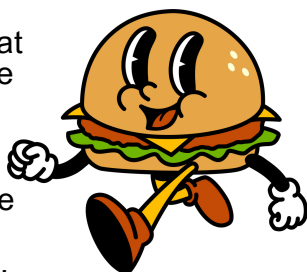


## FALL LAITY RETREAT AUGUST 22-23

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.brapp.com/FallLaityRetreat2025](http://wvumc-reg.brapp.com/FallLaityRetreat2025)

## UNITED METHODIST MEN

UMM will be meeting on Wednesday, August 13th at 6pm at Eat N Park. Please come for a time of fellowship, fun, and celebration as we do the work of the Lord. For more information call Dan Erenrich at 304-826-0930.



## 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!!



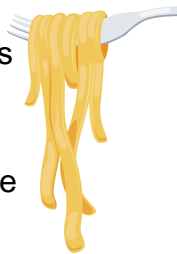
## Adopt A Chair!

Our chairs in the fellowship hall are in need of some TLC! For just \$10, you can "adopt a chair" and help that chair to start a new life, clean, refurbished, and reupholstered.



## 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! We are also always collecting toiletries and cleaning products. Thank you for your donations!



## Circle of Friends

Our next meal will be August 16-17. If you would like to help serve, please contact Carolyn Carr at [coccarr@yahoo.com](mailto:coccarr@yahoo.com)



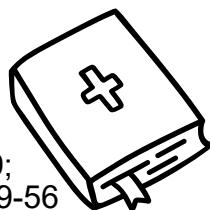
## Gifts of Love

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.



## Lectionary Readings Sunday, August 17

Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19;  
Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56



# Welcome to Spruce Street United Methodist Church



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

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Audio Live Streaming: <http://mixir.com/sprucestumc/>



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost August 10, 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, August 3

92 In Person / 186 Online / Radio Est. 300 / Offering \$5,231.86 / Budget \$4,903.00

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Refreshments:** Thank you to Susan & Brandon Eddy for providing refreshments for the 8:30 service.

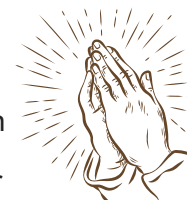
**Altar Flowers:** Remembering Dewey & Mary Hastings. -Dan Hastings

**Radio Broadcast:** In honor of Greg McCracken's birthday from Judi and Brian.

## 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  
Doug Stanger  
Gwen Thornburg  
John Thornburg & Family  
Penny Turley  
Crystal Walsh  
Mary Lynne Withrow

### THIS WEEK AT SPRUCE STREET UMC

#### Sunday, August 10th

8:30AM	Worship Service (In Person)
9:45AM	Sunday School
10:45AM	Worship Service (In Person & Radio Broadcast)

#### Monday, August 11th

3:00PM	Harmony
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#### Tuesday, August 12th

6:00PM	MVD UWIF Book Club @ Suncrest UMC
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#### Wednesday, August 13th

11:00AM	Bible Study
6:00PM	UMM @ Eat N Park

#### Thursday, August 14th

10:00AM	Chair Yoga
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#### Saturday, August 16th

4:00PM	Circle of Friends
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# 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

Beloved, we gather today as inheritors of faith in God’s salvific work, a faith handed down to us over generations that we claim and proclaim today in this community.

***By faith, we follow God’s call as we journey toward a better country.***

By faith, our grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, neighbors, and friends shared God’s love with us, a love that longs to draw us all as members of the Body of Christ.

***By faith, we follow God’s call as we journey toward a better country.***

By faith, we remember the story today, the story of God’s desire for all creation to be reconciled to God and one another.

***By faith, we follow God’s call as we journey toward a better country.***

By faith, we carry the faith forward, building a community of belonging, provision, and care as we journey with God toward a better country.

***By faith, we gather to nourish and encourage one another on the journey toward a better country as we build God’s already-but-not-yet kingdom here and now. Amen.***

† Hymn #548 (UMH) “In Christ There Is No East or West”

First Prayer Liturgist

***God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - You are ever the same in Your grace and truth, Your power and love; yet, You always challenge us to grow, change and become more like Jesus. We’re not yet what we want to be, what we hope to be, and what we will be - but thanks be to You, we’re no longer what we used to be. And we thank you for the hope of change - for without it, we would shrivel up and die. It’s that hope which calls us to pray for those who are sick or injured, those challenged physically, emotionally, mentally or spiritually - and to ask You to heal them, to restore them, to make them whole.***

## PROCLAMATION

Gospel Reading Luke 12:32-40 Liturgist

<sup>32</sup> "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. <sup>35</sup> "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup> be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup> Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup> If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. <sup>39</sup> "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

Prayer of Confession (on screen) Liturgist

Special Music Piano Solo Ashley Lewis

Children’s Moment Eldon Callen, CLM

Epistle Reading Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Eldon Callen, CLM

<sup>1</sup> Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup> Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. <sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup> Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." <sup>13</sup> All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup> for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Sermon “Your Faith - Your Choice!” Eldon Callen, CLM

† Hymn #473 (UMH) “Lead Me, Lord”

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People Eldon Callen, CLM

Affirmation of Faith (on screen) UMH #885 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

The Lord’s Prayer (on screen) Eldon Callen, CLM

† Hymn #430 (UMH) “The Voice of God is Calling”

## SENDING FORTH

Call to Discipleship Eldon Callen, CLM

What a beautiful day to celebrate! Let us embody gratitude and spread kindness wherever we go. With the Triune God's strength and comfort leading us, let us make every day remarkable and unforgettable! Cherish every moment!!

Blessing Eldon Callen, CLM

***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

*Liturgist* Keith Carr (8:30) & Em Pechon (10:45)