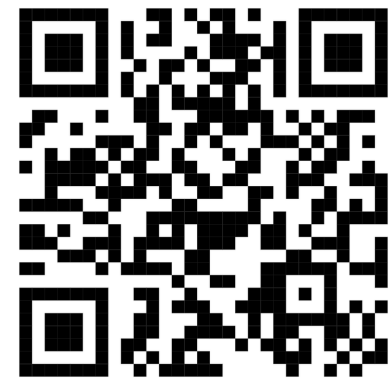


MESSY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.

Christmas Cantata – December 14th!

Our Spruce Street UMC Chancel Choir will present *Bethlehem’s Child: A Christmas Cantata* during worship service on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. 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!



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.



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!



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.

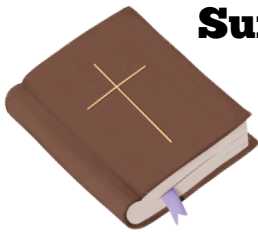


Book Sale Update

Thanks to all who donated and purchased books from our book sale! All proceeds will benefit Circle of Friends and Gifts of Love.



Lectionary Readings Sunday, December 14



Isaiah 35:1-10  
Luke 1:46b-55  
James 5:7-10  
Matthew 11:2-11

Welcome to Spruce Street United Methodist Church



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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent December 7, 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 30

77 In Person / 128 Online / Radio Est. 300 Offering \$5,211.90/ Budget \$4,903.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Radio Broadcast: In loving memory of Rev. Bill Turley, Senior Pastor, SSUMC, June 15, 1981-June 15, 1990, by Penny Turley.

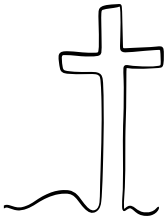
Altar Flowers: To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Rev. Bill Turley receiving his angel wings December 5, 2005, by Penny Turley.

Refreshments: Thank you to Dianne DeAngelis and Andrea Elkins for providing refreshments.

Prayers of the People of God

Prayer updates can be shared with Carolyn Carr.

Lori Britton  
Dolly Cale  
Sharon Hillerary  
Carolyn Hubbard  
Connie Johns  
Carolyn Keech



Marlene McCarty  
Charlotte Murphy  
Susan Presley  
Angie Thompson  
Linda Wise

THIS WEEK AT SPRUCE STREET UMC

Sunday, December 7th

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

Tuesday, December 2nd

12:00PM	Seekers Advent Study
6:00PM	UWIF Book Club

Wednesday, December 3rd

11:00AM	Bible Study
6:00PM	Prayer Meeting (Zoom)
6:00PM	United Methodist Men @ Eat N Park

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 <b><i>bold italic print</i></b>		
† 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	
Come! Listen! A voice cries out: “In the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.”		
<b><i>We come to worship and grow in the mission of grace, hope, love, service, witness, prayer, and peace of Jesus Christ, the coming Messiah. Amen.</i></b>		
Lighting the Candles the Second Sunday of Advent (On Screen)		
† Hymn #211 (UMH)	“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” verses 1-3	
First Prayer	Liturgist	
<b><i>God of hope, you call us from the exile of our sin with the good news of restoration; you build a highway through the wilderness; you come to us and bring us home. Comfort us with the expectation of your saving power, made known to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen</i></b>		
<u>PROCLAMATION</u>		
First Reading	Isaiah 11:1-10	Liturgist
<sup>1</sup> A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. <sup>2</sup> The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. <sup>3</sup> His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear, <sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist and faithfulness the belt around his loins. <sup>6</sup> The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup> The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup> The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder’s den. <sup>9</sup> They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. <sup>10</sup> On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.		
Choral Anthem	<i>Peace, Peace</i> by Powell	SSUMC Chancel Choir
Children’s Moment	Lena Glowacky	
Gospel Reading	Matthew 3:1-12	Pastor Bart
<sup>1</sup> In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup> “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” <sup>3</sup> This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’” <sup>4</sup> Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup> Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup> and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>7</sup> But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? <sup>8</sup> Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, <sup>9</sup> and do		

not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>10</sup> Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>11</sup> “I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”		
Sermon	“A Voice Crying Out”	Pastor Bart
† Hymn #216 (UMH)	“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”	
<u>RESPONSE TO THE WORD</u>		
Affirmation of Faith (On Screen)	UMH #880	Pastor Bart
Prayers of the People	Pastor Bart	
<u>SERVICE OF TABLE</u>		
Invitation	Eldon Callen, CLM	
Prayer of Confession (on screen)	UMH #12	Eldon Callen, CLM
<u>WORSHIPPING THROUGH GIVING</u>		
Invitation To Give	Eldon Callen, CLM	
Offertory		
† Doxology #95 (UMH)	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	
Prayer of Thanksgiving (on screen)	Eldon Callen, CLM	
Great Thanksgiving Prayer (on screen)	UMH #17A	Eldon Callen, CLM
The Lord’s Prayer (on screen)	UMH #895	Eldon Callen, CLM
Sharing of the Sacrament		
† Hymn #211 (UMH)	“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” verses 4-6	
<u>SENDING FORTH</u>		
Call to Discipleship	Pastor Bart	
Listen to the voices crying out, what do they ask you to do in the name of Jesus during this holy time of waiting?		
Blessing	Pastor Bart	
<i>Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.</i>		
Postlude		
<u>ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY</u>		
Liturgist	Robyn Lindamood (8:30 & 10:45)	
Advent Candle Lighters	David & Tina (8:30); Kate & Edith (10:45)	