

**WEEK AT WESLEY**

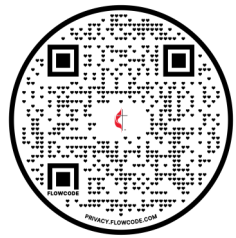
<b>Sunday, May 3rd</b>	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>
Recognition of 2026	8:30 a.m. Worship Service (In Person) 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School, 2nd Fl Classrooms 9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School, 3rd Fl Classrooms 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (In Person & Livestreamed)
College and High School Graduates	1:00 p.m. Loft/Balcony Area Reserved (Mission Church) 1:00 p.m. TSA Spaghetti Dinner, Davis Gym 2:00 p.m. Campus Ministry ReStart!, Lecture Room 6:00 p.m. Youth Meeting, 3rd Floor Classroom
<b>Monday, May 4th</b>	5:30 p.m. Davis Gym Reserved (Bragg) 7:30 p.m. NA Meeting (Lecture Room)
<b>Tuesday, May 5th</b>	10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, Lecture Room 7:00 p.m. Davis Gym Reserved (Moore) 7:00 p.m. Book Club (Zoom only)
<b>Wednesday, May 6th</b>	6:00 p.m. Lectionary Study (Zoom only) 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice, Choir Room 3rd Fl
<b>Thursday, May 7th</b>	1:00 p.m. BSF Group, 3rd Floor 5:30 p.m. Group Trip to WVU Planetarium 5:30 p.m. Davis Gym Reserved (Bragg) 7:30 p.m. NA Meeting, Lecture Room
<b>Friday, May 8th</b>	
<b>Saturday, May 9th</b>	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 Education & Music
Coleman Guenther	Bookkeeper
Ann Gore Price	Organist
Joe Andria	Accompanist
Colton Davis	Media Coordinator
Arielle Harvey	Youth Leader
Rebekah Bledsoe & Lawrence DeLeurere	Bus Drivers

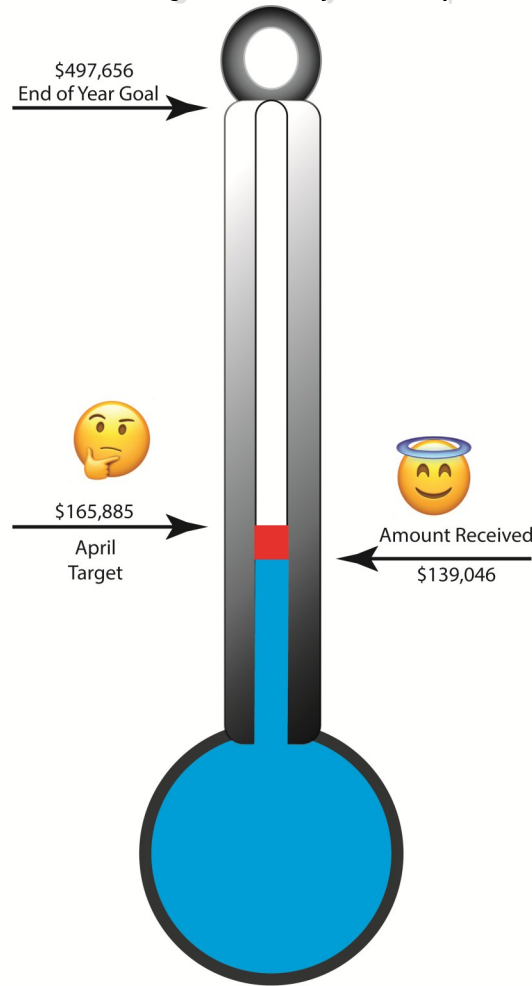
**2026 Wesley UMC**

**Sunday, April 26th:**  
**126 In Person / 170 Online**



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

**2026 Financial Budget Thermometer**  
Offerings January thru April



**Book Wesley Book Club - Zoom Only**  
**7:30 PM - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays**  
**(May 5th & 19th)**

**Book Club Leader - Mary Ragland**

304-282-1947 / mhragland5@yahoo.com

Please contact for more info. March book study is on

The Last Week by Marcus Borgan and John Dominic Crossan



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*GATHER as a community for worship ~ GROW in relationship with God and others ~ GO to serve Morgantown and the world*

**Fifth Sunday of Easter** **May 3, 2026** **8:30 & 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.

**Spaghetti Dinner**



**When: Sunday, May 3, 2026**  
**Where: Wesley United Methodist Church**  
**Time: 12 Noon - 4pm** Desserts Available for purchase  
**Cost: \$15**  
includes Pasta, Meatballs, Bread, Salad & Drink

**Benefit: UHS TSA**  
To help in cost to attend National Competition

**Tickets at the door or in advance from TSA Members**

**WESLEY FELLOWSHIP EVENT**

Wesley Church is planning a May church trip to the WVU planetarium this Thursday, May 7 at 5:30 p.m. Everyone from Wesley is invited plus friends and families too!! It's not too late to join in this fellowship event. Please notify the church office of how many from your group will be attending by emailing wesleymorgantown@gmail.com.

**SUNDAY, MAY 3rd COLLEGE SNACK PACKS**

College Snack Packs will be distributed after both worship services to all college students entering Finals Week. Your Church Family will be praying for you!

