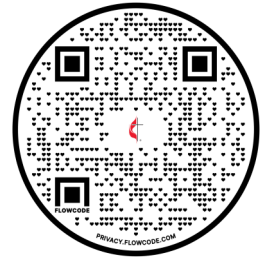


WEEK AT WESLEY	
<b>Sunday, May 11th</b>	<b>MOTHER'S DAY/FESTIVAL OF THE CHRISTIAN HOME</b> 8:30 a.m. Worship Service (In Person) 9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School, 3rd Floor 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School, 2nd Floor 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (In Person & Livestreamed) 4:00 p.m. Circle of Friends, Davis Gym 6:00 p.m. Youth Study, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m. Davis Gym Reserved (Mission Church)
<b>Monday, May 12th</b>	4:30 p.m. Davis Gym Reserved (Volleyball) 5:30 p.m. Davis Gym Reserved ( Bragg) 7:30 p.m. NA Meeting (Lecture Room)
<b>Tuesday, May 13th</b>	6:00 p.m. Finance Team Meeting, Haden Chapel 7:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting, Haden Chapel 7:00 p.m. Davis Gym Reserved (Moore)
<b>Wednesday, May 14th</b>	6:00 p.m. Lectionary Study (Zoom) 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir, Choir Room (3rd Fl)
<b>Thursday, May 15th</b>	5:30 p.m. Davis Gym Reserved (Bragg) 7:30 p.m. NA Meeting (Lecture Room) 8:00 p.m. Davis Gym Reserved (Core)
<b>Friday, May 16th</b>	
<b>Saturday, May 17th</b>	10:00 a.m. Adulting 101, Lecture Room 6:00 p.m. Davis Gym Reserved (Mission Church)

## 2025 Wesley UMC Attendance

**Sunday, May 4th:**

**140 In Person / 196 Online**



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

**2025**  
**Contribution Statements**  
**January thru April**  
**Giving Statements**  
**will be mailed May 12th.**



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

Mother's Day/Festival of Christian Home **May 11, 2025** **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.



Mark your calendars now for Wesley-Spruce Street VBS! Our "Road Trip" VBS will take place at Wesley UMC on Monday, June 16, from 5-7:30 PM. We'll have a delicious meal, then learn a Bible story at each of 4 stations. All children aged 3-5th grade are welcome, and there will also be a class for adults. You can find your place attending class, teaching or helping to teach, serving dinner, registering students, and more. More information will be in next month's newsletter, but save the date today!



## Mon Valley District Conference

**Sunday, May 18th 3 PM**

**Gateway UMC - 301 Diamond Street, Fairmont**

Conference season is bearing down on us! You are invited to attend our District Conference on Sunday, May 18, at 3:00 PM at Gateway United Methodist Church in Fairmont. In addition to our regular business, we'll be saying farewell to our District Superintendent, Rev. Amy Shanholtzer, who will become Superintendent of the Little Kanawha District on July 1. (We'll have a chance to meet our new DS, Rev. Stephanie Bennett, later this summer.)

Annual Conference will be held on the campus of West Virginis Wesleyan College in Buckhannon June 11-14. Our very own musicians and choir will be providing the music for the opening worship service on Wednesday, June 11 at 1:00 PM. You won't want to miss that!



**Lectionary Study last class is Wednesday, May 14th**  
**Thursday Bible Study last class is Thursday, May 8th**

**College Bible Study on break**  
**Youth Group last meeting May 18th**  
**Chancel Choir last practice May 14th**

**WE WILL START BACK UP IN THE FALL!**

### Wesley UMC Facilities User Groups

Effective June 1, 2025, the rental fees for the Davis Activity Center will be increased by \$5 per hour. The new fee is \$30 for the first hour and \$20 for subsequent hours. This change was necessitated by the inflationary pressure felt over the last decade. Our utility and insurance costs have increased dramatically. We are happy to offer the use of our facilities to local groups and hope you will continue to enjoy using them.

Sincerely, Bill Wasson  
Chairman, Board of Trustees of Wesley UMC

## Spaghetti Dinner



**When: May 18 2025**

**Where: Wesley United Methodist Church**

**Time: 12 Noon - 4pm**

**Cost: \$15**

**includes Pasta, Meatballs, Bread, Salad & Drink**

Desserts Available for purchase

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

**Tickets at the door or**

**in advance from TSA**

**Members**

### CIRCLE OF FRIENDS OPEN DATES

Circle of Friends, a feeding ministry for the unhoused and anyone in need, has a few openings coming up. This ministry is great for any community group, youth group, families, and friends! Wesley provides all paper supplies and the use of our kitchen and Davis Gym for anyone to help with meal preparations and to serve. **Open dates are Saturday, July 12th and Sunday, July 13th and Sunday, August 10th.** Please notify Carolyn Hendricks at [cmhendricks8@mac.com](mailto:cmhendricks8@mac.com) if you are interested in participating in this ministry. We really do need new groups to help!

