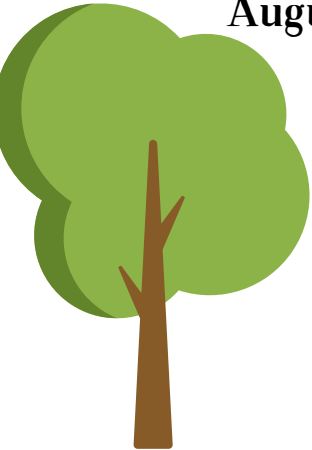




"I want to thank you all for the lovely graduate's gift box! I miss my Spruce Street family! Thanks to Chancel Choir, UM Women of Faith, Bart, and everyone! I am so grateful!" -Alanna Burden

Encountering God in Nature Retreat
August 15-16



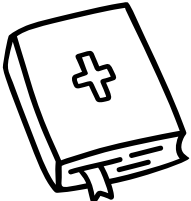
This retreat will guide participants in experiencing God's presence through the beauty of nature, with outdoor sessions to nurture a sense of awe and gratitude. A \$125 donation is suggested for registration. Online registration can be found at bit.ly/GodNatureRetreat

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

Lectionary Readings
Sunday, August 10

Isaiah 1:1,10-20; Psalm 50:1-8;22-23
Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16; Luke 12:32-40



Circle of Friends

Our next meal will be August 16-17.If you would like to help serve, please contact Carolyn Carr at cocarr@yahoo.com



SCOTTS RUN - MEAL DRIVES

August's meal is spaghetti dinners. Donation items are jars of sauce, boxes of pasta, and shaker cans of parmesan cheese. See the newsletter for all the meal pairings through the end of the year!



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.



Barnabas Group Card Drive

Barnabas Group is doing a Card Drive. We are currently taking donations of:

- birthday cards
- thinking of you cards
- get well cards
- encouragement cards
- stamps

Thank you for your help in continuing this ministry!!



Welcome to
Spruce Street
United Methodist Church



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

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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost August 3, 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 27

81 In Person / 135 Online / Radio Est. 300 / Offering \$13,721.43 / Budget \$4,903.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Refreshments: Thank you to Dianne DeAngelis for providing refreshments for both services.

Altar Flowers: *In honor of Pat Pierce for all the help she has given me in my time of incapacitation. -Cindy Cramer*

Radio Broadcast: *Radio broadcast is given in loving memory of Hazel Sherwood by Penny Turley*

Prayers of the People of God

Prayer updates can be shared with Carolyn Carr

Fran Barnes
Steve Blinco
Lori Britton
Roger Britton
Saundra Britton
Lee Brown
Brett Carpenter
Keith Carr
Dolly Cole
Cindy Cramer
Dianne DeAngelis
Jay DeFabio
Justin Dierkes
Rubyann Downes
Barbara Fox
Mike Grant
Judy Harman



Brian Hoskinson
Stacy Jordan
Glenn McCracken
Joy Perilli
Susan Presley
Bob Ridgeway
Pat Ryan
Syndy Slaughter
Hazel Sherwood & Family
Jenny Smith
Nancy Smith
Gwen Thornburg
John Thornburg & Family
Penny Turley
Crystal Walsh
Mary Lynne Withrow

THIS WEEK AT SPRUCE STREET UMC	
Sunday, August 3rd	
8:30AM	Worship Service (In Person)
9:45AM	Sunday School
10:45AM	Worship Service (In Person & Radio Broadcast)
Monday, August 4th	
1:30PM	Heritage
Tuesday, August 5th	
6:00PM	Welcoming Committee
Wednesday, August 6th	
11:00AM	Bible Study
6:30PM	Barnabas Group
Thursday, August 7th	
10:00AM	Chair Yoga

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

Liturgist

So many things draw us away from God.

We are tempted by trinkets and gadgets.

We place our interest in everyday things.

But Christ calls us to a higher level.

We are called to focus our lives on living as God would have us live.

We are called to be open to ways of service and compassion. Amen.

† Hymn #2173 (TFWS)

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

First Prayer

Liturgist

Bountiful God, who gives to us all that we need to sustain our lives: Open our hearts today to hear your words of compassionate justice, that we may focus on the ways in which you intend us to live and be of service to you by serving the world. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

First Reading

Colossians 3:1-11

Liturgist

¹ So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. ⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

Choral Anthem

Here in the House of the Lord by Besig

Chancel Choir

Children’s Moment

Pastor Bart

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:13-32

Pastor Bart

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.’ ¹⁴ But he said to him, ‘Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?’ ¹⁵ And he said to them, ‘Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.’ ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?”’ ¹⁸ Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” ²⁰ But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?”’ ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’ ²² He said to his disciples,

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds!’ ²⁵ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?’ ²⁶ If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin;* yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ²⁸ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰ For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ Instead, strive for his* kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. ³² ‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Sermon

“Building Bigger”

Pastor Bart

† Hymn #641 (UMH)

“Fill My Cup, Lord” (twice)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People

Pastor Bart

Affirmation of Faith (on screen)

UMH #881

Pastor Bart

Prayer of Confession (on screen)

UMH #12

Eldon Callen, CLM

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

Great Thanksgiving Prayer (on screen)

Pastor Bart

The Lord’s Prayer (on screen)

Pastor Bart

Sharing of the Sacrament

† Hymn #529 (UMH)

“How Firm a Foundation”

SENDING FORTH

Call to Discipleship

Pastor Bart

Be satisfied. Seek Joy. Place your life in the hands of God. Go in peace and may the peace of God always be with you.

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