

THIS WEEK AT SPRUCE STREET UMC	
Sunday, July 27th	
8:30AM	Worship Service (In Person)
9:45AM	Sunday School
10:45AM	Worship Service (In Person & Radio Broadcast)
Tuesday, July 29th	
5:30PM	MonValley District UWIF
Wednesday, July 23rd	
11:00AM	Bible Study

### Gifts of Love

Thank you for supporting this ministry and donating your gently used kitchen and bathroom items. Please no knives. The basic list is in the May newsletter if you need more ideas. **We are also collecting sunscreen and insect repellent for our downtown neighbors.** Thanks to everyone.



### Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day Event

**August 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**8:00 am-11:00 am**

Morgantown Utility Board  
278 Green Bag Road

Contact **MUB** for more information.

**List of Accepted Items:**

- Anti-freeze
- Arts/Crafts Supplies
- Batteries (All types)
- Bleaches
- Drain/Oven/Floor cleaners
- Fluorescent Bulbs - including CFLs
- Freon (Canisters Only)
- Hydrochloric Acid
- Lawn & Garden Chemicals
- Lighter Fluid
- Motor Oil (Used)
- Gasoline (including that mixed with oil)

- Photo Chemicals
- Rodent Killers
- Mercury Thermometers
- Oil Filters (used)
- Propane Cylinders
- Fire Extinguishers
- Rust Preventatives
- Septic (cesspool) Cleaners
- Swimming Pool Chemicals
- Transmission Fluid
- Wood Preservatives
- Oil-Based Paints (NO LATEX PAINT)\*

### Stamps with a Purpose: Barnabas Group

Barnabas Group is doing a Stamp Drive. We love writing cards and sending them, but the price of stamps is costly. We're asking church members to donate a sheet or two of stamps. Without your help, none of this would be possible!!



### No Chair Yoga This Week!

Please note, there will be no chair yoga this Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup>. We'll see you back next week!

### Circle of Friends

Thank you to everyone who helped with our meal last weekend! If you would like to help serve, please contact Carolyn Carr at [coccarr@yahoo.com](mailto:coccarr@yahoo.com)



### SCOTTS RUN DONATIONS



The July emphasis for Scott's Run is canned fruit, canned vegetables, and/or canned meat. They are also in need of can openers and personal hygiene items. Please be bringing in these items all month!

### SCOTTS RUN - MEAL DRIVES

We will begin our meal drives in August. Each month, we will have a different meal pairing that we focus on. August's meal is spaghetti dinners. Donation items are jars of sauce, boxes of pasta, and shaker cans of parmesan cheese. See the July newsletter for all the meal pairings through the end of the year!



### FALL LAITY RETREAT AUGUST 22-23

Enjoy great fellowship with a time of learning and spiritual growth with Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett as she teaches and leads the weekend. This event is a joint event of both the West Virginia and Holston Conferences. Registration is only \$10 per person! Online registration can be found at [wvumc-reg.brtapp.com/FallLaityRetreat2025](http://wvumc-reg.brtapp.com/FallLaityRetreat2025)

# Welcome to Spruce Street United Methodist Church



*"A Church at the Heart of Morgantown with a Heart for Morgantown"*

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## Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 27, 2025 8:30 & 10:45 AM

### WELCOME TO SPRUCE STREET CHURCH

We are glad you are here. Whether you are here for the very first time or a lifelong member of Spruce Street United Methodist Church, you are welcome. May this day be filled with God's presence and blessing.

### 2025 SSUMC Attendance & Stewardship Sunday, July 20

86 In Person / 132 Online / Radio Est. 300  
Offering \$5,271.33 / Budget \$4,903.00

### Prayers of the People of God

Prayer updates can be shared with Carolyn Carr

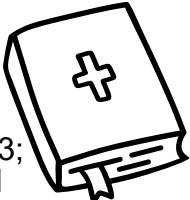
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Pat Ryan  
Syndy Slaughter  
Jenny Smith  
Nancy Smith  
John Thornburg & Family  
Penny Turley  
Crystal Walsh  
Mary Lynne Withrow

### Lectionary Readings Sunday, August 3

Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 107:1-9, 43;  
Colossians 3:1-11, Luke 12:13-21



### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Refreshments:** Thank you to Carolyn Carr (8:30) for providing refreshments.

