement, it is easily adapted to adult audiences and non-traditional venues. It is a great piece of history and entertainment combined and guaranteed to leave an audience wanting more.

GREAT MUSIC FELLOWSHIP REFRESHMENTS
SUN NOV 15th 5PM

Free Concert & Parking compliments of



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

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2026 Concert Series
December 13:
Jenny & Nathan

Concerts start at 5:00 PM

CONCERTS & PARKING are FREE
~ Compliments of Wesley UMC ~

THANKSGIVING BASKETS for SCOTT'S RUN FAMILIES



Donations for Scott's Run Thanksgiving Baskets will be the same as last year - instead of filling baskets we will be collecting donations (cash or check) or Kroger gift cards (any amount is appreciated!) that will be distributed by Scott's Run to their clients. Please make checks payable to Wesley UMC with Scott's Run Thanksgiving Baskets on memo line. The last Sunday to make a monetary donation or Kroger gift card (any amount is appreciated!!) will be Nov. 15th. Wesley was able to provide 30 Baskets (20 gift card bundles of \$75 per family) last year! Can you help us with this feeding outreach? If you have any questions please contact Doris Pitman at 304-599-4844. Donations will be delivered to Scott's Run on Monday, Nov. 16th.

Wesley Book Club - Zoom Only

7:30 PM - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays

(November 3rd & 17th)

Book Club Leader - Mary Ragland



Children's Christmas Program



Wesley's Christmas program that the children/youth present to the congregation will be on Sunday, December 13, 2026, at the 11am service. As with any program, it takes practice and commitment to being at rehearsals to make this work. Below is a schedule of rehearsal times and dates.

Rehearsals: 930am-10am on Sunday mornings.

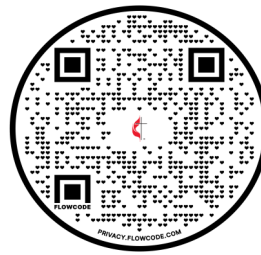
Nov. 8 - Nov. 15 - Nov. 22 - Nov. 29

Last rehearsal:

Sunday, December 13, 2026 at 930am

Presentation: Sunday December 13, 2026, at 11am

For more information please contact Lya Stroupe via email: lyastroupe@comcast.net.



**Quick & Easy method for your
Sunday offering.**

**SCAN the QR Code with your
electronic device! THANK YOU!**

2026 Financial Budget Thermometer Offerings Jan thru October will be sent out next week.

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

**COLLEGE BIBLE STUDY
ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS
WELCOME!**

College Study led by Lawrence DeLeurere

Contact info: 304-319-7740 /
semangeloph@gmail.com

November/December

THE UPPER ROOM
DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Reading materials available beside Church Office Door




**Join US for the
MonValley District
United Women in Faith
Fall Meeting**

Boothsville United Methodist Church*
Saturday - November 7, 2026

Gathering 9:30 a.m.
Meeting and Worship 10 a.m.

We will collect non-perishable foods for
Scotts Run Settlement House.
Rev. Raphael Oghole will offer Communion.

*Monetary offering will advance our district pledge to the
West Virginia Conference.*

*19 Boothsville Rd (located on James St.), Boothsville/Fairmont

Church Office Hours

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Mondays, Wednesdays,

Thursday, and Fridays

Tuesdays Closed (phone calls only)

access to building will be available

November Committee Meetings

Staff Meeting

Monday, November 2nd—10:00 a.m.

Finance Team Meeting

TBD

Trustee Meeting

Tuesday, November 10th—7:00 p.m.

SPRC Meeting

Thursday, November 12th—6:30 p.m.

Administrative Council Meeting

Monday, November 16th—7:00 p.m.



Scott's Run Backpack Feeding Program

START BACK DATE!! Wed. Nov 11th 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! **NOTE: Osage location for packing!**

PRAYER TEAM IS LOOKING FOR PRAYER WARRIORS!



