

WEEK AT WESLEY	
Sunday, Sept 20th	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST
Open	8:30 a.m. Worship Service (In Person)
Gym Time	9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School, 2nd Fl Classrooms
	9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School, 3rd Fl Classrooms
Today	11:00 a.m. Worship Service (In Person & Livestreamed)
12-12:45	1:00 p.m. Mission Church (2nd Floor Balcony area)
	6:00 p.m. UMYF Group, 3rd Floor Classroom
	6:00 p.m. College Study, 3rd Floor Classroom
	6:30 p.m. Davis Gym Reserved (WVU Volleyball Club)
Monday, Sept 21st	5:00 p.m. District Day w/Bishop (Lifeway UMC-Fairmont)
	7:30 p.m. NA Meeting (Lecture Room)
Tuesday, Sept 22nd	7:00 p.m. Davis Gym Reserved (Moore)
	9:00 p.m. Davis Gym Reserved (Young Life)
Wednesday, Sept 23rd	7:00 p.m. Choir Practice, 3rd Floor Choir Room
	7:00 p.m. Young Life (QUAD basement)
Thursday, Sept 24th	1:00 p.m. BSF, Choir Room
	7:30 p.m. NA Meeting, Lecture Room
Friday, Sept 25th	7:00 p.m. Davis Gym Reserved (Young Life)
Saturday, Sept 26th	5:00 p.m. Balcony/Loft area Reserved (Mission Church)

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: Davis Gym doors and Church entrance Willey Street (stone steps).

Next WVU Homecoming Parade Friday, Oct. 16th ~ 6:30 p.m.

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

October Fellowship Event

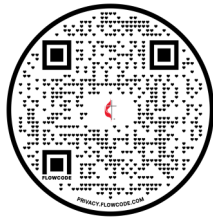
**Save the Date for the 88th Forest Festival
"Autumn in Color"
September 26 – October 4, 2026**



**Wesley is going Saturday, October 3rd
13 seats available on the Church Bus!**

**\$10 per person for gas fee (not including any festival fees)
Interested in going? Notify the church office.**

**2026 Wesley UMC
Sunday, Sept 13th:
135 In Person / 395 Online**



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

**SUNDAY
OCTOBER
11TH**

Worship in the Park!

**PICNIC
TO
FOLLOW!**

**10:30 AM ONE SERVICE ONLY
Westside Senior Center (Pavilion)
More Info TBA**



**All Saints' Sunday
November 1, 2026**

Deadline for names to be submitted for Wesley's All Saint's banners is Sunday, October 4th. All Saint's forms are located on the Welcome table. Please leave form with names and payment in the church office or in the Sunday collection plate.

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



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

Seventeenth Sunday after Penetcost

September 20, 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.

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. It will include a slide presentation by Leeann and a Zoom call with some of the children and parents of scholarship recipients in Patzun, Guatemala. Leeann has just returned from an annual visit to the children on July 26-August 14. She also travels there at Christmas with gifts. **Why:** Leeann has been selling handmade felted Christmas ornaments for several years now in support of the scholarship fund for children in Patzun, Guatemala. Wesley UWF women met her in 2019 at a flea market at Wesley where she was buying lots of children's toys. When we heard of her charity, we started to lend our support by selling ornaments before Christmas. We will be selling them again this year at church starting in November.

This will be a wonderful way to get acquainted with some families in Guatemala through the Zoom call and to learn about the results of more than a decade of fundraising to improve the education and life chances for these children and young people. It is a very inspiring story and a glimpse of life in another country.

Sandy Putnam and Doris Pitman,
Wesley UWF

**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: *United Methodist Youth Formation

Start Back Date Sunday, Sept 20th

ALL YOUTH WELCOME!

(6th thru 12th grade)

Youth Leaders Chad & Arielle Harvey

Contact info: 304-619-9441

simplysouthernphotographywu@gmail.com

Youth are invited to bring a friend!!

Thursday Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) has room for you!

Ladies, if you are interested in an in-depth Bible study, you are welcome to join the BSF Class. We meet in the choir room on Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. For thirty weeks, our study will be "Romans: From Guilt to Grace" BSF is an international organization with classes in many countries around the world. There are women in our class from several Morgantown area churches. Contact Ann Gore to join this study. We appreciate Wesley for providing a place to study, and thank Albert Kaminsky, Wesley's Building Custodian, for setting up each week. Please note that parking is provided until reserved spaces in church parking lot fill up.

