

Meeting Today

Members of SPPRC, Finance Committee, and Trustees - stick around for a brief meeting today after both services in front of the chancel!

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.



Messy 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.

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!



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

December's meal is breakfast! We are looking for items such as oatmeal, granola bars, cereal, and/or canned fruit. You might also add boxed milk, peanut butter, jam, or honey!



Book Sale

Last day to buy books! Thanks to all who participated. Our proceeds from the book sale in Seekers Hall will benefit Circle of Friends and Gifts of Love.



MY ENJOY COUPON BOOKS

The United Methodist Men will be selling My Enjoy Coupon Books through the end of December. These books contain discounts of up to 50% at Morgantown, Fairmont, and Uniontown area restaurants, florists, golf courses, and other businesses. Books may be obtained after the 10:45 service in Seeker's Hall, through the church office, or from any United Methodist Men member. Price remains \$40.00. For questions or free home-delivery, call Roger Britton at 304-292-8832.



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, December 7



Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

Welcome to Spruce Street United Methodist Church



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

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1st Sunday of Advent

November 30, 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 23

84 In Person / 123 Online / Radio Est. 300 Offering \$8105/ Budget \$4,903.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Radio Broadcast: For Nina, from Andrew.

Altar Flowers: In memory of Dewey and Mary Hastings. Love, Dan and Family.

Refreshments: Thank you to Susan & Brandon Eddy, in memory of "GiGi" Marlene Eddy, (8:30) & Sue Johnson (10:45) for providing refreshments.

Today's Liturgists: David Weaver (8:30) & Beverly Sanders (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
Rev. Mike Estep
Rita Friend
Mike Grant
Preston Hetrick
Sharon Hillerary
Robert Hollis
Brian Hoskinson
Carolyn Hubbard



Connie Johns
Carolyn Keech
Noah Kinney
Laura Lewis
Tom McBee
Marlene McCarty
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 30th

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

Monday, December 1st

1:30PM	Heritage Bible Study
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Tuesday, December 2nd

12:00PM	Seekers Advent Study
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Wednesday, December 3rd

11:00AM	Bible Study
6:00PM	Prayer Meeting (Zoom)
6:30PM	Barnabas Group

Thursday, December 4th

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)		
Special Music	<i>Blessings</i>	SSUMC Handbell Choir
† Call to Worship		Liturgist
Lift up your heads, O gates! <i>and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.</i>		
† Hymn #206 (UMH)	“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”	
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>		
Hanging of the Greens		Liturgist
How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the King? <i>With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.</i> How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the eternal Christ? <i>With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.</i> How shall we prepare this house for the coming of our Savior? <i>With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of his passion, death, and resurrection.</i> How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Son of God? <i>By hearing again, the words of the prophets, who foretold the saving work of God.</i> For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. <i>Glory to God in the highest!</i>		
Blessing of the Tree		Liturgist
<i>Holy Lord, we come with joy to celebrate the birth of your Son, who rescued us from the darkness of sin by making the cross a tree of life and light. May this tree, arrayed in splendor, remind us of the life-giving cross of Christ, that we may always rejoice in the new life that shines in our hearts. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</i>		
Blessing the Advent Wreath		Pastor Bart
Christ came to bring us salvation and has promised to come again. Let us pray that we may always be ready to welcome him. <i>Come, Lord Jesus.</i> That the keeping of Advent may open our hearts to God’s love, and the light of Christ may penetrate the darkness of sin, may this wreath may constantly remind us to prepare for the coming of Christ, <i>Come, Lord Jesus.</i> That the Christmas season may fill us with peace and joy as we strive to follow the example of Jesus, <i>Come, Lord Jesus. Loving God, your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin. Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, forever and ever. Amen.</i>		
Lighting Advent Candle 1 (On Screen)		

PROCLAMATION		
First Reading	Isaiah 2:1-5	Liturgist
¹ The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ² In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. ³ Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. ⁴ He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more. ⁵ O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!		
Children’s Moment		Lena Glowacky
Gospel Reading	Matthew 24:36-44	Pastor Bart
³⁶ "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.		
Advent Hymn Sing		
RESPONSE TO THE WORD		
Prayers of the People		Pastor Bart
Affirmation of Faith (On Screen)	UMH #881	Eldon Callen, CLM
Prayer of Confession (On Screen)		Eldon Callen, CLM
WORSHIPPING THROUGH GIVING		
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)	UMH #95	Eldon Callen, CLM
† Hymn #196 (UMH)	“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”	Eldon Callen, CLM
SENDING FORTH		
Call to Discipleship		Pastor Bart
Advent people, go from this place in the blessing of God who journeys with us, guiding our path as we wait, watch, and work for the day when we beat swords into plowshares and follow the path of peace until God’s kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.		
Blessing		Pastor Bart
<i>Go forth in peace, to love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously with the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion Holy Spirit, to be with us all, now and forever. Amen.</i>		
Postlude		