**Finals Week: Monday, May 4th - Friday, May 8th**

**Concerts In The Loft**  
GREAT MUSIC ↔ FELLOWSHIP ↔ REFRESHMENTS

**Gary Antol**



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

**SUN \* MAY 3rd \* 5PM**

**2026 College & High School Graduates**

**Gabrielle Smith** ~ West Virginia University Interdisciplinary Studies  
\*joining Air Force Base SC

**Robert and Samuel Beach** ~ Morgantown High School  
\*continuing education at Pierpont Community and Technical College studying Information Systems Technology for an Associate of Applied Science Degree before matriculating to WVU to finish their bachelor degree at the College of Creative Arts & Media  
\*parents Rachel and Bob Beach

**Andrew Lucci** ~ Morgantown High School  
\*continuing education at West Virginia University to study business and finance  
\*parents Brittany and Todd Lucci

**Austin Lucci** ~ Morgantown High School  
\*continuing education at West Virginia University to study business and finance  
\*parents Brittany and Todd Lucci

**Nathan Yokum** ~ Morgantown High School  
\*continuing education at WVU majoring in Chemical Engineering and be a member of the WVU Marching Band  
\*parents Steve and Sarah Yokum, and grandparent, Linda Yokum

**SAVE THE DATE ~ SUNDAY, JUNE 28TH**

**Pastor Martha's**

**Retirement Service & Celebration**

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE ONLY

10:30 A.M.

LUNCHEON TO FOLLOW SERVICE

DAVIS GYM

~ As plans are being made more details to be announced ~

A TRULY GREAT  
*Pastor*  
IS HARD TO FIND  
DIFFICULT TO PART WITH  
*and*  
IMPOSSIBLE TO FORGET!

# 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 "Little Trumpet Tune in G" P Harris

INTROIT (11:00 A.M.) "Gratitude"  
Praise Team

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

Soar we now where Christ has led, following our exalted Head;  
**made like him, like him we rise; ours the cross, the grave, the skies!**

† OPENING HYMN #577 (UMH) "God of Grace and God of Glory"

## † OPENING PRAYER

**Eternal God, we commit our cares to you. We thank you that we are your children, and that, while we are intent upon your will, you will heed our requests. Fill us with compassion for others' troubles; with charity to share your love with all; and with the glad hope of the children of eternity. And to you, the Beginning and the End, be praise forever. Amen.**

† GATHERING HYMN #2214 (TFWS) "Lead Me, Guide Me"

## 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)

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

New Members: Brittany and Todd Lucci, Carmen, Andrew and Austin

## RECOGNITION OF 2026 HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE GRADUATES

College Graduate: Gabrielle Smith

High School Graduates: Robert and Samuel Beach, Andrew Lucci, Austin Lucci, Nathan Yokum

## SPECIAL MUSIC

8:30 a.m. "Gratitude"  
Praise Team

11:00 a.m. "Creation Will Be at Peace" Page  
Chancel Choir

HYMN OF PREPARATION #534 (UMH) "Be Still, My Soul"

SCRIPTURES 1 PETER 2:2-10 AND JOHN 14:1-4, 18-19, 25-27

SERMON "Good News for Orphans" Pastor Martha

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING P. 12-14 UMH

## 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.**

## SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

† PRESENTATION OF GIFTS & OFFERINGS DOXOLOGY #94

**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 #701 (UMH) "When We All Get to Heaven"

## † BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE "F Major" H Scheidenam

## 1 PETER 2:2-10

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— <sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. <sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup>like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." <sup>7</sup>To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," <sup>8</sup>and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. <sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

## JOHN 14:1-5, 18-19, 25-27

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going." <sup>18</sup>"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

## 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: May Special Sundays

**Sunday, May 10th:**

**Mother's Day & Festival of the Christian Home**

**Sunday, May 17th:**

**Ascension Sunday**

**Sunday, May 24th:**

**Pentecost Sunday/Heritage Sunday/Aldersgate Day**

**(Memorial Day Weekend):**

**Sunday, May 31st:**

**Trinity Sunday**

**(Peace with Justice Sunday)**

## CELEBRATION OF NEW MEMBERS

New members will be received, on Sunday, May 3rd at the second service. Wesley welcomes the Lucci Family: Brittany transferred from First Presbyterian Church, Charleston, WV, and Todd, Carmella, Andrew, and Austin transferred from St. Francis de Sales, Morgantown, WV.

## PRAYER FOCUS

Dear God, as children, we played follow the leader. The leader changed from time to time. As we age, we want to be the person in charge. But truly as your children, we should be following your directions more closely. Allow us to follow your path for our lives. Let us help lead others to your Love. Amen.

## PRAYER SHAWL

Can you crochet, knit, or would like to learn? Join Wesley's Prayer Shawl Ministry on Tuesday, May 5th at 10:00 a.m. in the Lecture Room. All 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

**Sixth Sunday of Easter May 10th:**

**Acts 17:22-31 / Ps 66:8-20**

**1 Pet 3:13-22 / John 14:15-21**

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Greeters	Steve Stroupe (8:30)	Doris and Jim Pitman (11:00)
Scripture Readers	Jeannie Douglas (8:30)	John Jacobs (11:00)
Communion Stewards	Jeannie Douglas (8:30)	Mary and 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	