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

Forms to attend are on the Welcome Table

Deadline to RSVP is October 1st

Food ~ Fellowship ~ Raffles (Quilt & Baskets)



The Church in Worship		
Congregational Responses and Prayers are in <i>bold italic print</i>		
† Congregation Standing (as you are able)		
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		
PRELUDE	“Bless the Lord”	arr M Hayes
† CALL TO WORSHIP		
We gather today to worship God, who is gracious and generous beyond measure.		
<i>We come with grateful hearts, knowing that God's goodness is greater than we deserve.</i>		
God does not give according to our merit, but according to His abundant grace.		
<i>We praise You, Lord, for Your generosity and unfailing love.</i>		
Let us set aside comparison and envy for what others have.		
<i>Help us rejoice in Your goodness and celebrate Your blessings.</i>		
Come then, let us worship and give thanks for God's generosity.		
<i>Together as a community of faith, we worship you, O God!</i>		
† OPENING HYMN #127 (UMH)	“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”	
† OPENING PRAYER		
<i>Gracious and generous God, we come before you today with thankful hearts, recognizing that every good and perfect gift comes from Your loving hand. We give thanks that Your grace is not measured by what we deserve, but by Your generosity. Like the workers in the vineyard, remind us that You are a God who gives freely, lovingly, and abundantly. Forgive us when we compare ourselves to others or question Your goodness. Teach us to rejoice in the blessings You give to others and to be grateful for all You have given to us. As we worship You today, open our hearts to receive Your Word and then help us reflect Your generosity in the way we live and love others. May everything we say and do bring honor and glory to You, O God. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we pray. Amen.</i>		
† PASSING THE PEACE		
CHILDREN’S MOMENTS		
SPECIAL MUSIC		
8:30 a.m.	“Simple is the Song” Chancel Choir	
11:00 a.m.	“A Welcome Place” Chancel Choir	Willams/Raney
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #880 (UMH)	“The Nicene Creed”	
HYMN OF PREPARATION #420 (UMH)	“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”	
GOSPEL READING		Matthew 20:1-16
SERMON	“God’s Generosity”	Rev. Michael Burge
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH		
THE LORD’S PRAYER		
<i>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.</i>		
† DOXOLOGY #94 (UMH)	“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”	
<i>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;</i>		
<i>Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!</i>		
<i>Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit</i>		
<i>Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!</i>		
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† CLOSING HYMN #519 (UMH)	“Lift Every Voice and Sing”	
† BENEDICTION		
† POSTLUDE	“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”	arr M Hayes

SERMON NOTES

MATTHEW 20:1-16

20 “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius?’ ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’^[a] ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”^[b]

ALTAR GUILD

The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God.

PRAYER FOCUS

Dear God, I have been thinking about our world today. It seems like you can buy anything if you have enough money. Everything but everlasting life. I can't purchase a place in heaven. I need to ask you to come into my heart and wash me clean. It doesn't matter if it's at the earliest part of an earthly existence or minutes before death. Your Grace is the only way. Wash me clean oh Lord. Amen.

ALTAR GUILD

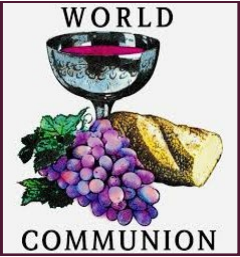
Would you like to dedicate flowers to someone *special in your life*? *Sunday altar flowers can be given in loving memory* of in honor of your loved ones or a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, baptism, etc.). Altar Guild member Michelle Smith handles all flower arrangements. To place a dedication please contact Michelle at 304-216-8870 or email her at michelle012067@gmail.com.

OPEN DATES: September 27th

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Greeters	Steve Stroupe (8:30)	Jeff Stewart and Jim Stevenson (11:00)
Scripture Readers	(8:30)	Amy Cartwright (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	

Sunday, October 4, 2026



World Communion Sunday is a special observance in which Christians worldwide gather to celebrate Holy Communion, emphasizing the unity of the global body of Christ regardless of cultural, linguistic, or denominational differences.

You are invtied to gather around Wesley's table...join us!

Lectionary Readings

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost,

September 27th:

Exod 17:1-7 / Ps 105:1-6, 37-45 or Ps 78:1-4, 12-16

Phil 2:1-13 / Matt 21:23-32

SAVE THE DATE!

Charge Conference

November 1, 2026 at 12:15 PM

Wesley UMC (Lecture Room)