### THE NEW VISION OF THE UMC

The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, **love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously** in local communities and worldwide connections.

**Love Boldly:** We passionately love God and, like Jesus, embrace and include people of every age, nation, race, gender, and walk of life. (Matthew 22:37-39 | John 13:34-35)

**Serve Joyfully:** With the heart of Christ, we journey alongside the most vulnerable among us, offering care and compassion with joy. (Psalm 100:1 | Nehemiah 8:10 | John 13:14-15 | 1 Peter 4:10)

**Lead Courageously:** Following Jesus' example, we resist and dismantle all systems of evil, injustice, and oppression, striving for peace, justice, and reconciliation. (Joshua 1:9 | Ephesians 6:10)



### SOCIAL GROUP JUNE EVENT

**"Take Me Home", A Tribute to the Music of John Denver**  
**by Jim Curry and Band**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 20th 7:30 PM**  
**Performing Arts Center at Garret College (McHenry, MD)**

All Wesley adults are invited to join us!  
\$35/Adult Ticket.

Event details and ticket info/purchase contact is Nancy Wasson at [nancyjwasson@comcast.net](mailto:nancyjwasson@comcast.net).

# 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 "Trio" based on Be Thou My Vision arr D Lasky

† CALL TO WORSHIP  
Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;  
**break forth, O mountains, into singing!**  
For the Lord has comforted his people,  
**and will have compassion on his suffering ones.**

† OPENING HYMN #732 (UMH) "Come, We That Love the Lord"

† OPENING PRAYER  
**In you, O God, every family on earth receives its name. Illumine the homes of this earth with the light of your love, granting courage to those who are hurt or lonely, endurance to those who care for sick family members, and wisdom to those in fearful times of change. We thank you for gifts of love we have received from mother, father, spouse, child, or companion. As we have been loved by you and by others, so may we love. Grant us your peace, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

GATHERING MUSIC #2140 (TFWS) "Since Jesus Came into My Heart" v 1 & 2

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 (11:00 a.m.) "I Shall Not Want" arr Raney  
Chancel Choir and Heidi Gallegly, flute

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #887 (UMH)

HYMN OF PREPARATION #381 (UMH) "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

SCRIPTURE READINGS REVELATION 7:9-17 AND PSALM 23

SERMON "The Mother's Psalm" Pastor Martha

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.**

† 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 #549 (UMH) "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE "Fugue and Variation" arr D Lasky

## REVELATION 7:9-17

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." <sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. <sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; <sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

## PSALM 23

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. <sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; <sup>3</sup>he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. <sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

23 מִזְמוֹר לְדָוִד  
יְהוָה רֹעִי לֹא אֶחְסָר: <sup>2</sup> בְּנֵאֲוֹת יְרֵשָׁא יְרֵבִיצְנִי  
עַל-כִּי מִנְחֹלֹת יַנְהִלֵנִי: <sup>3</sup> נַפְשִׁי יִשׁוּבֵב  
יַנְחֵנִי בְּמַעְגַּל־צֹדֵק לְמַעַן שְׁמוֹ:  
יְגִם כִּי-אֵלֶיךָ בִּגְוֵא צְלָמֹת לֹא-אִירָא רָע  
כִּי-אֶתָּה עִמָּדִי שְׂבָטְךָ וּמִשְׁעֲנָנְךָ תִּמְנֶנִּי יַחְמִמֵנִי:  
תַּעֲרֹךְ לְפָנַי וְשִׁלְחֹנִי נִגְדַּר צִרְיָי  
דִּשְׁנָתָּ בְּשִׁמְן רֹאשִׁי בֹסֵטִי רִנְיָה:  
יֵאָדָּם וְטוֹבֵי וְתִסְדֵּי יִרְדְּפוּנִי כָּל-יְמֵי חַיָּי  
וְשִׁבְתִּי בְּבֵית יְהוָה לְאָרְךָ יָמַי:

## PRAYER FOCUS

Dear God, For all the women in our lives, we give thanks. Bless them as they have blessed us. Amen.

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY SUNDAYS 9:30 A.M.

The Berea Bible Study Class has begun a study of the book of Romans. All adults are welcome to attend. The class is offered both in person and Zoom and meets in the classroom off the Loft, aka the Balcony Reception Room on second floor. Study is led by Dr. Frances VanScoy.

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Greeters Connie Farber and Steve Stroupe (8:30) Lawrence DeLeurere (11:00)  
Scripture Readers Jeannie Douglas (8:30) Rachel Beach (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, and Bob Beach

## ALTAR GUILD

The flowers on the altar are given for the Glory of God and in loving memory and honor for all the women who have touched our lives of all we know. Presented for all of the congregation from Helen and Howard Ashenfelder.

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 DATE:** May 18th

## LECTIONARY BIBLE 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. *Summer break for study starts after May 14th.*

## Lectionary Readings Sunday, May 18th:

**Acts 11:1-18 / Ps 148**

**Rev 21:1-6 / John 13:31-35**