

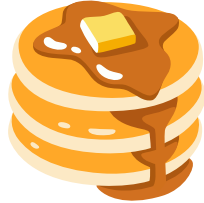
Thanksgiving Donations

Scotts Run is in need of grocery gift cards to help with Thanksgiving meals. We will be taking donations through the month of October to purchase a Kroger gift card from SSUMC. If you would like to donate, put "Scotts Run" as the memo on your donation.



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!



Purple Pumpkin Patch Palooza

We are creating a purple pumpkin patch! Pumpkins are due today, October 19th, with a \$5 entry fee. All proceeds will go to the Alzheimer's Association in Morgantown. For more information, contact Lena Glowacky at 304-319-4040.



CIRCLE OF FRIENDS BOOK SALE

We're doing it again – our gently used Book Sale! We are currently collecting books for the sale. Proceeds from the book sale will go to Circle of Friends! Any questions, please ask Carolyn Carr.



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.



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 card.

A Body Prayer

Placing both hands on top of the head, pray out loud:

God, be in my head and in my understanding.

Placing both hands over the eyes, pray out loud:

God, be in my eyes and in my seeing.

Placing both hands over the ears, pray out loud:

God, be in my ears and in my hearing.

Placing both hands over the mouth, pray out loud:

God, be in my mouth and in my speaking.

Placing both hands over the heart, pray out loud:

God, be in my heart and in my feeling.

Placing both hands on top of the thighs, pray out loud:

God, be in my legs and in my moving.

Placing open hands one on top of the other in front of the body, pray out loud:

God, be in my hands and in my touching.

Placing both arms at the side of the body, hands open and turning outward, offering our life to God, pray out loud:

God be in my life and in my journeying. Amen.



Lectionary Readings Sunday, October 26

Joel 2:23-32
Psalm 65
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14



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

Like us on Facebook: facebook.com/sprucestreetumc/

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



19th Sunday after Pentecost October 19, 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, October 12

80 In Person / 118 Online / Radio Est. 300 / Offering \$4,176.00 / Budget \$4,903.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers: Please sponsor.

Radio Broadcast: *In gratitude for the blessings of my family and my church family these past 47 years.*
- Lynn Yanak

Prayers of the People of God

Prayer updates can be shared with Carolyn Carr

Christian Allison
Lori Britton
Roger Britton
Saundra Britton
David Chipp
Dolly Cale
Jay DeFabio
Rubyann Downes
Mike Grant
Brandon Harman
Robert Hollis
Juanita Keller
Noah Kinney
Laura Lewis



Tom McBee
Glenn McCracken
Sara McMullen
Charlotte Murphy
Susan Presley
Pat Ryan
Syndy Slaughter
Jeanne Stoughton
Angie Thompson
Gwen Thornburg
Penny Turley
Chris Varner
Linda Wise
Mary Lynne Withrow

THIS WEEK AT SPRUCE STREET UMC

Sunday, October 19th

8:30AM	Worship Service (In Person)
9:45AM	Sunday School
10:45AM	Worship Service (In Person & Radio Broadcast)
4:00PM	Circle of Friends
5:30PM	Messy Church

Monday, October 20th

7:00PM	Trustee Meeting
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Wednesday, October 22nd

11:00AM	Bible Study
6:00PM	Prayer Meeting (Zoom)

Thursday, October 23rd

10:00AM	Chair Yoga
6:15PM	Handbell Choir
7:00PM	Chancel Choir

<i>The Church in Worship</i>		
Congregational Responses and Prayers are in <i>bold italic print</i>		
† Congregation Standing (<i>as you are able</i>)		
Prelude		
Announcements and Welcome		
Our Loving, Learning, Leading Prayer (on screen)		
†Call to Worship	Liturgist	
Pray without ceasing. <i>Pray without giving up.</i> Pray with tenacity, courage, and hope. <i>Called by God to be people of prayer, we gather today as people of prayer. Come, let us worship and pray together.</i>		
† Hymn #526 (UMH)	“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”	
First Prayer	Liturgist	
<i>Mighty God, we come into your powerful presence with hope in our hearts. May we pray with the same focus and strength with which you receive our prayers. Flow through our prayers and our worship this day, that we may rediscover childlike trust, even as we mature in faith. Amen.</i>		
<u>PROCLAMATION</u>		
First Reading	Jeremiah 31:27-34	Liturgist
31 ²⁷ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. ²⁸ And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD. ²⁹ In those days they shall no longer say: "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge." ³⁰ But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of the one who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge. ³¹ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt--a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.		
Choral Anthem	<i>A Time for All Things</i> by Wagner	Chancel Choir
Children’s Moment	Pastor Bart	
Gospel Reading	Luke 18:1-8	Pastor Bart
18 ¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" ⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"		

Sermon	“Persistence”	Pastor Bart
† Hymn #601 (UMH)	“Thy Word Is a Lamp”	
<u>RESPONSE TO THE WORD</u>		
Prayers of the People		Pastor Bart
Pray without ceasing. <i>Pray without giving up.</i> Pray with tenacity. <i>Pray with courage.</i> Pray with hope. <i>For God hears our every prayer.</i> Turn to your neighbor and silently offer a prayer of peace and love: Peace and love be with you this day.		
Affirmation of Faith (on screen)	UMH #881	Pastor Bart
Prayer of Confession (on screen)		Eldon Callen, CLM
Words of Assurance (on screen)		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		Eldon Callen, CLM
<i>Mighty God, bestow your power and strength on these gifts we now return to you. Multiply them as they go forth to serve your church and your world. Amen.</i>		
The Lord’s Prayer (on screen)	UMH #895	Eldon Callen, CLM
† Hymn #558 (UMH)	“We Are the Church”	
<u>SENDING FORTH</u>		
Call to Discipleship		Pastor Bart
As people of prayer, go now to live your prayers. As people of faith, go now to live in faith. As people of love, go now to live with love.		
Blessing		Pastor Bart
<i>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.</i>		
Postlude		
<u>ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY</u>		
Liturgist	Bonnie Johnson (8:30) & Dan Erenrich (10:45)	