



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!



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 repellant for our downtown neighbors. Thanks to everyone.





Circle of Friends

Thanks to all who participated in our meals this weekend. We served 60 meals. Thanks for support of 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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11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 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 / 139 Online / Radio Est. 300 / Offering \$3,213.53 / Budget \$4,903.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers: God Grace & Prayers. Becky Davis - 65 years together. Know-it-all.

Refreshments: Thank you to Pastor Bart for providing refreshments for the 10:45 service.

Radio Broadcast: Please sponsor.

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** Randy & Pam Courtney and family Cindy Cramer Dianne DeAngelis Jay DeFabio Justin Dierkes Rubyann Downes Barbara Fox Mike Grant Judy Harman

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THIS WEEK AT SPRUCE STREET UMC

Sunday, August 24th

8:30AM Worship Service (In Person)

9:45AM Sunday School

10:45AM Worship Service (In Person & Radio Broadcast)

Monday, August 25th

6:00PM Admin Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 26th

6:00PM United Women in Faith

Wednesday, August 27th

11:00AM Bible Study

Thursday, August 28th

10:00AM Chair Yoga

Lectionary Readings Sunday, August 31



Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

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 to the Lord your whole trust.

We place our lives in God's care.

Know that God has always and will always be with you.

We place our spirits in God's embrace.

Worship God in confidence and peace.

We open our hearts to God's incredible love. Amen.

† Hymn #117 (UMH)

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

First Prayer Liturgist

Lord God, whose power and mercy have extended to all ends of creation, pour your love on us this day that we might be healed and be made ready to serve you by serving others in this world that you have created. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

First Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Liturgist

⁴ Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, ⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." ⁶ Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." ⁷ But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy,' for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. ⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." ⁹ Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Special Music

If You Believe by Brickman

Marguerite Bostonia, piano

Children's Moment

Pastor Bart

Gospel Reading

Luke 13:10-17

Pastor Bart

¹⁰ Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

Sermon "Sabbath" Pastor Bart

† Hymn #399 (UMH)

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

CONFIRMATION

Renunciation of Sin & Confession of Faith (on screen)

Pastor Bart and Confirmands

The Laying On Of Hands and Confirmation (on screen)

Pastor Bart and Confirmands

The Commendation And Welcome

Pastor Bart

Members of the household of God, I commend to your love and care these persons whom we this day receive into the membership of this congregation. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's holy church and bid you welcome to this congregation of The United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People

Pastor Bart

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 #731 (UMH)

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

SENDING FORTH

Call to Discipleship

Pastor Bart

Lord, this day you have healed us and restored us. You have given us new strength and courage to serve you in this world. Now we go in peace and confidence, ready to be your people in all places and at all times. Praise be to you, Mighty God of love and mercy! Amen.

Blessing Confirmation Class

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