

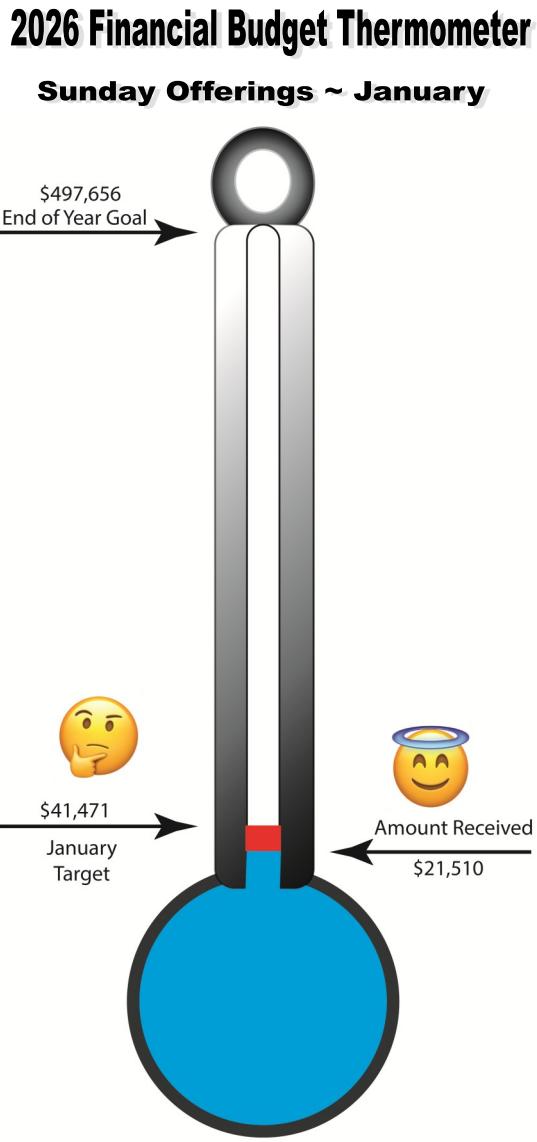
WEEK AT WESLEY	
Sunday, Feb 1st	COMMUNION SUNDAY 8:30 a.m. Worship Service (In Person) 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School, 2nd Fl Classrooms 9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School, 3rd Fl Classrooms 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (In Person & Livestreamed) 2:30 p.m. Lampstand Meeting (Zoom only) 6:00 p.m. Youth Group, 3rd Floor Classroom 6:00 p.m. College Study, 3rd Floor Classroom 6:00 p.m. Davis Gym Reserved (Mission Church)
Monday, Feb 2nd	7:30 p.m. Davis Gym Reserved (Core) 7:30 p.m. NA Meeting (Lecture Room)
Tuesday, Feb 3rd	10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, Lecture Room 5:00 p.m. Davis Gym Reserved (Bragg) 7:00 p.m. Davis Gym Reserved (Moore) 7:30 p.m. Book Club (Zoom)
Wednesday, Feb 4th	6:00 p.m. Lectionary Study (Zoom) 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir, 3rd Floor Choir Room
Thursday, Feb 5th	1:00 p.m. BSF, 3rd Floor 5:30 p.m. Davis Gym Reserved (Bragg) 7:30 p.m. NA Meeting, Lecture Room
Saturday, Feb 7th	10:00 a.m. Davis Gym Reserved (Bragg) 6:00 p.m. Davis Gym Reserved (Mission Church)

WESLEY UMC STAFF	
Martha Ognibene	Pastor
Marianna Miller	Administrative Assistant
Albert Kaminsky	Building Custodian
Lya Stroupe	Director of Music, Children's Education & Music
Coleman Guenther	Bookkeeper
Ann Gore Price	Organist
Joe Andria	Accompanist
Colton Davis	Media Coordinator
Arielle Harvey	Youth Leader
Rebekah Bledsoe & Lawrence DeLeurere	Bus Drivers

2026 Wesley UMC
Sunday, January 25th:
0_ In Person (snow storm) / 409 Online



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





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

4th Sunday after the Epiphany
February 1, 2026
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.

PRAYER SHAWL
Can you crochet, knit, or would like to learn? Join Wesley's Prayer Shawl Ministry on Tuesday, Feb 3rd at 10:00 a.m. in the Lecture Room. All are welcome!

ENJOY COUPON BOOKS
Wesley's Church is selling the NEW Enjoy Coupon books for \$40 each. All proceeds will be applied to Wesley's 2026 final apportionment obligation. Books have been ordered and will be distributed from the Church Office when they arrive. Please notify the church office at 304-292-9485 or wesleymorgantown@gmail.com if you would like to place an order. **23 books left to sell!**

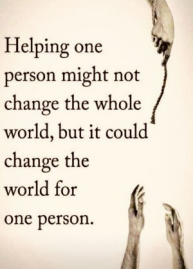
African American Ministry Emphasis - for February

One of the greatest problems of history is that the concepts of love and power are usually contrasted as polar opposites... *"What is needed is a realization that power without love is reckless and abusive and that love without power is sentimental and anemic."* Martin Luther King, Jr

INHALE: there is power in this breath.
EXHALE: there is agency in this body.
INHALE: where can I go?
EXHALE: God, take me where it's safe.
INHALE: God, tear down the evil, exploitative, and tyrannical.
EXHALE: Lift up the healers, seekers, and those that act for peace.