**Altar Flowers:** In loving memory of my granddaughter Davina. -Bonnie

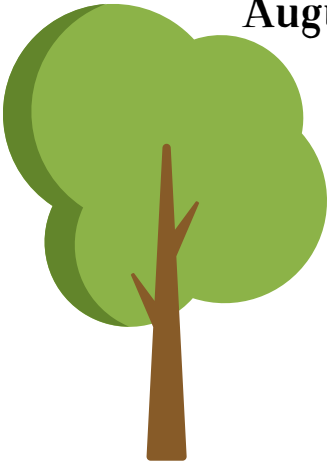
**Radio Broadcast:** Happy 18th Birthday to Mackenzie Johns (July 21st), With love, Nana, Daddy, Aunt B and Uncle Leo.

### Confirmation Class

It's not too late to join us! Sundays at 10AM for kids entering 6th grade and older.



### Encountering God in Nature Retreat August 15-16



This retreat will guide participants in experiencing God's presence through the beauty of nature, with outdoor sessions to nurture a sense of awe and gratitude. A \$125 donation is suggested for registration. Online registration can be found at [bit.ly/GodNatureRetreat](http://bit.ly/GodNatureRetreat)

# The Church in Worship

Congregational Responses and Prayers are in ***bold italic print***

† Congregation Standing (*as you are able*)

Prelude

Announcements and Welcome

Our Loving, Learning, Leading Prayer (on screen)

†Call to Worship

WELCOME TO WORSHIP THIS DAY.  
***We have come seeking peace and hope.***  
This is the house of the Lord. In it you will find what you seek.  
***Help us to open our hearts to God's words and will for us.***  
Ask for God's help - it will be given to you.  
***Praise be to God who loves and cares for us. Amen.***

Liturgist

† Hymn #358 (UMH)

“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

First Prayer

***Lord of Hope and Peace, we have come this day asking for your mercy. Grant us your pardon. We have come this day seeking peace in our lives; grant us peace. Teach us how to be compassionate disciples for you. For we ask this in Christ's name. Amen.***

Liturgist

Affirmation of Faith (on screen)

Apostle’s Creed #881

Liturgist

Prayer of Confession (on screen)

Eldon Callen, CLM

Words of Assurance

Eldon Callen, CLM

***Even when things seem dark, God is with us. God's love is powerful enough to overcome any darkness that we encounter. Remember how much love has been given for you and rejoice! Amen.***

## WORSHIPPING THROUGH GIVING

Invitation To Give

Eldon Callen, CLM

Offertory

† Doxology #95

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Prayer of Thanksgiving (on screen)

Eldon Callen, CLM

Litany (on screen)

Liturgist & Eldon Callen, CLM

The Lord’s Prayer

All

***Our Father in heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.***

† Hymn #405 (UMH)

“Seek Ye First”

## PROCLAMATION

First Reading

Psalm 85

Liturgist

<sup>1</sup> Lord, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. <sup>2</sup> You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin. Selah <sup>3</sup> You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger. <sup>4</sup> Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us. <sup>5</sup> Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations? <sup>6</sup> Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you? <sup>7</sup> Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation. <sup>8</sup> Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts. <sup>9</sup> Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. <sup>10</sup> Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. <sup>11</sup> Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. <sup>12</sup> The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. <sup>13</sup> Righteousness will go before him and will make a path for his steps.

† Hymn #70 (UMH)

“The Glory Be To The Father”

Special Music

Dance of the Blessed Spirits by Gluck

Eftihia Arkoudis, Flutist

Gospel Reading

Luke 11:1-13

Pastor Bart

<sup>1</sup> He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." <sup>2</sup> so he said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come. <sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread. <sup>4</sup> And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." <sup>5</sup> And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, <sup>6</sup> for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' <sup>7</sup> And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' <sup>8</sup> I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. <sup>9</sup> "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup> Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup> Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Children’s Moment

Pastor Bart

Sermon

“Teach Us To Pray”

Pastor Bart

† Hymn #369 (UMH)

“Blessed Assurance”

## SENDING FORTH

Call to Discipleship

Pastor Bart

Remember to pray. Pray each day the prayer Jesus taught us.

Blessing

Pastor Bart

***May each of you go in peace to love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously with the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. Amen.***

Postlude

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Liturgist

Gary Schlobohm