

Wishing our Wesley Church Family a very Blessed and Merry Christmas! The Church Office will observe the following holiday hours:

Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25th - Closed

Friday, December 26th – Closed

New Year's Eve

Wednesday, December 31st

Office Hours 8:00 a.m. to Noon

New Year's Day

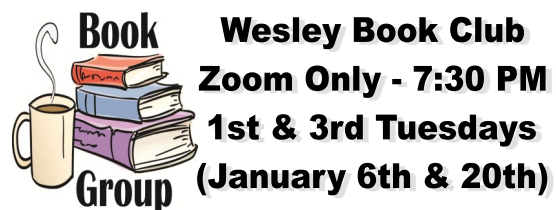
Thursday, January 1, 2026 - Closed

SUPPORT GROUP FOR CAREGIVERS

Being a caregiver for a person with a long term illness can be tough, and everyone could use some support. That's in the works at Wesley! Elizabeth (Buffi) Guffey is getting together a support group for caregivers. The group will meet at Wesley United Methodist Church and will be led by a trained counselor. For more information, or to join up, please contact Buffi at 304-685-1297.

Prayer Tree

Unspoken prayer requests may be placed on the Prayer Tree located in the back of the sanctuary. Simply write your prayer on a slip of paper, place in a clear plastic bulb, and hang on the tree.



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

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 your very own set of envelopes, please stop by the table and fill out the information needed and a box will be assigned. Thank You!



Christmas Day Meal

Free to the Community

[Serving sit-down and to-go meals]



Wesley United Methodist Church

Davis Gym

503 N. High Street~Morgantown, WV 26505

Hosted by the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church

Thursday, December 25th

12pm-2pm

Offering & 2025 Contribution Statement

As this year draws to a close, we give thanks for your faithful generosity. Every gift has helped our church live out its mission-worshiping God, serving neighbors, and growing disciples. Your giving makes ministry possible, from the light in the sanctuary to the lives touched in our community and around the world. If you find you've fallen a bit behind on your giving this year, there's still time to catch up. A year-end gift, whether large or small, helps our church finish strong and start the new year on a solid footing. Most of all, it's an act of gratitude—a way of saying "thank you" to God for blessings you have received. Together, we are the body of Christ, and every offering—every dollar, every prayer, every act of service—strengthens our shared witness.

NOTE: Wesley Church will receive all final 2025 contributions on Monday, December 29th during church office hours 9 AM - 3 PM. This is the last day for all contributions that will be applied to your 2025 Contribution Statement.

Hat & Mitten Tree



Wesley Church is collecting new hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves for both children and adults for Scott's Run families. Donations can be placed on the Hat & Mitten Tree located at the entrance of the Lecture Room. All donations will be delivered to Scott's Run on Monday, Dec 29th.



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

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2025

7:00 p.m.



Christmas Eve Service		
Congregational Responses and Prayers are in <i>bold italic print</i>		
† Congregation Standing (<i>as you are able</i>)		
GATHERING MUSIC	Christmas Flute Medley Heidi Gallegly and Lucy Mapunda	
† PROCESSIONAL #234 (UMH)	“O Come, All Ye Faithful”	
† PRAYER	<i>God, Creator of all life, you made us in your image and sent your Son to be of our flesh. Grant us now in this glad time of his birth that we, who have been born again through his grace, may daily find all things made new in him. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.</i>	
ADVENT WREATH ANTIPHON: CHRIST CANDLE	O Wisdom proceeding from the mouth of the highest, reaching from eternity to eternity and disposing all things with strength and sweetness: <i>Come, teach us the way of knowledge.</i> O Lord and Leader of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the burning bush and delivered the law to him on Sinai: <i>Come, redeem us by your outstretched arm.</i> O root of Jesse, you stand as a sign of the people; before you rulers do not open their mouths; to you all nations shall pray: <i>Come and deliver us; do not delay.</i> O Key of David and Scepter of Israel, you open and no one shuts; you shut and no one opens: <i>Come and release from prison those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.</i> O Dayspring, Splendor of Eternal Light and Sun of Righteousness: <i>Come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.</i> O King of nations, their desire and the cornerstone that binds them in one: <i>Come and save those whom you formed of clay.</i> O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, the expectation and Savior of the nations: <i>Come and save us, O Lord our God.</i> (All the candles on the Advent wreath are lit.) Jesus Christ is the Light of the world! <i>A light no darkness can extinguish!</i> Let us pray: <i>God, creator of all life, you made us in your image and sent your Son to be our flesh. Grant us now in this glad time of his birth, that we, who have been born again through his grace, may day by day find all things made new in him. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for evermore. Amen.</i>	
SPECIAL MUSIC	“The Little Drummer Boy” Chancel Choir, Joe Andria, and Ann Gore, piano	Raney
FIRST LESSON	ISAIAH 9:2-7	HEIDI GALLEGLY, READER
HYMN #211 (UMH)	“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” vs 1,2,4,7	
SECOND LESSON	LUKE 1:26-35, 38	STEVE STROUPE, READER
HYMN #198 (UMH)	“My Soul Gives Glory to My God”	
THIRD LESSON	LUKE 2:1-7	LUCY MAPUNDA, READER
HYMN #230 (UMH)	“O Little Town of Bethlehem”	
FOURTH LESSON	LUKE 2:8-16	CONNIE FARBER, READER
SPECIAL MUSIC	“O Holy Night” Joe Andria, solo	
FIFTH LESSON	MATTHEW 2:1-11	JEAN ANN MCGUIGAN, READER
HYMN #254 (UMH)	“We Three Kings” vs 1, 5	

