WEEK AT WESLEY

Sunday, Nov 8th		**VETERANS SUNDAY**
	8:30 a.m.	Worship Service (In Person)
Open Gym	9:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday School, 2nd Floor
	9:30 a.m.	Children's Sunday School, 3rd Floor
Time Today	11:00 p.m.	Worship Service (In Person/Livestreamed)
	12:15 p.m.	OnBoarding Session, Choir Room
12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	Balcony/Loft Reserved (Mission Church)
	6:00 p.m.	Board Games Night, Lecture Room
	6:00 p.m.	College Study, 3rd Floor Classroom
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group, 3rd Floor
Monday, Nov 9th		
	5:30 p.m.	Davis Gym Reserved (Cutright)
	7:30 p.m.	NA Meeting (Lecture Room)
Tuesday, Nov 10th		
	7:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting, Haden Chapel
	7:00 p.m.	Davis Gym Reserved (Moore)
	9:00 p.m.	Davis Gym Reserved (YL)
Wednesday, Nov 11th		**Veterans Day**
	12:00 p.m.	Backpack Project (Scott's Run—Osage)
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Practice, 3rd Floor
Thursday, Nov 12th		
	1:00 p.m.	BSF, Choir Room (3rd Floor)
	6:30 p.m.	SPRC Meeting, Haden Chapel
	7:30 p.m.	NA Meeting, Lecture Room
Friday, Nov 13th		
	9:00 a.m.	Social Group Breakfast & Church (Eat n Park)
Saturday, Nov 14th		**WVU vs Kansas (home)**
	10:30 a.m.	UWF Planning Meeting, Haden Chapel
	6:00 p.m.	Davis Gym Reserved (Mission Church)



Upcoming Guatemalan Scholarship Project

Leeann Danley is selling felt ornaments to provide scholarships for seven children in Guatemala. This is the fourteenth consecutive year of the scholarship project. The children are Daylin, Javier, Adler, Emily, Flori, Veronica, and Julia. The ornaments were made by women in Guatemala, Leeann, her mother, and two of her aunts. Tuition prices range between $296 and $526 per year for a child to attend school. The price depends on the level of education. The ornament sale at Wesley United Methodist Church is on Sunday, Nov. 22. To place an order, please complete the Google form by Wednesday, Nov. 18. Each ornament is $5. The URL is https://tinyurl.com/Christmas-Ornaments-2026. After filling out the form, please calculate your total. You may pay for your ornaments with a check or cash when you pick them up. The inventory of ornaments that is still left after the online orders will be offered at the church on Nov. 22.

2026 Wesley UMC Attendance

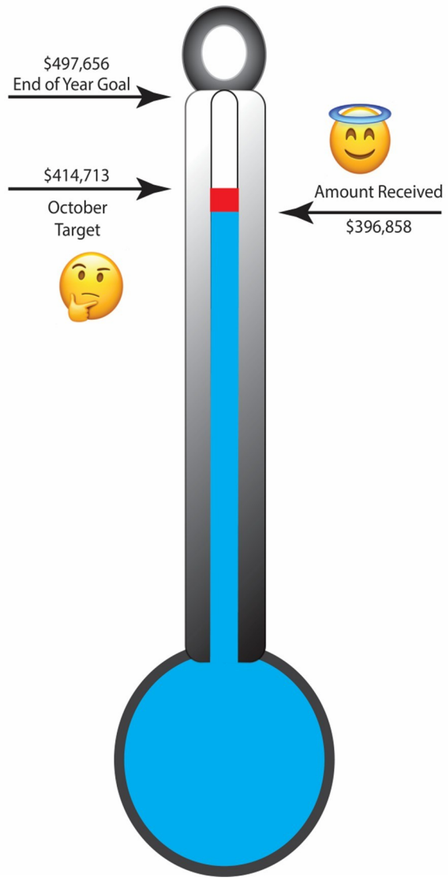
All Saints Sunday, November 1st:

145 In Person / 249 Online

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

2026 Financial Budget Thermometer

Offerings January - October



STUDY BIBLES ARE NEEDED!

