Altar Guild Meeting Today

Interested in being part of our altar guild? Stick around for a brief meeting today after second service!



SCOTTS RUN MEAL DRIVES

October's meal is pancake breakfasts! Donation items are pancake mix and syrup. You might also consider donating canned fruit or peanut butter to complete the meal. Thank you for your donations!



Undie Sunday

We will be collecting undergarments for those in need through the month of October. We are taking donations of underwear, bras, socks, and diapers.

Blessing of the Pets





Clergy Appreciation Month

October is Clergy Appreciation Month. We will be filling a basket each for Eldon and Bart if you would like to give a prayer, note, or

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.





UNDER THE MORGANTOWN MARKET PAVILION

FREE HALLOWEEN PARTY AND INFORMATION FAIR INSIDE SPRUCE ST UMC

CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED!



We are collecting candy for Trunk or Treat! While all candy is accepted, we have a high need for donations of safe treats that are free from allergens. Safe treats to donate include skittles, starburst, nerds, smarties, sour patch kids, fun dip, and non food items like stickers.

Singers Wanted!

The Chancel Choir is kicking off rehearsals for the Christmas Cantata this Saturday. Please reach out to Ashley or Marguerite if you are interested in singing in the cantata. All are welcome!



Circle of Friends



We served nearly 60 meals last weekend! Our October dates are the 18th and 19th. If you would like to participate, please contact Carolyn Carr at cdccarr@yahoo.com



Lectionary Readings
Sunday, October 5

Lamentations 1:1-6; Psalm 137 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

Welcome to Spruce Street United Methodist Church



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

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16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 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, September 21

74 In Person / 102 Online / Radio Est. 300 / Offering \$2,889.53 / Budget \$4,903.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers: Please sponsor.

Radio Broadcast: Please sponsor.

Refreshments: Thank you to Bonnie Johnson (10:45AM) for providing refreshments.

Prayers of the People of God

Prayer updates can be shared with Carolyn Carr

Lori Britton
Roger Britton
Saundra Britton
Eldon Callen
Keith Carr
David Chipps
Dolly Cole
Cindy Cramer
Dianne DeAngelis
Jay DeFabio
Rubyann Downes
Janice Erenrich
Mike Grant
Robert Hollis

Laura Lewis
Tom McBee
Glenn McCracken
Judi McCracken
Charlotte Murphy
Joy Perilli
Susan Presley
Pat Ryan
Syndy Slaughter
Fred & Nancy Smith
Gwen Thornburg
Penny Turley
Mary Lynne Withrow

Carolyn Keech

Sunday, September 28th 8:30AM Worship Service (In Person) 9:45AM Sunday School 10:45AM Worship Service (In Person & Radio Broadcast) 12:00PM Altar Guild Meeting (after second service) Wednesday, October 1st 11:00AM Bible Study 6:00PM Prayer Meeting (Zoom) 6:30PM Barnabas Group Thursday, October 2nd 10:00AM Chair Yoga 6:15PM Handbell Choir

7:00PM Chancel Choir

9:00AM Cantata Workshop

Saturday, October 4th

THIS WEEK AT SPRUCE STREET UMC

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

Jesus said: "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink." Let us act justly.

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing."

Let us love tenderly.

"I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."

Let us walk humbly with our God.

May we see Christ in one another,

that we may be healers and peacemakers in Christ's name.

† Hymn #189 (UMH)

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

First Prayer Liturgist

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son. Look with compassion on the whole human family, take away the arrogance and hatred that infects our hearts, break down the walls that separate us, unite us in bonds of love, and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth. We pray that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

First Reading

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

Liturgist

Chancel Choir

¹ You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, ² will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust." ³ For he will deliver you from the snare of the hunter and from the deadly pestilence; ⁴ he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and defense. ⁵ You will not fear the terror of the night or the arrow that flies by day ⁶ or the pestilence that stalks in darkness or the destruction that wastes at noonday. ¹⁴ Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. ¹⁵ When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them. ¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy them and show them my salvation.

Choral Anthem Praise the Lord by Kauffmann

Be reconcile

Children's Moment Pastor Bart

Gospel Reading Luke 16:19-31 Pastor Bart

¹⁹ "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.'
²⁵ But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.'

²⁷ He said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house-- ²⁸ for I have five brothers--that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹ Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' ³⁰ He said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' ³¹ He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."'

Sermon "Money" Pastor Bart

† Hymn #508 (UMH) "Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Liturgist

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith (on screen) UMH #881 Pastor Bart

Prayer of Confession (on screen) 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)

Pastor Bart

† Hymn #436 (UMH)

"The Voice of God is Calling"

SENDING FORTH

Call to Discipleship

Pastor Bart

Be reconciled and choose the path of peace all you who have entered and worshipped here through whatever medium you have chosen — Parents and children; husbands and wives; significant others, families of one and of many, the joyful and the sorrowful, believers and those who cannot believe; seekers and Christians and their fellow Christians. Choose now mercy and grace.

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

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Liturgist Bonnie Johnson (8:30)