

WEEK AT WESLEY

Sunday, Jan 11th BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY	
Children's Sunday School starts back 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 4:00 p.m. Circle of Friends, Davis Gym 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (In Person & Livestreamed) 6:00 p.m. Davis Gym Reserved (Mission Church)
Monday, Jan 12th	7:30 p.m. Davis Gym Reserved (Core) 7:30 p.m. NA Meeting (Lecture Room)
Tuesday, Jan 13th	5:00 p.m. Davis Gym Reserved (Bragg) 6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting, Haden Chapel 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting, Haden Chapel 7:00 p.m. Davis Gym Reserved (Moore)
Wednesday, Jan 14th	12:30 p.m. Backpack Feeding Program (Scott's Run) 6:00 p.m. Lectionary Study (Zoom) 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir, 3rd Floor Choir Room
Thursday, Jan 15th	1:00 p.m. BSF, 3rd Floor 5:30 p.m. Davis Gym Reserved (Bragg) 7:30 p.m. NA Meeting, Lecture Room
Saturday, Jan 17th	10:00 a.m. Davis Gym Reserved (Bragg) 6:00 p.m. Davis Gym Reserved (Mission Church)

WESLEY UMC STAFF

Martha Ognibene	Pastor
Marianna Miller	Administrative Assistant
Albert Kaminsky	Building Custodian
Lya Stroupe	Director of Music, Children's Music & Education
Coleman Guenther	Bookkeeper
Ann Gore Price	Organist
Joe Andria	Accompanist
Colton Davis	Media Coordinator
Arielle Harvey	Youth Leader
Rebekah Bledsoe & Lawrence DeLurere	Bus Drivers

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

COLLEGE BIBLE STUDY

ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS WELCOME!

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

*College Study will start back on Sunday, JAN 18TH

UMYF *United Methodist Youth Formation)

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

Youth Leaders Chad & Arielle Harvey

Contact info: 304-619-9441 /

simplysouthernphotographywv@gmail.com

Youth are invited to bring a friend!!



Wesley Book Club - Zoom Only

7:30 PM - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays

(January 6th & 20th)

Book Club Leader - Mary Ragland

304-282-1947 / mhragland5@yahoo.com

Please contact for more info.

January book study is on

Immortal Diamond by Richard Rohr

ENJOY COUPON BOOKS

Wesley's Church is selling the NEW Enjoy Coupon books for \$40 each. All proceeds will be applied to Wesley's 2026 final apportionment obligation. Books have been ordered and will be distributed from the Church Office when they arrive. Please notify the church office at 304-292-9485 or wesleymorgantown@gmail.com if you would like to place an order. 29 books left to sell!

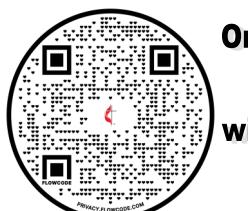
2026 Wesley UMC

Sunday, January 4th:

John Wesley Covenant Service

100 In Person / 202 Online

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



PRAYER MINISTRY AT WESLEY

Prayer is one of the most important ministries at Wesley. The Wesley Church Prayer Team prays continually for those who request prayer.

To request prayer you may -

- Write your prayer request on the **Connection Card** and place it in the offering plate. These will be shared with Pastor Martha and the prayer team.
- Contact for **Prayer Requests** is Rachel Beach (email rplybonbeach@gmail.com or call 304-382-3255).
- Place a prayer request in the **Prayer Box** at the back of the sanctuary. *These requests will be known only to God.*
- **BECOME a MEMBER of WESLEY'S PRAYER TEAM** by contacting Rachel Beach at rplybonbeach@gmail.com



Wesley United Methodist Church

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Website: wesleymorgantown.org
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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

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

January 11, 2026

8:30 a.m. & 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.



Backpack Feeding Program
Scott's Run House
Wednesday, Jan 14th - 12:30 p.m.

We pack food bags that are sent home with school children so they have food over the weekend. The goal at Scott's Run is to ensure that no school child spends the weekend hungry. The task takes about 90 minutes. We're a fun group and have a good time but we're on the move for the entire packing time. (Cheat Lake location)



SAVE the DATE
Soup & Bread Luncheon

FEBRUARY 28, 2026

11 AM - 2:30 PM

Hazel & J.W. Ruby Community Center

Tickets are \$25 Adult

\$10 Children 12 & Under (no bowl)

FREE Children 2 & under

Wesley UMC is selling tickets!

Contact the church office at

304-292-9485 or email

wesleymorgantown@gmail.com.