For the month of November, the United Methodist Students are asking for donations of study Bibles for the Appalachian Prison Book Project (APBP), a non-profit that sends free books to people imprisoned in six Appalachian states (WV, VA, TN, KY, OH, MD). Study Bibles are a frequent request from prisoners, so APBP's inventory is consistently low. Please note that we are only accepting new, softcover books – most facilities do not allow hardbacks and have strict rules on the condition of used books. We are encouraging donations of the Common English Bible (CEB) translation; however, the King James Version (KJV) is a frequent request, also. Please consider donating to help spread the good news of God's love, grace, and mercy with all. Thank you!

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Livestreamed 11:00 Service:
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GATHER as a community for worship ~ GROW in relationship with God and others ~ GO to serve Morgantown and the world

Veterans Sunday — November 8, 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.

November Fellowship Event - TONIGHT!!



Everyone is welcome to bring their favorite boardgame or simply come and play games!

Bring a snack, invite a FRIEND...all ages welcome!!

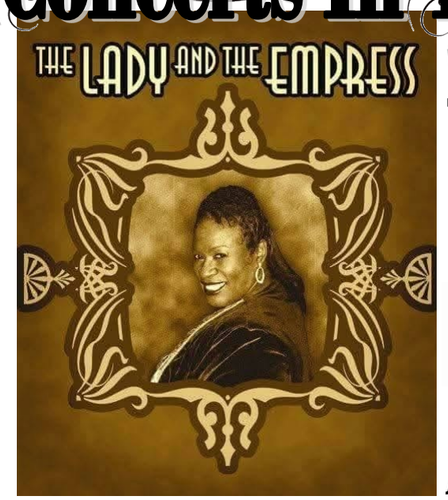
Sunday, Nov 8th - 6:00 PM - Lecture Room

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. 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.*

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

NOVEMBER happenings leading into the SEASON of ADVENT

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!

The Church in Worship

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

† Congregation Standing *(as you are able)*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *"Prelude in C"* J S Bach

† CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather today remembering the promise of God that death does not have the final word.
We may grieve, but not without hope, for we believe that Christ died and rose again.
We also gather today to recognize those who have served our nation.
We give thanks for our Veterans and their service, courage, and devotion.
Let us then worship the God who comforts the brokenhearted, honors those who labor for freedom and justice, and promises eternal life to all who believe.
Thanks be to God for the gift of salvation in Jesus Christ, for in him there is hope beyond death!

† OPENING HYMN #696 (UMH) *"America the Beautiful"*

† OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we come before You today with thankful hearts, seeking Your presence and the comfort of Your promises. As we gather for worship, remind us that even in the face of death and sorrow, we do not grieve as those without hope, for through Jesus Christ, You have promised us eternal life. We also pause to give thanks for our veterans. We thank you for their service, courage, and devotion to our nation, and for all who have labored for the causes of freedom and justice throughout the world. So, bless our worship today, open our hearts to Your Word, and guide us in living lives of faith, gratitude, and love. It is Jesus who gives us hope beyond death, and it is in the name of Jesus that we pray. Amen.

† PASSING THE PEACE

RECOGNIZING OUR VETERANS

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

SPECIAL MUSIC (11:00 A.M.) *"Plenty Good Room"* arr Larson
Chancel Choir and Joe Andria, soloist

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #883 (UMH)
"A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada"

HYMN OF PREPARATION #405 (UMH) *"Seek Ye First"*

SCRIPTURE READING 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

SERMON "Hope Beyond Death" 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.

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† CLOSING HYMN #2191 (TFWS) *"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"*

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE *"According to Thy Gracious Word"* arr G Martin

SERMON NOTES

1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died,[b] so that you may
not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so,
through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.[c] 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the
Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have
died.[d] 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's
trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left,
will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord
forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

ALTAR GUILD

The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and in loving memory and honor of all military veterans. We THANK YOU for your service.

PRAYER FOCUS

Dear God, We mourn for people who have died. We miss their earthly presence. We turn to you for reassurance. We know as Christians we will all meet again in heaven. Until we all are united, allow our hearts to remember them with joy. Help us to spread Your love so others may join Your heavenly family when the time is right. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

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.

Lectionary Readings for November 15th
25th Sunday after Pentecost:
Judg 4:1-7 / Ps 123 or Ps 76
1 Thess 5:1-11 / Matt 25:14-30



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!

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.

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



ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Greeters	Duncan and Owen Lorimer (8:30)	Mary and Kaz Koike (11:00)
Scripture Readers	Katlin Swisher (8:30)	John Jacobs (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	