

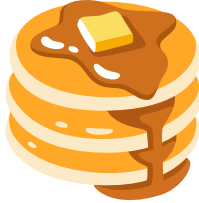
Thanksgiving Donations

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

Check out our purple pumpkins in Seekers Hall! Vote for your favorite at just 1 cent per vote. 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.



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.

Blood Pressure Clinic

Sunday, November 2, Mr. Will Burton will be offering a blood pressure clinic after second service. Will is an EMT in Morgantown with plans to go into medicine. Take advantage of this opportunity to check your blood pressure and stay on top of your health!



Circle of Friends

We served approximately 60 meals last weekend! Our November dates are the 15th and 16th. If you would like to participate, please contact Carolyn Carr at cdccarr@yahoo.com



UWIF

THANKSGIVING DINNER

UWIF is having a turkey dinner November 9th after 2nd service! This is a fundraising dinner - the cost to eat in is a free will offering. To go dinners will be \$10. All meals will include turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, a vegetable, rolls, cranberry salad, salad, pie, and a drink. We look forward to seeing everyone there!



Lectionary Readings Sunday, November 2

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
Psalm 119:137-144
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10



Welcome to Spruce Street United Methodist Church



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

386 Spruce Street, Morgantown, WV 26505 304.292.3359

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/>



20th Sunday after Pentecost October 26, 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 19

110 In Person / 122 Online / Radio Est. 300 / Offering \$5,164.72 / Budget \$4,903.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers: *To my wonderful church family. Love and blessings, Bonnie.*

Radio Broadcast: *In memory of Bill Kidd. - Marie*

Refreshments: Thank you to Sue Johnson for providing refreshments for the 10:45 service.

Prayers of the People of God

Prayer updates can be shared with Carolyn Carr

Christian Allison
Fran Barnes
David Chippis
Dolly Cale
Jay DeFabio
Debra Eakins Friedman's family
Mike Grant
Dr. William Haller
Robert Hollis
Carolyn Hubbard
Neal Johnson
Juanita Keller



Noah Kinney
Laura Lewis
Tom McBee
Sara McMullen
Charlotte Murphy
Susan Presley
Syndy Slaughter
Jeanne Stoughton
Angie Thompson
Penny Turley
Chris Varner
Linda Wise

THIS WEEK AT SPRUCE STREET UMC

Sunday, October 26th

8:30AM	Worship Service (In Person)
9:45AM	Sunday School
10:45AM	Worship Service (In Person & Radio Broadcast)

Monday, October 27th

6:00PM	Administrative Council
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Tuesday, October 28th

6:00PM	United Women in Faith
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Wednesday, October 29th

11:00AM	Bible Study
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6:00PM	Prayer Meeting (Zoom)
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Thursday, October 30th

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	
God, to you even silence is praise. You listen to prayer—and all living things come to you. <i>They shout for joy; they break out in song!</i> When wrongdoings become too much for me, you forgive our sins. <i>They shout for joy; they break out in song!</i> God of our salvation- you, who are the security of all the far edges of the earth, even the distant seas. <i>They shout for joy; they break out in song!</i> You calm the roaring seas; calm the roaring waves, calm the noise of the nations. <i>They shout for joy; they break out in song!</i> You crown the year with your goodness; your paths overflow with rich food. Even the desert pastures drip with it, and the hills are dressed in pure joy. <i>They shout for joy; they break out in song! Amen.</i>		
† Hymn #110 (UMH)	“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”	
First Prayer	Liturgist	
<i>O God, the Giver of life, we pray for the Church throughout the world. Sanctify its life, renew its worship, empower its witness, restore its unity. Remove from your people all pride and every prejudice that dulls their will for unity. Strengthen the work of all those who strive to seek that common obedience that will bind us together. Heal the divisions which separate your children from one another, that they may keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. Amen.</i>		
<u>PROCLAMATION</u>		
First Reading	Joel 2:23-32	Liturgist
2 ²³ O children of Zion, be glad, and rejoice in the Lord your God, for he has given the early rain for your vindication; he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. 24 The threshing floors shall be full of grain; the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. 25 I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army that I sent against you. 26 You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. 27 You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. 28 Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. 29 Even on the male and female slaves, in those days I will pour out my spirit. 30 I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. 31 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. 32 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved, for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls		
Choral Anthem	<i>Devotion</i> by Ness Beck	Chancel Choir
Children’s Moment		Pastor Bart
Gospel Reading	Luke 18:9-14	Pastor Bart

18 ⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 10 "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' 13 But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' 14 I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."		
Sermon	“God Pours Out Mercy”	Pastor Bart
† Hymn #465 (UMH)	“Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”	
<u>RESPONSE TO THE WORD</u>		
Prayers of the People	Pastor Bart	
O gracious God, we pray for your holy Church universal, that you would be pleased to fill it with all truth, in all peace. <i>Where it is corrupt, purify it;</i> where it is in error, direct it; <i>where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, establish it;</i> where it is in want, provide for it; <i>where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of him who died and rose again, and ever lives to make intercession for us, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen</i>		
Affirmation of Faith (on screen)	UMH #880	Pastor Bart
Prayer of Confession (on screen)	UMH #890	Eldon Callen, CLM
<u>WORSHIPPING THROUGH GIVING</u>		
Invitation To Give	Eldon Callen, CLM	
Offertory		
† Doxology (on screen)	UMH #95	
Prayer of Thanksgiving	Eldon Callen, CLM	
<i>Teach us again that generosity begins not in pride, but in gratitude—not in proving our worth, but in trusting yours. May what we give today grow into mercy, justice, and joy in the lives of others and in our own. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.</i>		
The Lord’s Prayer (on screen)	UMH #895	Eldon Callen, CLM
† Hymn #77(UMH)	“How Great Thou Art”	
<u>SENDING FORTH</u>		
Call to Discipleship	Pastor Bart	
God is pouring out God’s Spirit upon each of you, and you will dream dreams and have visions. God will share with you grace and mercy. Now go and share a new vision of mercy and grace that others can only dream about because of the Holy Spirit’s call on your life.		
Blessing (on screen)	Pastor Bart	
Postlude		
<u>ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY</u>		
<i>Liturgist</i>		
<i>Judi McCracken (8:30) & Sue Johnson (10:45)</i>		