

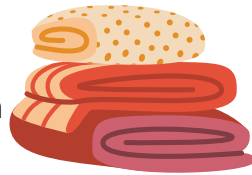
Hanging of the Greens

Our annual Hanging of the Greens will be held next Sunday, November 23rd, after second service. Lunch will be provided. Many hands make light work! We hope to see you there.



Gifts of Love

Thank you for supporting this ministry and donating your gently used household items. Please no knives. **We are in serious need of donations.** The basic list is in our October Newsletter. Thanks to everyone.



CIRCLE OF FRIENDS BOOK SALE

We're doing it again – our gently used Book Sale! The book sale will begin today and all proceeds will go to Circle of Friends! Any questions, please ask Carolyn Carr.



Adopt A Chair Update

We have met our goal for Adopt-A-Chair! Thank you for your generosity!

Purple Pumpkin Patch Palooza Update

Thanks to your support, \$217.85 was raised for Alzheimers through the Pumpkin Contest. Thanks to all who donated!



Rada Knife Fundraiser



Support the SSUMC Chancel Choir by purchasing Rada Cutlery! Use the QR code to check out the Rada Kitchen Catalog for practical gifts for Christmas, birthdays, housewarmings, and showers. All proceeds go to the music intern program.

SCOTTS RUN MEAL DRIVE

November's meal is tacos! Donation items are tortillas or taco shells and refried beans. You might also consider donating taco seasoning, salsa, or other shelf stable toppings to complete the meal. Thank you for your donations!



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.



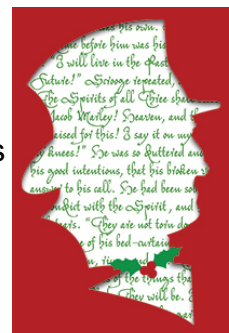
UWIF Cookie Sale

The United Women in Faith are holding a cookie sale for the holidays. Cookies will be \$12/dozen, \$6/half dozen, or \$1/individual cookie. Pre orders will be accepted until November 23rd, with cookies available for pickup on December 7th.



Join Us for Advent Study

Is redemption possible for Ebenezer Scrooge? Pastor and author Matt Rawle believes so as he discovers the teachings of Jesus in the words of the Charles Dickens classic, A Christmas Carol. Series is on Tuesdays at noon beginning on December 2 and running through December 23rd. Lunch will be provided.



Lectionary Readings Sunday, November 23



Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 46
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43



Welcome to Spruce Street United Methodist Church



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23rd Sunday after Pentecost November 16, 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, November 9

98 In Person / 133 Online / Radio Est. 300 Offering \$10,435.92 / Budget \$4,903.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Radio Broadcast: *To the Glory of God.*

Altar Flowers: *Please sponsor.*

Refreshments: *Please sponsor.*

Today's Liturgists: *Bonnie Johnson (8:30) & Dan Erenrich (10:45)*

Prayers of the People of God

Prayer updates can be shared with Carolyn Carr

Christian Allison
Mary Brand
Saundra Britton
David Chipps
Dolly Cale
Becky Davis & family
Jay DeFabio
Debra Eakins Friedman's family
Rita Friend
Sharon Hillerary
Robert Hollis
Carolyn Hubbard



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

THIS WEEK AT SPRUCE STREET UMC

Sunday, November 16th

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, November 17th

6:00PM	Finance
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Tuesday, November 18th

6:00PM	UWIF (Smokin J's)
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Wednesday, November 12th

9:30AM	Scotts Run Backpack Ministry (Scotts Run)
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11:00AM	Bible Study
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6:00PM	Prayer Meeting (Zoom)
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Thursday, November 13th

10:00AM	Chair Yoga
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6:15PM	Handbell Choir
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7:00PM	Chancel Choir
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<i>The Church in Worship</i>		
Congregational Responses and Prayers are in <i>bold italic print</i>		
† Congregation Standing (as you are able)		
Prelude		
Announcements and Welcome		
Mission and Mercy Minute		
Our Loving, Learning, Leading Prayer (on screen)		
† Call to Worship	Liturgist	
Leader: Celebrate and rejoice, all you people of Christ, <i>Women: For the Lord our God is doing a new thing!</i> <i>Men: The old order is gone,</i> <i>All: everything is new!</i> Leader: Illness, disease and crying and mourning, <i>Women: shall be as a distant memory!</i> <i>Men: Hatred and war shall cease from the earth,</i> <i>All: For Christ has risen! Death is defeated! Hallelujah! Jesus lives! Hallelujah! Amen.</i>		
† Hymn #126 (UMH)	“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”	
First Prayer	Liturgist	
<i>God of faithful surprises, throughout the ages you have made known your love and power in unexpected ways and places. May we daily perceive the joy and wonder of your abiding presence and offer our lives in gratitude for our redemption. Amen.</i>		
<u>PROCLAMATION</u>		
First Reading	Isaiah 65:17-25	Liturgist
65 ¹⁷ For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. ¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating, for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy and its people as a delight. ¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it or the cry of distress. ²⁰ No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime, for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. ²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²² They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat, for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³ They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord - and their descendants as well. ²⁴ Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, but the serpent - its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.		
Choral Anthem	Following Jesus Medley by Pethel	Chancel Choir
Children’s Moment	Pastor Bart	
Second Reading	Isaiah 12	Liturgist
12 ¹ You will say on that day: "I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, and you comforted me. ² Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and will not be afraid, for the LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation." ³ With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴ And you will say on that day: "Give thanks to the LORD; call		

on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵ Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. ⁶ Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."		
Gospel Reading	Luke 21:5-19	Pastor Bart
21 ⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ⁶ "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." ⁷ They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸ And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. ⁹ "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. ¹² "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.		
Sermon	"New Earth"	Pastor Bart
† Hymn #2152 (TFWS)	"Change My Heart, O God"	
<u>RESPONSE TO THE WORD</u>		
Prayers of the People	Pastor Bart	
Affirmation of Faith (On Screen)	UMH #881 Apostles Creed	Eldon Callen, CLM
Prayer of Confession (On Screen)	UMH #893	Eldon Callen, CLM
<u>WORSHIPPING THROUGH GIVING</u>		
Invitation To Give	Eldon Callen, CLM	
† Doxology #95 (UMH)	"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"	
Prayer of Thanksgiving (on screen)	Eldon Callen, CLM	
The Lord's Prayer (on screen)		
† Hymn #377 (UMH)	"It Is Well With My Soul"	
<u>SENDING FORTH</u>		
Call to Discipleship	Pastor Bart	
Take the opportunity this week to be a witness and a friend.		
Blessing	Pastor Bart	
<i>Go forth into a world that needs new visions. Bring the message of hope and love, of justice and peace, to all you meet. Live the dream. Make it reality. Celebrate endings and new beginnings, challenges and promises. Live the new creation. Amen.</i>		
Postlude		