

Hanging of the Greens

Our annual Hanging of the Greens will be held today after second service. Lunch will be provided. Many hands make light work! We hope to see you there.



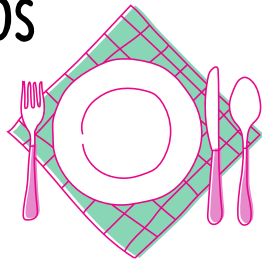
Book Sale

Our proceeds from the book sale in Seekers Hall will benefit Circle of Friends and Gifts of Love. Thank you to everyone who donated books. Now we need customers! The books will be available for the next 2 weeks.



CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

This month we served approximately 45 meals. Thank you to all who participate in this ministry.



MESSY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will no longer be doing the bath and books project. All the books donated by SSUMC in the previous year will be taken to the Early Head Start Program of Mon. County.



Merry Church is now working on a new project and we need your help! **We need donations of 5x7 or 4x6 picture frames - any color or style, new or used.** Donations will be accepted until December 20th. Thank you for all your help and support. Blessings, Lena.

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.



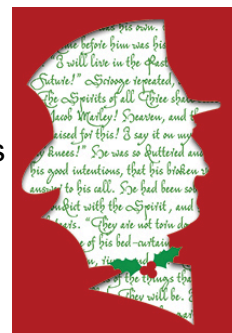
UWIF Cookie Sale

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 30



Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44

Welcome to Spruce Street United Methodist Church



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Christ the King Sunday

November 23, 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 16

94 In Person / 108 Online / Radio Est. 300 Offering \$4,193.99 / Budget \$4,903.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Radio Broadcast: *In memory of Mary and Dewey Hastings. Love, Dan.*

Altar Flowers: Please sponsor.

Refreshments: Thank you to Judi McCracken (8:30) & Nina Han (10:45) for providing refreshments.

Today's Liturgists: Greg McCracken (8:30) & Sue Johnson (10:45)

Prayers of the People of God

Prayer updates can be shared with Carolyn Carr

Christian Allison
Mary Brand
Lori Britton
Saundra Britton
David Chipps
Dolly Cale
Becky Davis & family
Jay DeFabio
Rita Friend
Mike Grant
Preston Hetrick
Sharon Hillerary
Robert Hollis
Brian Hoskinson



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

THIS WEEK AT SPRUCE STREET UMC

Sunday, November 23rd

8:30AM	Worship Service (In Person)
9:45AM	Sunday School
10:45AM	Worship Service (In Person & Radio Broadcast)
12:00PM	Hanging of the Greens

Wednesday, November 26th

Church office closed

Thursday, November 27th

Church office closed - Happy Thanksgiving!

Christmas Cantata - December 14th!

Our Spruce Street UMC Chancel Choir will present their annual Christmas Cantata during worship service on Sunday, December 14th. We will continue the celebration with our Christmas Dinner at noon, hosted by our United Women in Faith and United Methodist Men. We hope you will join us for this special day!



<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		
Mission and Mercy Minute		
Accepting and Blessing of Pledges (on screen)		Finance Committee
Our Loving, Learning, Leading Prayer (on screen)		
† Call to Worship		Liturgist
Come to worship Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega, the one who is, who was, and is to come. (<i>Rev. 1:8</i>) <i>We come to worship the one who rules justly.</i> (<i>2 Samuel 23:34</i>) Come to worship Jesus Christ, the faithful witness The firstborn of the dead, The ruler of the kings of the earth! (<i>Rev. 1:5</i>) <i>Bread of Heaven, God with us!</i> (<i>John 6:51, Mt. 1:23</i>) Good Shepherd, True Vine! (<i>John 10:11, John 15:1.</i>) <i>Eternal Word, Great I AM.</i> (<i>John 1, John 8:58</i>) Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace! (<i>Isaiah 9:6</i>) <i>We come to worship Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords! To him be glory and dominion forever and ever! Amen.</i> (<i>Rev. 19:16, Rev. 1:6</i>)		
† Hymn #98 (UMH)	“To God Be the Glory”	
First Prayer		Liturgist
<i>Almighty God, who gave your Son Jesus Christ a realm where all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; make us loyal followers of our living Lord, that we may always hear his word, follow his teachings, and live in his Spirit; and hasten the day when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that he is Lord; to your eternal glory. Amen.</i>		
<u>PROCLAMATION</u>		
First Reading	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Liturgist
23 ¹ Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. ² Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. ³ Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. ⁵ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."		
Choral Anthem	<i>All Creatures of Our God and King</i> by Hopson	Chancel Choir
Children’s Moment		Pastor Bart
Second Reading	Luke 1:68-79	Liturgist
1 ⁶⁸ "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. ⁶⁹ He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his child David, ⁷⁰ as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, ⁷¹ that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. ⁷² Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors and has		

remembered his holy covenant, ⁷³ the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us ⁷⁴ that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, ⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness in his presence all our days. ⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, ⁷⁷ to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. ⁷⁸ Because of the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, ⁷⁹ to shine upon those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."		
Gospel Reading	Luke 23:33-43	Pastor Bart
23 ³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." ³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." ⁴³ He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."		
Sermon	“Our King”	Pastor Bart
† Hymn #2074 (TFWS)	“Shout to the Lord”	
<u>RESPONSE TO THE WORD</u>		
Prayers of the People		Pastor Bart
Affirmation of Faith (On Screen)	UMH #883	Eldon Callen, CLM
Prayer of Confession (On Screen)		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
Stewardship Prayer	by Father Thomas Merton	Eldon Callen, CLM
The Lord’s Prayer (on screen)		Eldon Callen, CLM
† Hymn #580 (UMH)	“Lead On, O King Eternal”	
<u>SENDING FORTH</u>		
Call to Discipleship		Pastor Bart
Be thankful this week for the King of Kings loves you, forgives you, and asks you to share God’s love and grace with others.		
Blessing		Pastor Bart
<i>Go forth in peace, to love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously with the grace of our King and Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, creator and King of the Universe, and the communion and blessing of the Holy Spirit, to be with us all, now and forever. Amen.</i>		
Postlude		