

WEEK AT WESLEY	
<b>Sunday, Dec 7th</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>
8:30 a.m.	Worship Service (In Person)
9:30 a.m.	Advent Sunday School for All Ages (2nd Floor)
11:00 a.m.	Worship Service (In Person & Livestreamed)
<i>Directly following service</i>	Admin Council Meeting, Haden Chapel
12:30 p.m.	Davis Gym Reserved (Nguyen)
6:00 p.m.	Davis Gym Reserved (Mission Church)
<b>Monday, Dec 8th</b>	
7:30 p.m.	Davis Gym Reserved (Core)
7:30 p.m.	NA Meeting (Lecture Room)
<b>Tuesday, Dec 9th</b>	
7:00 p.m.	YL Bible Study (lower level)
7:00 p.m.	Davis Gym Reserved (Moore)
<b>Wednesday, Dec 10th</b>	
12:30 p.m.	Backpack Project (Scott's Run)
6:00 p.m.	Lectionary Study (Zoom)
6:00 p.m.	Christmas Parade (Downtown Morgantown)
<b>Thursday, Dec 11th</b>	
1:00 p.m.	BSF, Choir Room (3rd Floor)
7:30 p.m.	NA Meeting, Lecture Room
<b>Friday, Dec 12th</b>	
6:30 p.m.	Chime Recital & Christmas Sing-a-long
<i>Directly following sing-a-long</i>	Social Group Christmas Party, Lecture Room
<b>Saturday, Dec 13th</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Sanctuary Reserved (Stroupe)
6:00 p.m.	Davis Gym Reserved (Mission Church)

### Guatemala Scholarship Project



Leeann Danley is selling felt ornaments to provide scholarships for eight children in Guatemala. This is the thirteenth consecutive year of the scholarship project. For a child to attend school, the tuition prices range between \$220-\$463 per year. The price depends on the level of education. The ornament sale at Wesley United Methodist Church is on Sunday, Dec. 7th in the Lecture Room. Each ornament is \$5. You may pay for your ornaments with a check or cash when you pick them up.

# Concerts In The Loft

## Jenny & Nathan Wilson

### SUN DEC 14<sup>th</sup> 5PM

GREAT MUSIC — FELLOWSHIP — REFRESHMENTS

Free Concert & Parking compliments of

**Wesley UMC**

wesleymorgantown.org  
503 North High St. 304-292-9485

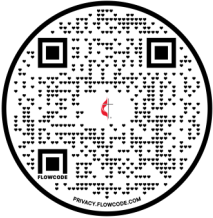
### 2025 Wesley UMC Attendance

**Sunday, Nov 23rd:**

**118 In Person / 339 Online**

**Sunday, Nov. 30th:**

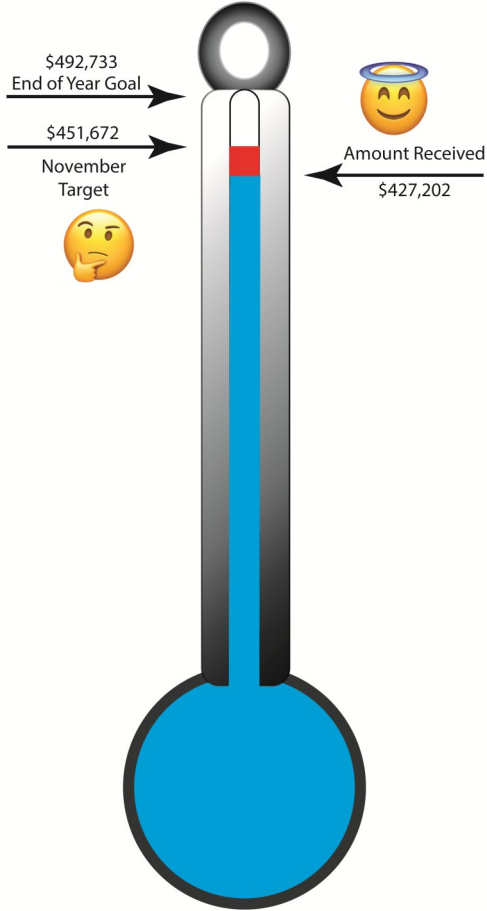
**100 In Person / 203 Online**



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

### 2025 Financial Budget Thermometer

**Offerings Jan - Nov**



#### ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Administrative Council meeting to be held Sunday, December 7th in Haden Chapel immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. This is to approve the 2026 budget.

#### COLLEGE SNACK PACKS

Finals week is right around corner Dec 15th-19th! Next Sunday, Dec 14th Wesley UMC will be distributing College Snack Packs after both worship services to all college students preparing for finals. Just a little goodie bag filled with snacks and given with prayers from your church family! praying



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Livestreamed 11:00 Service:  
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*GATHER as a community for worship ~ GROW in relationship with God and others ~ GO to serve Morgantown and the world*

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 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.

