

WEEK AT WESLEY

Sunday, Aug 30th	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST
8:30 a.m.	Worship Service (In Person)
9:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday School, 2nd Floor Classrooms
9:30 a.m.	Informational Meeting, Choir Room
11:00 a.m.	Worship Service (In Person & Livestreamed)
1:00 p.m.	2nd Floor/Balcony area (Mission Church)
3:00 p.m.	District Conference (Bridgeport UMC)
4:30 p.m.	Davis Gym Reserved (Bragg)
6:00 p.m.	College Study, 3rd Floor Classroom
7:30 p.m.	Davis Gym Reserved (WVU Volleyball Club)
Monday, Aug 31st	
10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Haden Chapel
7:30 p.m.	NA Meeting (Lecture Room)
Tuesday, Sept 1st	
10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry, Lecture Room
7:00 p.m.	Davis Gym Reserved (Moore)
7:00 p.m.	Book Club (Zoom)
9:00 p.m.	Davis Gym Reserved (Young Life)
Wednesday, Sept 2nd	
7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice, 3rd Floor Choir Room
7:00 p.m.	Young Life (QUAD basement)
Thursday, Sept 3rd	
7:30 p.m.	NA Meeting, Lecture Room
Friday, Sept 4th	
7:00 p.m.	Davis Gym Reserved (Young Life)
Saturday, Sept 5th	
6:00 p.m.	Balcony/Loft area Reserved (Mission Church)



All Saints' Sunday

Forms to submit names of loved for the All Saints Sunday banners can be found in the Church Office, on the Welcome table, or email to wesleymorgantown@gmail.com.

November 1, 2026



Wesley UMC (Lecture Room)

Concerts In The Loft Kittens Ain't Biscuits

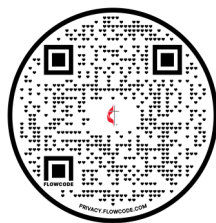


SUN SEPT 13 5PM

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

2026 Wesley UMC

Sunday, August 23rd:
124 In Person / 243 Online



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

SOCIAL GROUP SEPT EVENT

WVU Planetarium show "Mars: The Ultimate Voyage" on Friday, September 11. We will meet at the church at 7:15 for the 8:00 show. Please notify the church office for more info. You don't want to miss this show!

FELLOWSHIP GROUP SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER EVENTS

Bowling at the Mountainlair!
Billard's and Ping Pong Too!!
Tues. Sept 15th 6-8 PM
\$7 per person

Oct 3rd Forrest Festival in Elkins!
~ MORE INFO TBA ~

Let us know on your Connection Card if you would like to attend either event.

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

COLLEGE BIBLE STUDY Is back for the Fall Semester!

ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS WELCOME!

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

UMYF: Start Back TBA

***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!!

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, September 17th at 6:30 p.m.
Wesley's Nomination Committee Meeting will meet in Haden Chapel. Please notify the church office or Pastor Michael of your attendance.



Wesley United Methodist Church

503 N. High St.
Morgantown, WV 26505
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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

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 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.



Welcome WVU Students & Families!



The Chancel Choir will begin this season on September 2nd. Choir practices are held on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the Choir Room on the third floor.

NEW and SEASONED voices are welcome to join us! Chancel Choir sings every week at the 11:00 am Sunday service and occasionally at the 8:30 am service. The Chancel Choir offers a variety of musical selections. This is a great time for people who want to start singing in the choir to join. For more information, contact Lya Stroupe lyastroupe@comcast.net for more information.



Calling ALL Children, Youth, & Volunteers!

There will be an informational gathering on Sunday, August 30th at 9:30 a.m. in the Choir Room (3rd Floor). Parents, Children, Youth, and interested volunteers are invited to come and learn more about opportunities for the upcoming school year AND offer your hopes, dreams and ideas for our children's and youth ministries. Please share this information and invite others to join us.



Christian Education Sunday & Wesley Kids KickOff Event!!

Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 13th!

9:30 a.m. ~ 10:30 a.m. ~ Sunday School Meet & Greet for all ages!

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. ~ Food, Fellowship, & Fun in the Gym!!

As we prepare to celebrate our Christian education ministries and kickoff our children's and youth ministries for another school year, it's time to get excited! This coming year we are committed to offering ministries for the whole family and to provide ways for everyone to be engaged in the full life of the church. Get Ready! More information will be shared soon.