THE PRAYER TEAM -



women and men who receive prayer requests via email and devote time to praying about them. It is personal choice as to where, how long and when in the day or night a member prays. For more information, please contact Rachel Beach at rplybonbeach@gmail.com.

~ Prayer Shawl Ministry ~
Tuesday, November 3rd
10:00 AM - Lecture Room
If you can knit, crochet
or would like to learn
please join us!

Outreach Ministry You Don't Want to Miss!

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



ORNAMENTS:

CHILD'S PHOTO



ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

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: Nov 29th



Undie Sunday!
Wesley collected
417 items for the
families of Scott's Run!



**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!**

**Contact the church office if you
are in need of a nametag!**

Men's
 Undies 11
 Socks 19 pair
 T's 17

Women's
 Undies 77
 Bras 14
 Socks 37 pairs
 Tights 7

Boys
 Undies 60
 t's 8
 Socks 20
 PJ's 1 pair

Girls
 Undies 94
 Socks 52 pairs
THANK YOU!!!

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

Homefriends Sunday, Nov 29th
Join us as Wesley will recognize
and pray for those members
that cannot attend service in person.

November Lectionary Readings

Nov 1st-Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Josh 3:7-17 / Ps 107:1-7, 33-37
 1 Thess 2:9-13 / Matt 23:1-12

All Saints Sunday

Rev 7:9-17 / Ps 34:1-10, 22
 1 John 3:1-3 / Matt 5:1-12

Nov 8th-Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Josh 24:1-3a, 14-25 / Ps 78:1-7
 1 Thess 4:13-18 / Matt 25:1-13

Nov 15th-TwentyFifth Sunday after Pentecost

Judg 4:1-7 / Ps 123 or Ps 76
 1 Thess 5:1-11 / Matt 25:14-30

Nov 22nd-Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday

Ezek 34:11-16 / Ps 100
 Eph 1:15-23 / Matt 25:31-46

Nov 29th-First Sunday of Advent

Isa 64:1-9 / Ps 80:1-7, 17-19
 1 Cor 1:3-9 / Mark 13:24-37

Beginning of Lectionary Year B



POINSETTIA & MISSIONAL DONATIONS CHRISTMAS 2026

It's that time of the year the Altar Guild are making plans to decorate the altar for the Advent Season & Christmas Eve service. We are planning for a beautifully decorated altar of poinsettias in celebration of the coming birth of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus. Poinsettias can be purchased for \$25 each in loving memory or in honor of someone special in your life. When the number of poinsettias needed to decorate the altar is reached, all other donations will be given to our local feeding ministries. Members of the Altar Guild will be available after both services (Lecture Room) to place your poinsettia order/memorial dedication on Sunday November 8th, 15th & 22nd. Completed order forms with payment can be placed in the offering plate, mailed to the church or dropped off to the Church Office. ***Deadline for orders will be Sunday, December 6th.*** Listings will be announced in the bulletin on Sunday, December 20th, and Thursday, December 24th ~ Christmas Eve.

Wishing everyone a beautiful and blessed Advent. Thank you. Wesley's Altar Guild

I (We) would like to provide poinsettias/missional gifts for Christmas Eve Services:

In Memory Of: _____

Given By: _____

Phone #: _____

Amount Paid: \$_____ Cash or Check #: _____

I (We) would like to provide poinsettias/missional gifts for Christmas Eve Services:

In Honor Of: _____

Given By: _____

Phone #: _____

Amount Paid: \$_____ Cash or Check #: _____


Wesley Church Office Hours & Contact Info:

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Coleman Guenther, Bookkeeper

304-216-0353 / wesleymorgantownfinance@gmail.com

Wednesday Advent Study

Beginning Wednesday, December 2 - a church-wide Advent study will be based on sermon series and include Bible study/discussion, prayer, and communion in Haden Chapel. Wednesdays 6:00 PM. This study is both In Person and Zoom. Contact the church office for the Zoom link and/or communion elements. Please note that there will be parking provided for any who attend in person.



Wesley's Altar Guild will be decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday, November 28th at 9:00 a.m. Helping hands of all ages are welcome!

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