

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

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Liturgist Bonnie Johnson (8:30) & Dan Erenrich (10:45)

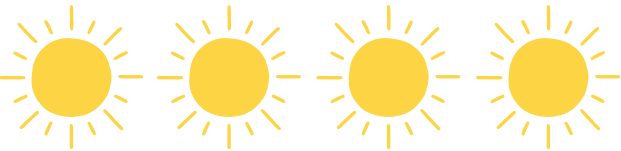
SCOTTS RUN - MEAL DRIVES

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!



Community Labor Day Meal

It's the end of summer! We will be working with Suncrest UMC to provide a Labor Day Meal for our unhoused community as well as the general community. The meal will be served underneath the Marketplace Pavilion (beside our church) on Labor Day. Both churches will donate food. Sign-up sheets will be coming out soon as well as more details. Those of you that worked this ministry know how enjoyable it was!



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!!



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.



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.



Welcome to Spruce Street United Methodist Church



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

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Website: sprucestumc.org Email: secretary@sprucestreetumc.org

10:45 a.m. Service on WCLG-AM 1300 or Morgan 92.1FM

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



10th Sunday after Pentecost August 17, 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 10

Est. 100 In Person / 128 Online / Radio Est. 300 / Offering \$6,662.26 / Budget \$4,903.00


ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers: Happy birthday to Carolyn Carr. - Keith Carr

Radio Broadcast: In honor of Cindy Cramer's birthday. - Pat Pierce

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
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Dale Hetrick
Brian Hoskinson
Stacy Jordan
Tom CcBee
Glenn McCracken
Joy Perilli
Susan Presley
Bob Ridgeway
Pat Ryan
Syndy Slaughter
Jenny Smith
Nancy Smith
Doug Stanger
Gwen Thornburg
John Thornburg & Family
Penny Turley
Crystal Walsh

THIS WEEK AT SPRUCE STREET UMC	
Sunday, August 17th	
8:30AM	Worship Service (In Person)
9:45AM	Sunday School
10:45AM	Worship Service (In Person & Radio Broadcast)
4:00PM	Circle of Friends
Monday, August 18th	
7:00Pm	Trustee Meeting
Wednesday, August 20th	
11:00AM	Bible Study
Thursday, August 21st	
10:00AM	Chair Yoga

Lectionary Readings Sunday, August 24

Jeremiah 1:4-10, Psalm 71:6
Hebrews 12:18-29, Luke 13:10-17



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	
Give ear, God of all people. <i>Stir up your strength and deliver us!</i> Once you rescued your children from bondage. <i>Now, set your people free.</i> Look down from heaven, God of hosts. <i>Turn to us anew and see us in our need.</i> Restore us, God of Creation. <i>Let your face shine upon us.</i> May our suffering cease. <i>May all your children be saved.</i>		
† Hymn #160 (UMH)	“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”	
First Prayer	Liturgist	
<i>Come, Holy Spirit.</i> <i>Hear our prayers and songs of praise. We join voices from ancient times, who placed their trust in you in days of joy or pain. Inspire us in this hour, that we may never surrender to despair. Renew in us enduring faith, even as we join eternally in song. Amen.</i>		
<u>PROCLAMATION</u>		
Gospel Reading	Luke 12:49-56	Liturgist
⁴⁹ "I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵² From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³ they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." ⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain,' and so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?		
Prayer of Confession (on screen)	Liturgist	
Words of Assurance	Liturgist	
By faith, we have been saved through faith. This is not our own doing; it is the gift of God. In the name of Christ, you are forgiven. <i>In the name of Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.</i>		
Special Music	Sonatina in G by Beethoven	Nina Han, piano
Children’s Moment	Eldon Callen, CLM	
Epistle Reading	Hebrews 11:22-12:2	Eldon Callen, CLM

<p>11 ²² By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave instructions about his burial.</p> <p>²³ By faith Moses was hidden by his parents for three months after his birth, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. ²⁴ By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called a son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵ choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He considered abuse suffered for the Christ to be greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to the reward. ²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, unafraid of the king's anger, for he persevered as though he saw him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.</p> <p>²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.</p> <p>³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented - ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.</p> <p>³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.</p> <p>12 ¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.</p>		
Sermon	"The Joy of Faith"	Eldon Callen, CLM
Hymn #688 (UMH)	"God, That Madest Earth and Heaven"	
<u>RESPONSE TO THE WORD</u>		
Prayers of the People		Eldon Callen, CLM
Affirmation of Faith (on screen)	UMH #885	Eldon Callen, CLM
<u>WORSHIPPING THROUGH GIVING</u>		
Invitation To Give		Eldon Callen, CLM
Offertory		
Doxology #95		
<i>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.</i>		
Prayer of Thanksgiving (on screen)		Eldon Callen, CLM
The Lord's Prayer (on screen)		Eldon Callen, CLM
Hymn #733 (UMH)	"Marching to Zion"	