

Bart Going to School in January

Bart is going to School Sunday the 12th after worship through the 17th. I am home for the weekend and then leaving after worship on Sunday to go back to School on the 19th – through the 24th. Eldon our CLM is providing coverage and Pastor Martha at Wesley is providing sacramental coverage. I am attending the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, and it is not a part of the University of Pittsburgh or Pat would not have let me go (LOL).

-Pastor Bart

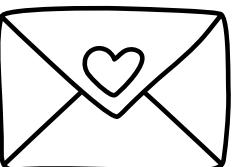
Note of Appreciation

I am very grateful to SSUMC for the staff appreciation bonus, and for all your holiday cards. I thank Bart for recognizing all of our musical efforts. I received a great deal of help and encouragement during my healing break and transitioning back to playing. SSUMC is such a loving and caring church family!

-Marguerite

2026 Contribution Envelopes

If you wish to have personal giving envelopes, please contact the office and request "weekly" or "monthly" envelopes.



Parents' Place Enrollment

Parents' Place has limited enrollment for the Spring term! For more information or to register your family, visit parentsplacewv.org/enrollment



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 events such as birthdays, housewarmings, and showers. All proceeds go to the music intern program.



Lectionary Readings Sunday, January 18

Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 40:1-11
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-42

Gifts of Love

Thank you for your prayers & support. Besides our basic list we urgently need - cookware, pots & pans, bath towels & linens, and blankets. Please bring to the church or contact Carolyn Carr if you need help.



CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Thank you for your support for this ministry. Our January dates are the 18th & 19th.



If you would like to help serve, please contact Carolyn Carr at cdccarr@yahoo.com.

CHRISTMAS MESSY CHURCH

January's Messy Church will have a Christmas theme! Keep the holiday excitement going by joining us on Sunday, January 18th at 5:30 for a meal, a lesson, and a craft.



SCOTTS RUN MEAL DRIVE

January's meal is chili! We are looking for items such as canned diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, and chili beans. You might also add cornbread mix and chili seasonings!



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/>



Baptism of the Lord

January 11, 2026

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.

2026 SSUMC Attendance & Stewardship - Sunday, January 4th

77 In Person / 114 Online / Radio Est. 300 / Offering \$4,834.38 / Budget \$5,600.22

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Altar Flowers: *In honor of Cindy's birthday. By Kevin and granddaughter Emma Taylor*

Refreshments: Thank you to the Eddy Family, Brandon, Susan, and Amelia, for providing refreshments for the 8:30 service.

THIS WEEK AT SPRUCE STREET UMC

Sunday, January 11th

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

Monday, January 12th

6:00PM	SPPRC
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Wednesday, January 14th

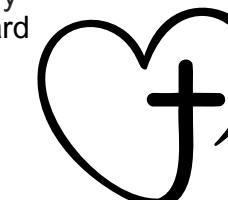
11:00AM	Bible Study
6:00PM	United Methodist Men @ Eat N Park

Thursday, January 15th

10:00AM	Chair Yoga
6:15PM	Handbell Choir
7:00PM	Chancel Choir

Saturday, January 17th

4:00PM	Circle of Friends
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The Church in Worship

Congregational Responses and Prayers are in ***bold italic print***

† Congregation Standing (as you are able)

Prelude

Announcements and Welcome

Our Loving, Learning, Leading Prayer (on screen)

† Call to Worship

In the beginning, God...

Swept over waters, spoke light into existence, created day and night and called it good.

As the days and nights of creation filled with life, God...

Made humanity out of the dirt to love and tend creation, to be loved and tended by God.

As we lost our way, God...

Sent Jesus, Love Incarnate, to show us the way back.

On the day Jesus came to the banks of the Jordan River to be baptized, God...

Declared, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Let us, then, follow Jesus into the waters, remembering our baptism in which God...

Claims us as beloved children, the family of God.

† Hymn #252 (UMH)

"When Jesus Came to Jordan"

First Prayer

Holy God, Eternal Spirit, we thank you for baptizing us into one body in Jesus the Christ.

Wash over us with your Spirit, that, like Jesus, we may serve you in serving humanity. Baptize us with the fire of your truth, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

Liturgist

10³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality,³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him.³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all.³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree,⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Children's Moment

Lena Glowacky

Choral Anthem

Down to the River to Pray by McDonald

SSUMC Chancel Choir

Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:13-17

Pastor Bart

³¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented.

¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Sermon

† Hymn #367 (UMH)

"Resolutions"

"He Touched Me"

Pastor Bart

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People

Pastor Bart

BAPTISMAL COVENANT IV

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

UMH #50

Pastor Bart

WORSHIPPING THROUGH GIVING

Invitation To Give

Eldon Callen, CLM

Offertory

† Doxology #95 (UMH)

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Eldon Callen, CLM

Faithful and Calling God, continue to draw us into community, into covenant, and into new life through waters of grace and acts of justice. Just as Jesus stepped into the river to stand with us and for us, we bring these gifts today to stand with others—to serve, to uplift, and to proclaim your kingdom. Use these offerings to fulfill your righteousness among us. Help us, your baptized people, to be instruments of healing, hope, and holy change in a world longing for good news. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (on screen)

UMH #895

Pastor Bart

† Hymn #77 (UMH)

"How Great Thou Art"

SENDING FORTH

Call to Discipleship

Pastor Bart

Remember your Baptism and be thankful. In 2026 resist all evil, injustice, oppression, in whatever forms they present themselves as a Disciple of Jesus Christ.

Blessing

Pastor Bart

As you go into the week ahead, may every water you touch be a reminder that you are named and claimed by God who binds you to this community of faith and all Christians of all times and places in love. Amen.

Postlude

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Liturgist

Keith Carr (8:30)