Poinsettia & Missional Donations 2025	
In Loving Memory of:	
Ian Stroupe <i>given by Bev Kirby</i> Jonathan Thomas Kirby <i>given by Bev Kirby</i> Ken Price and Carson Michael Gore <i>given by Ann Gore</i> Greenland T. Federer and Thora R. Federer, Harold G. and Eleanor F. Morrow, And Uncle Edison D. Federer <i>given by Eloise Federer</i> Mary S. Federer and Edison D. Federer <i>given by Eloise Federer</i> Wesley Members & Friends who have gone on to glory in 2025: Mannon Gallegly ~ Mary “Polly” Plummer ~ Justin Beeson ~ Robert Kendall ~ Jean Bonsall Will Jackson ~ Mary Susan Dadisman ~ Hazel Sherwood ~ Frances Van Scoy	
In Honor of:	
To the Glory of God and for His faithfulness <i>given by Bill and Carolyn Ryan</i> All Veterans <i>given by Jeff, Sondra, Troy, Getzemani Stewart</i> Heidi Stewart <i>given by Tom Gallegly</i> Phillip Wesser <i>given by Jim Stevenson</i> Mary L. Billups <i>given by Shari Patti</i> Our children and grandchildren: Jeff and Beth Minchau, and family and Natalie Wilson and family <i>given by Bill and Vicki Wilson</i> Nancy Lewis <i>given by John, Laura, Lacey, Patrick, Rachel and Thomas Lewis</i> Our Sons and Daughters-in-law, Patrick and Lacey, and Thomas and Rachel <i>given by John and Laura Lewis</i> Our loving sons, Todd, Grant, and Scott, and Lya Stroupe and all our Choir mates <i>given by Sharon and Ken Murray</i> Our Sons and Daughters-in-Law and Grandchildren: Christopher, Beth, Zeke, and Ike Ryan, Robert Edward Ryan, Thomas, Kim, Jake, Allie, and Hunter Ryan <i>given by Bill and Carolyn Ryan</i> My three high school grandchildren, Nathan Yokum, Lauren Sykes, and Robert Sykes, and all they have achieved <i>given by Linda Yokum</i> Families and Friends <i>given by Howard and Helen Ashenfelter</i>	
<i>Many Thanks to everyone that contributed a Poinsettia in Loving Memory or in Honor of their loved ones. Missional Donations for our Local Community Feeding Programs will be announced in January 2026. Please notify the church office at 304-292-9485 if any memorial dedications/donations have been omitted.</i>	



Poinsettia & Missional Donations 2025



In Loving Memory of:

Frances Van Scoy *given by Brian Woerner*

Charles P. and Ruth Marie Skaggs

given by Susan and Bruce Rickards, Mary and Mike Plevich, Charlotte Coppage and Families

Roger Wetzel *given by the Wetzel Family*

Mary and Harry Cox *given by the Wetzel Family*

Sara and Raymond Wetzel and Richard Wetzel *given by the Wetzel Family*

My Husband, Charles (Chuck) E. Jamison *given by Nancy B. Jamison*

David Lane Smtih *given by Jim and Mary Ann Atha*

Kyle and Dottie Boswell *given by The Chambers Family*

Edward and Beulah Chambers *given by The Chambers Family*

W. Jane Warmack *given by Ian Rockett and Sandra Putnam*

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Harold and Dorothy Putnam *given by Ian Rockett and Sandra Putnam*

Rev. Michael Ognibene, Rev. Lawrence Sherwood, and Hazel Sherwood

given by Martha S. Ognibene

William Arthur Ridenour, Scot Randell Ridenour, and Michelle Denise Ridenour

given by Marilyn Lou Ridenour

Tom Stewart *given by Heidi and Tom Gallegly*

Our Parents *given by Heidi and Tom Gallegly*

Mike Gallegly *given by Heidi and Tom Gallegly*

Adam M. Snider (son) *given by Barbara L. Hildebrand*

Irvin C. Hildebrand (husband) *given by Barbara L. Hildebrand*

Ruby and Thomas Comer and Katie and Chet Reasor *given by Mary and Mark Reasor*

Emory Kemp *given by Janet Kemp*

Nell and Jim Roberts and Everett and Roberta Sloane

given by Chip and Colleen Roberts

Nancy Stout and Benjamin Stout III *given by Ann and Dick Walters*

Emerson and Betty Pruett *given by Sandy Pruett, Marsha Pruett, and Tandie Rich*

Our beloved husband and father, Steve Douglas

given by Jeannie, Ashley, Will, Clark and Lauren

Christopher Wasson *given by his parents, Bill and Nancy Wasson*

Winifred and Howard Ashenfelter *given by Howard and Helen Ashenfelter*

Stanley Casteel, Jr. and Eleanor and Ronald Bolyard *given by Howard and Helen Ashenfelter*