May you wake and rest with humility in your hearts. May you be protected from the greed and fear that tempt us to dominate others. Possess such moral clarity that you would be able to be both leader and follower without threat to your sense of self. May you live respectfully and tenderly, that your power never comes at the expense of someone else's. Amen.

Arthur Riley, Cole. Black Liturgies: Prayers, Poems, and Meditations for Staying Human (pp. 126 and 133).



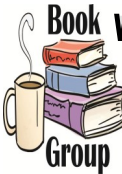
Helping one person might not change the whole world, but it could change the world for one person.

Lampstand Team ~ Outreach Ministry
Would you like to help our shut-in members feel more a part of our community? Then you should join the Lampstand Team! Our Lampstand Team members make it a point to stay in touch with those who cannot attend worship in person through regular cards, calls, visits, and small gifts. If you would like to be a part of this caring ministry, or if you would like to be added to the list of persons for whom the team cares, contact Martha today.
First meeting for 2026 Sunday, February 1st 2:30 p.m. (Zoom Only)
Notify the church office of your interest and we will send you the Zoom link

Church Office Hours have changed
Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursday, and Fridays
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m
Tuesdays Closed (phone calls only)
access to building will be available

SUNDAYS AT 6:00 P.M. (3RD FLOOR CLASSROOMS)
COLLEGE BIBLE STUDY
ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS WELCOME!
College Study led by Lawrence DeLeurere
Contact info: 304-319-7740 / semangeloph@gmail.com

UMYF *United Methodist Youth Formation)
ALL YOUTH (6th thru 12th grade) WELCOME!
Youth Leaders Chad & Arielle Harvey
Contact info: 304-619-9441 / simplysouthernphotographywv@gmail.com
Youth are invited to bring a friend!!



Book Group
Wesley Book Club - Zoom Only
7:30 PM - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays
(Febuary 3rd & 17th)
Book Club Leader - Mary Ragland
304-282-1947 / mhragland5@yahoo.com
Please contact for more info.
February book study is on
Immortal Diamond by Richard Rohr



Empty Bowls
— MONONGALIA —
SAVE the DATE
Soup & Bread Luncheon
FEBRUARY 28, 2026
11 AM - 2:30 PM
Hazel & J.W. Ruby Community Center
Tickets are \$25 Adult
\$10 Children 12 & Under (no bowl)
FREE Children 2 & under
Wesley UMC is selling tickets!
Contact the church office at
304-292-9485 or email
wesleymorgantown@gmail.com.

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 “Trumpet Voluntary” G Young
† CALL TO WORSHIP PSALM 27:4-5

One thing I asked of the Lord; this I seek:
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.
For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.

† OPENING HYMN #213 (UMH) “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

† OPENING PRAYER
Teach us, Ruler of the universe, to see people by the light of the faith we profess. Help us to check all ungenerous judgments, all presumptuous claims, and all old hatreds and rivalries. Give us new understanding and clear vision, so that we may recognize our common humanity in everyone we meet, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GATHERING MUSIC #87 (UMH) “What Gift Can We Bring”

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

HYMN OF PREPARATION #451 (UMH) “Be Thou My Vision”

SCRIPTURES 1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-18 AND MATTHEW 4:12-23

SERMON “What Matters” Pastor Martha

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING P. 12 (UM HYMNAL)

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.

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

† 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 #584 (UMH) “Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE “Andante Mosso” Kothe/Volckmar

ALTAR GUILD

The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary “Polly” Plummer
by Ralph and Fran.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-18

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. ¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

MATTHEW 4:12-23

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— ¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. ²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

PRAYER FOCUS

Dear God, Saint Francis of Assisi wrote: Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. Today Lord hear our prayers. 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: February 15th and 22nd

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.

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, February 8th:


Isa 58:1-9a / Ps 112:1-9 / 1 Cor 2:1-12 / Matthew 5:13-20

February 18, 2026

Ash Wednesday

Curbside Ashes Noon - 1PM

7PM Service



Are you a person-or the parent of a person-who is 10 years old or older and interested in joining Wesley UMC? Confirmation Class will be held later this spring (It’s a 3-week class about God, Jesus, the Bible, Church history, the United Methodist Church, and church membership), and new members will be welcomed following it. Please contact Martha Ognibene if you or your child is interested, and we’ll set the schedule!

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Greeters	Linda and Mike Bagby (8:30)	Arielle and Chad Harvey (11:00)
Scripture Readers	Mike Bagby (8:30)	Helen Ashenfelter (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	