FINANCIAL NEWS

2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution statements that include 2025 offerings will be mailed the week of January 12th. Please notify the church office if you do not receive your statement by the end of January.

CONTRIBUTION LETTER

Anyone that provides their Wesley UMC (nonprofit organization) Sunday offerings or special offerings from their Retirement Accounts and requires a donation letter please notify Wesley's Bookkeeper, Coleman Guenther at wesleymorgantownfinance@gmail.com.

2026 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

2026 Offertory Envelopes are ready to be picked up. Stop by the Lecture Room and grab your box. Anyone that would like to provide their Sunday offering with their very own set of envelopes, please stop by the table and fill out the information needed and a box will be assigned. Thank You!

January Committee Meetings

Finance Meeting

Tuesday, January 13th—6:00 PM

Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, January 13th—7:00 PM

Administrative Council

Next meeting in February

SPRC Meeting—TBA / Staff Meeting—TBA

Church Office Hours have changed

Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursday, and Fridays

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

Tuesdays Closed (phone calls only)

access to building will be available

The Church in Worship

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

† Congregation Standing (as you are able)

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Allegro Vivace"

G F Handel/arr J Smith

AMOS 5:24

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Thus says the Lord, the God of Hosts, "Let justice roll down like waters, ***and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream!***"

† OPENING HYMN #252 (UMH)

"When Jesus Came to Jordan"

† OPENING PRAYER

Father in Heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns in glory everlasting. Amen.

GATHERING MUSIC #2236 (TFWS)

"Gather Us In" vs 1, 2, 4

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

11:00 a.m. Service Only - Children age 3 through 2nd grade are welcome to attend Children's Church immediately following the Children's Message (located on 2nd floor behind balcony)

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Shall We Gather at the River with Near To The Heart of God"

Lya Stroupe, piano

arr Hayes

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #881 (UMH)

"Come, Be Baptized"

HYMN OF PREPARATION #2252 (TFWS)

PSALM 29 AND MATTHEW 3:13-17

SCRIPTURES

"Water, Water Everywhere"

Pastor Martha

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT #50 (UMH)

PRAYERS 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.

† PRESENTATION OF GIFTS & OFFERINGS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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† CLOSING HYMN #2214 (TFWS)

"At the Font We Start Our Journey"

† BENEDICTION

"Gavotte"

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PSALM 29

¹Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. ²Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor. ³The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters. ⁴The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty. ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon. ⁶He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. ⁷The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire. ⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. ⁹The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!" ¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever. ¹¹May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

MATTHEW 3:13-17

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

PRAYER FOCUS

Dear God, Baptism ... Water is needed by each individual daily. You take such a common substance and use it to represent the cleansing of our soul. God help us to continue to remember that you alone can take away our sins. We thank You for this mercy provided to Your people. In Jesus' name we pray.

CHANCEL CHOIR

Chancel Choir practice starts back on Wednesday, Jan 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room (3rd Floor). New voices are welcome!!

Lectionary Study w/Pastor Martha

We'll be meeting weekly via Zoom on WEDNESDAYS at 6:00 PM. Everyone is invited to take part in this lively discussion of the upcoming Sunday's scripture lessons. Contact the church office to get the Zoom link.

Lectionary Readings

Sunday, Jan 18th

Isa 49:1-7 / Ps 40:1-11 / 1 Cor 1:1-9 / John 1:29-42

CALLING ALL MIDDLE-AND HIGH-SCHOOL STUDENTS!

We will be launching **The Sanctuary Youth Series** on January 11 at 9:30 AM! This series of 8 sessions explores questions about faith and mental health. Every week we will focus on a different topic with a film, discussion, exercises, and prayer. The class will be facilitated by Pastor Martha and Kelsey Stancliffe, Licensed Clinical Social Worker. Parents are invited to continue the conversations at home through use of the Parent and Caregiver's Guide available at [sanctuarymentalhealth.org>youth](http://sanctuarymentalhealth.org/youth). You can also contact Martha for a copy.

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: January 18th and 25th



Are you a person-or the parent of a person-who is 10 years old or older and interested in joining Wesley UMC? Confirmation Class will be held later this spring (It's a 3-week class about God, Jesus, the Bible, Church history, the United Methodist Church, and church membership), and new members will be welcomed following it. Please contact Martha Ognibene if you or your child is interested, and we'll set the schedule!

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Greeters	Duncan and Owen Lorimer (8:30)	(11:00)
Scripture Readers	Duncan Lorimer (8:30)	Lucy Mapunda (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	