Dewey and Bonnie Kelly and Patrick H. Lewis *given by John and Laura Lewis and Family*

SIXTH LESSON

JOHN 1:1-14

KATLIN SWISHER, READER

HYMN #250 (UMH)

"Once in Royal David's City" vs 1,2,4

HOLY COMMUNION

12-14 (UMH)

† HYMN #246 (UMH)

"Joy to the World"

† CANDLE LIGHTING #239 (UMH)

"Silent Night"

† BENEDICTION

MEMORIAL BELLS

"Christmas Carols"

First Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Second Lesson: Luke 1:26-35, 38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Third Lesson: Luke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Fourth Lesson: Luke 2:8-16

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!' When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

Fifth Lesson: Matthew 2:1-11

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: “And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.” ‘Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Sixth Lesson: John 1:1-14

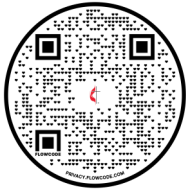
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Greeters	(7:00)
Scripture Readers	Heidi Gallegly, Steve Stroupe, Lucy Mapunda, Connie Farber, Jean Ann McGuigan, and Katlin Swisher (7:00)
Communion Stewards	(7:00)
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

PRAYER FOCUS

Dear God, tonight we wait. The silence will be broken by a cry. Your Son, Jesus Christ will arrive to begin his journey to set us free. We ask, that we might be allowed to follow and to learn. We want to be more like Jesus and like You. Amen.



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

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. **Winter Break thru Dec 31st.**

Lectionary Readings

First Sunday after Christmas Dec. 28th
Isa 52:7-10 / Ps 98 / Heb 1:1-4 / John 1:1-14



First Sunday after Christmas, December 28th
Service of Carols & Cookies 10:30 a.m.



We're having our third annual Christmas carol worship service at the Hazel Ruby McQuain park on Sunday, December 28 at 10:30 AM! We will sing Christmas carols and we'll want to munch as we sing. Don't throw away your left-over Christmas cookies! Bring them to this service! The season of Christmas actually runs from December 25 to January 6 (the fabled 12 days of Christmas), so we'll be right on time as we worship with passersby on that morning. Plan to join us!! *Note: There will be No Services at Wesley on Sunday, December 28th.*



Poinsettia & Missional Donations 2025



In Loving Memory of:

Sandi Waters *given by Gary Waters*

Ray, Peggy, and Sandi Waters *given by the Paulin Family:*

Karen, Mike, Maggie, and Lizzy

Brandon Stewart *given by Jeff, Sondra, Troy and Getzemani Stewart*

Tom Stewart *given by Jeff, Sondra, Troy and Getzemani Stewart*

Peter and Eleanor Lallone *given by Jeff, Sondra, Troy and Getzemani Stewart*

Mannon Gallegly *given by Jeff, Sondra, Troy and Getzemani Stewart*

Guy and Pat Stewart *given by Jeff, Sondra, Troy and Getzemani Stewart*

Our Parents, Bill and Eloise Wilson and Charles and Barbara Varner

given by Bill and Vicki Wilson

Paul, Ned, and Buzzy Ragland *given by Paul and Mary Ragland*

Ann, Kathleen, Sandra, and Sharon *given by Paul and Mary Ragland*

Polly Plummer *given by Ralph Plummer and Fran Lemley*

Ralph and Frances Plummer *given by Ralph Plummer and Fran Lemley*

Warren and Mary Gray *given by Ralph Plummer and Fran Lemley*

Our Parents, Grandparents and Judy Culberson

given by Ken and Sharon Murray

Richard A. Billups and Ruth and Harry Patti *given by Shari Patti*

Carl Kline *given by his family*

William David A. Jackson *given by his grandmother, Gaylona Kline*

Harlan Yokum *given by Linda Yokum*

Joy and Bob Bucklew *given by Pam Bucklew Berryman*

Imelda D. Stevenson *given by Jim Stevenson*

AW and Mary Stevenson *given by Jim Stevenson*

Diane E. Ulch *given by Jim Stevenson*

JW and Hattie Moore *given by Jim Stevenson*

TW and Kerr Crosby *given by Jim Stevenson*

Our Parents and Grandparents *given by Ron, Susan, and Jennifer Lewis*

Harvey and Rose Ferguson *given by Kevin and Ronay Tenney*

George R. Farmer, Lucy T. Farmer, Susan T. Farmer, George R. Farmer, Jr.,

Mary F. Elder, and John C. Elder *given by The Farmer Family*

J. Brooks Lawson, Lesta M. Lawson, Sally L. Curry, J. Brooks Lawson, Jr.,

and G. Thomas Curry *given by The Farmer Family*