

Blessing  
*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

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Robyn Lindamood

**CHURCH PICNIC**  
Our church picnic is scheduled for September 14<sup>th</sup> at 4pm at the Westover Senior Center Pavilion. There are sign-up sheets in Seekers Hall. You may sign up for providing a side dish, a salad, or a dessert. The meat and drinks will be provided. Bart will get a pie in the face at 5:15!!

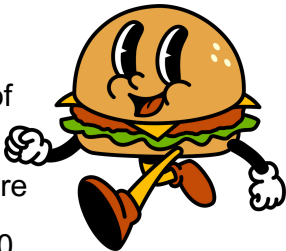


**Gifts of Love**  
Thank you for supporting this ministry and donating your gently used kitchen and bathroom items. Please no knives. The basic list is in the newsletter if you need more ideas. Thanks to everyone.



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.



*Congratulations to our  
Confirmands!!*

Paige Hetrick  
Paisley Hetrick  
Emily Helms

**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 support the refurbishing efforts.



**COMMUNITY PICNIC**  
Thanks to everyone who donated or participated in anyway with our Labor Day community picnic. It takes quite a few people to make this kind of activity a success. Thank you again for all of you who participated in anyway to help provide this community picnic.



**Lectionary Readings  
Sunday, September 14**  
Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28  
Psalm 14; 1 Timothy 12-17  
Luke 15:1-10

Scotts Run Backpack Ministry

SRSH works with local schools to provide 900+ food bags every week to feed kids on the weekends! Join us in assembling these food bags at Scotts Run on September 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. We will be assisting with this ministry the third Wednesday of each month!



Welcome to  
Spruce Street  
United Methodist Church



“A Church at the Heart of Morgantown with a Heart for Morgantown”

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13th Sunday after Pentecost September 7, 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 31  
76 In Person / 133 Online / Radio Est. 300 / Offering \$3,785.12 / Budget \$4,903.00

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**Altar Flowers:** *In honor of and thanks to the Chancel Choir, from Alanna Burden*  
**Radio Broadcast:** *In honor of Dewey & Mary Hastings. Forever young. - Dan Hastings*  
**Refreshments:** Thank you to Susan & Brandon Eddy (8:30) and Carolyn Carr (10:45) for providing refreshments.

*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  
Carolyn Hubbard  
Stacy Jordan  
Tom McBee  
Glenn McCracken  
Charlotte Murphy  
Joy Perilli  
Susan Presley  
Bob Ridgeway  
Pat Ryan  
Syndy Slaughter  
Nancy Smith  
Doug Stanger  
Gwen Thornburg  
Penny Turley  
Linda Weber  
Mary Lynne Withrow

THIS WEEK AT SPRUCE STREET UMC	
Sunday, September 7th	
8:30AM	Worship Service (In Person)
9:45AM	Sunday School
10:45AM	Worship Service (In Person & Radio Broadcast)
Monday, September 8th	
6:00PM	SPPRC
Wednesday, September 10th	
11:00AM	Bible Study
6:00PM	UMM @ Eat N Park
6:00PM	Prayer Meeting (Zoom)
Thursday, September 11th	
10:00AM	Chair Yoga
6:15PM	Handbell Choir
7:00PM	Chancel Choir

# 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
God is like a potter who shapes and forms our lives. <b><i>We have been called to be faithful to God’s intention.</i></b> God seeks for us to be vessels of compassion and service. <b><i>We have been given multiple opportunities to witness to God’s love.</i></b> Come, let us worship the Creator who has given us life. <b><i>Let us send our praises to God who knows us totally and loves us. Amen.</i></b>	

† Hymn #415 (UMH)	“Take Up Thy Cross”	
First Prayer		Liturgist
<b><i>Wherever you go, from the top of the highest mountain or into the deep abysses of the earth, God knows you. Wherever we go, God knows our name. Whatever you do, from the time you wake up until you lay your head down again, God knows you. Whatever we do, God knows our name. However, you live, from your inner thoughts to your public acts and everything in between, God knows you. However we live, God knows our name. We gather to worship God, who loves us, knows us, and calls us by name. We gather to worship God, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made by God who knows our name! Amen.</i></b>		

## PROCLAMATION

First Reading	Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18	Liturgist
<sup>1</sup> O LORD, you have searched me and known me. <sup>2</sup> You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. <sup>3</sup> You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. <sup>4</sup> Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely. <sup>5</sup> You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. <sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. <sup>13</sup> For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. <sup>14</sup> I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. <sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. <sup>16</sup> Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. <sup>17</sup> How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! <sup>18</sup> I try to count them -- they are more than the sand; I come to the end -- I am still with you.		

Choral Anthem	<i>My Jesus, I Love Thee</i> by Collett & Lucke	Chancel Choir
Children’s Moment		Pastor Bart

Second Reading	Jeremiah 18:1-11	Pastor Bart
<sup>1</sup> The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: <sup>2</sup> "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." <sup>3</sup> So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. <sup>4</sup> The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. <sup>5</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to me: <sup>6</sup> Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. <sup>7</sup> At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it,		

<sup>8</sup>but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. <sup>9</sup>And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, <sup>10</sup>but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. <sup>11</sup>Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you, from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Sermon	“God Molds You and Knows You”	Pastor Bart
† Hymn #2129 (TFWS)	“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”	

## CONFIRMATION

Renunciation of Sin & Confession of Faith (on screen)		Pastor Bart and Confirmands
Remembering Your Baptism (on screen)		Pastor Bart and Confirmands
Reception Into the Church		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. <b><i>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.</i></b>		

## SERVICE OF TABLE

Invitation		Eldon Callen, CLM
Prayer of Confession (on screen)	UMH #12	Eldon Callen, CLM

## WORSHIPPING THROUGH GIVING

Invitation To Give		Eldon Callen, CLM
Offertory		
† Doxology #95		
<b><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></b>		
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 #424 (UMH)	“Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone”
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## SENDING FORTH

Call to Discipleship	Life Verses of the Confirmation Class
Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1 - Paisley	
I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13 - Paige	
We love* because he first loved us. 1 John 4:19 - Emily	