## HOLIDAY MISSION/COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECTS

#### SCOTT'S RUN CHRISTMAS FAMILIES

Christmas is right around the corner and traditionally Wesley helps Scott's Run with monetary donations that goes towards Scott's Run Families Christmas wish list. If you would like to make a donation please write "Scott's Run Christmas" on the memo line. Donations accepted thru Sunday, Dec. 7th. Thank you!

#### CHRISTMAS DAY GOODIE BAGS *for the needy!*

We are collecting the personal hygiene items and Christmas candies for our goodie bags. Items can be brought to the Church Office thru December 7th.



## Advent Season at Wesley



*Advent Sunday School for ALL ages + Third Sunday of Advent ~ December 14th*  
*Sunday, Dec 7th & 21st*

Get ready now for our All Classes Advent Sunday School! Again this year, we'll all meet in the Lecture Room at 9:30 AM for a dramatic presentation, singing, crafts, and fellowship. We'll meet on December 7, and December 21 (There will be no Sunday School on December 14, as we'll enjoy our Choir Cantata at 10:30 AM on that day.) So give your teacher a break, come learn and laugh with your friends, and find out a bit about The Witnesses to Jesus!

*+ Second Sunday of Advent ~ December 7th*

*Chime Recital & Christmas Sing-a-long*



*Friday, December 12th*



Wesley United Methodist Church will be hosting a Chime Recital on Friday, December 12, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Jesse Ratcliff, carillonneur and native of Hinton, West Virginia will offer a short program that will include familiar Christmas pieces on Wesley's Chimes as solos interspersed with Christmas song sing-a-longs. Grab your friends and family and head on over to Wesley UMC to participate in some Christmas fun. Hope to see you there!

*Is He? ONE SERVICE ONLY*

*10:30 a.m.*

*Christmas Cantata*

*An event for the whole family!*

*Christmas Cookie Exchange!!*

*Sunday, December 14th - 9:30 a.m.*

*+ Fourth Sunday of Advent ~ December 21st*

*Christmas Eve Services Wednesday, Dec. 24th*

*5:30 p.m. Children's Service*

*7:00 p.m. Communion & Candlelight*

*Sunday, December 28th 10:30 a.m. Outdoor Service*

*Hazel Ruby McQuain Park (Downtown)*

# 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 “Gabriel’s Message” P Manz

† CALL TO WORSHIP PSALM 72:18-19

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,  
***who alone does wondrous things.***  
Blessed be his glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth.  
***Amen and Amen!***

† OPENING HYMN #211 (UMH) “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

† OPENING PRAYER  
***Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to hear their warnings and forsake our sins, so that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.***

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING: LIGHT CANDLE TWO (refer to insert)

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)*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00 A.M.)  
Jaya and Guy Stewart present their child, Jayana Heidi Judith Stewart, born May 23, 2023, for Christian Baptism.

BAPTISMAL RESPONSE “God Claims You” Farr  
Inside back cover of hymnal (red)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:00 A.M.)  
Ellis Oti Boateng, Inioluwa Okunlola, and Caroline Raley

SPECIAL MUSIC  
8:30 a.m. “Mary, Did You Know?”  
Barbara Hildebrand, solo  
11:00 a.m. “Somebody’s Talkin’ ‘Bout Jesus” arr Krogstad  
Chancel Choir

HYMN OF PREPARATION #216 (UMH) “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

SCRIPTURE READINGS ISAIAH 11:1-10 AND MATTHEW 3:1-12

MESSAGE “A People Prepared” Pastor Martha

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING p. 12 (UMH) - p. 19 (UMH) Musical Responses

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

SPECIAL MUSIC (11:00 a.m.) “Mary, did You Know?”  
Barbara Hildebrand, solo

† 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 #203 (UMH) “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE “He Is Born” arr R Parks

## Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fating together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder’s den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

## MATTHEW 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. “I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

## ALTAR GUILD

The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Mary Moore Stevenson  
*by her children; Diane, Jim, Mike and Jeff.*



**Deadline for Christmas Poinsettia/Dedications is Sunday, Dec 7th**

## PRAYER FOCUS

Dear God, We are looking. We want to see Your Son’s birth with new eyes and a clean heart. We are hoping to be a part of the miracle. Allow us to have-whatever small part-in showing others Your greatest gift to mankind. Amen.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome Ellis Oti Boateng, Inioluwa Okunlola, and Caroline Raley as full members of Wesley United Methodist Church. Ellis is transferring from First Baptist Church of Tallahassee in Tallahassee, FL; Inioluwa is transferring from Ajegunie Methodist Church in Oyo, Nigeria; and Caroline comes to us from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Pittsburgh, PA. Welcome!

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Greeters	(8:30) Jeff Stewart and Jim Stevenson (11:00)
Scripture Readers	(8:30) (11:00)
Communion Stewards	(8:30) (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

## 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. **No study Dec 17 - Dec 31st.**

## Lectionary Readings -

**Third Sunday of Advent, December 14th**  
**Isa 35:1-10 / Luke 1:46b-55 / James 5:7-10 / Matt 11:2-11**

## 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.