Wesley Kids' Volunteer Needed: we are looking for adults of all ages to serve as a Sunday School Teacher, Substitute Teacher, Youth, Music, Skits, Crafts or Nursery volunteer. Volunteer forms are located on the Welcome Table...fill out a form and leave in the church office or offering plate.

PARADES & HOSPITALITY!!

Helping hands and smiling faces are needed for our parade hospitality outreach.

All ages are welcome to be a part of Wesley's Parade Hospitality Group! Be a part of outreach that serves the community during a fun and energized parade. Volunteers arrive one hour before the parade begins and will prepare cold and/or hot beverages then serve at two locations: Davis Gym doors and Church entrance Willey Street (stone steps). Below are dates for upcoming parades will be Downtown Morgantown:

Mon County Fair Parade: Tuesday, September 8th @ 7:00 p.m.

Volunteers for fair parade arrive at 6:00 p.m.

UHS Homecoming Parade: week of Oct 2nd @ time TBS

MHS Homecoming Parade: week of Oct 9th @ time TBS

WVU Homecoming Parade

Friday, Oct. 16th ~ 6:30 p.m.

Volunteers for WVU parade arrive at 5:30 p.m.

Pride Parade: date & time TBA

Veterans Day Parade: Nov 11th @ time TBA

Christmas Parade: date & time TBA

Volunteer times will be announced. Contact Karen Kelley King at 304-282-8478 to participate.

The Church in Worship

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

† Congregation Standing (*as you are able*)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “*Christ, Our True and Only Light*” Bach/L. Leopold

† CALL TO WORSHIP
Come, church, and worship our God who calls us to rise above the ways of this world.
We will love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously.
When we are tempted to repay hurt with hurt, Christ calls us to bless.
We will rise above and overcome evil with good.
May the Holy Spirit fill this place and transform our minds and our hearts to be like Jesus.
And as we offer our worship, may it bring honor and glory to God.

† OPENING HYMN #402 (UMH) “*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*”

† OPENING PRAYER
Heavenly Father, as we gather to worship You, fill our hearts with genuine love, deep humility, and grace that abounds. Teach us through Your Word to hate what is evil, cling to what is good, and live in harmony with one another. When we are hurt, help us not to seek revenge. When we are discouraged, give us courage. When we are tempted to respond with anger, help us rise above and overcome evil with good. Transform our hearts, renew our minds, and help us live out the love of Christ in everything we say and do. Lord, may this time of worship be holy and pleasing to You. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen!

† PASSING THE PEACE

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 “*Air, Menuet, and Jigg*” 18th Century anonymous Composer
Heidi Gallegly and Lucy Mapunda, flute duet

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #885 (UMH) “A Modern Affirmation”

HYMN OF PREPARATION #534 (UMH) “*Be Still My Soul*”

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 12:9-21

SERMON “Rise Above” 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 #2129 (TFWS) “*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*”

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE “*Winchester New*” C S Lang

SERMON NOTES

ROMANS 12:9-21
⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; ¹⁷ do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, ²⁰ for it is written, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰ Instead, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

ALTAR GUILD

The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and in loving memory of my son, Christopher Floyd Phillips *by Mary Phillips.*

PRAYER FOCUS

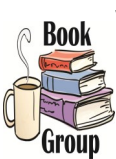
Dear God, We want to serve You. But God, often people don't understand what we are trying to do. We want to introduce them to You. We want to serve You by helping them. We don't want it to be a one time thing. We want them to join us. We want them to experience You. We want them to experience the peace, love, and hospitality You show us everyday. Guide us to use our talents to spread Your love. We ask in Jesus name. Amen.

Lectionary Readings

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 6th:

Exod 12:1-4 / Ps 149 or Ps 148

Rom 13:8-14 / Matt 18:15-20

 **Wesley Book Club - Zoom Only**
7:30 PM - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays
(September 1st & 15th)
Book Club Leader - Mary Ragland
304-282-1947 / mhragland5@yahoo.com

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:
September 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Wesley’s Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Tuesday, September 1st at 10:00 a.m. Anyone that can knit or crochet or would like to learn are welcome to join us! For more information, please call Helen Ashenfelter at 304-598-3187.

Save the date! 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
Food ~ Fellowship ~ Raffles (Quilt & Baskets)

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Greeters	(8:30)	Ann O’Neal and Ronay Tenney (11:00)
Scripture Readers	(8:30)	Ronay Tenney (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