

CHRISTMAS MESSY CHURCH

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



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

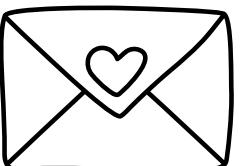
Note of Appreciation

I thank you to the church members for their generosity for the love gift at the end of the year. It is greatly appreciated, and I know it comes from the heart. I hope to keep up the quality of music that we all enjoy creating to the glory of God.

-Marguerite

2026 Contribution Envelopes

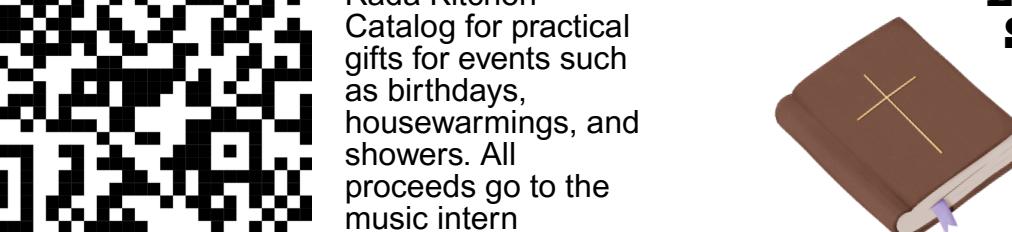
If you wish to have personal giving envelopes, please contact the office and request "weekly" or "monthly" envelopes.



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.



Empty Bowls Monongalia Soup & Bread Luncheon

Empty Bowls Monongalia is having their annual Soup Luncheon on Saturday, February 28th from 11:00-2:30 at the Hazel and J.W. Ruby Community Center at Mylan Park. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. All proceeds support local hunger programs in Monongalia County! Tickets can be purchased at the church office.



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!



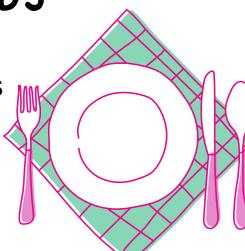
Gifts of Love

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.

Lectionary Readings Sunday, January 25

Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm 27:1, 4-9
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Matthew 5:13-20

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/>

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany January 18, 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 11th

72 In Person / 103 Online / Radio Est. 300 / Offering \$4,666.27 / Budget \$5,600.22

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Radio Broadcast: In honor of granddaughter Emma's birthday. By Kevin and Cindy Taylor.

Altar Flowers: In memory of our mother's birthday (January 15th), Neva Staley. By Rita & Tama & Family.

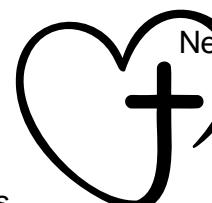
Refreshments: Thank you to Doug Stanger for providing refreshments for the 8:30 service.

Today's Liturgists: Gary Schlobohm (8:30) & Dan Erenrich (10:45)

Prayers of the People of God

Prayer updates can be shared with Carolyn Carr.

David Barnes
Fran Barnes
Lori Britton
SaRita Britton
Dolly Cale
Amy Carr
Matt Drabidh
Joanna Hastings
Sharon Hillary
Carolyn Hubbard



Connie Johns
Carolyn Keech
Neal & Nancy Johnson
Marlene McCarty
Charlotte Murphy
Susan Presley
Syndy Slaughter
Jeanette Stanger
Angie Thompson
Linda Wise

THIS WEEK AT SPRUCE STREET UMC

Sunday, January 18th

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, January 19th

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Church Office Closed

6:00PM	Finance
7:00PM	Trustees

Wednesday, January 21st

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

Thursday, January 22nd

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

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 Liturgist

Be still for a moment. What do you hear? What do you smell? What do you feel under your feet?
Beloved, God is here.

In the familiar and unfamiliar, God is here with us.

Take a moment to look around. Whom do you notice? Who isn't here that you expected to see?
Whether this community feels brand new or familiar to you, God is here.

In the familiar and unfamiliar, God is here with us.

Take a deep breath. We share this air, this space, this worship home together. In our breathing and worshiping in this time and place, God is here.

In the familiar and unfamiliar, God is here with us.

God is here. May we pay attention and discern how God brings us together in the familiar and the unfamiliar to be and become the Body of Christ.

May we notice and join in God's work of forming us for community as we worship today.

Amen.

† Hymn #593 (UMH) "Here I Am, Lord"

First Prayer Liturgist

God, our God, As you were with the wedding party in Cana of Galilee, be with us here today. The wine of our lives and souls has run out. Fill this place with the presence of your Holy Spirit. Fill the water pots of our souls this day with new and fresh wine from your wine cellar. The wine of yesterday is gone; it is stale; it is old. Today, God, send your anointing power in this place and in the lives of your people that we may find strength to hold on and hold out. Help us to know that the best wine is yet to come, and we can taste and see your goodness. Show yourself to be powerful, empowering, and awesome this day and for all times to come. In the name of Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

First Reading 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 Liturgist

1 ¹ Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ² To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind ⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Children's Moment

Choral Anthem One Faith, One Hope, One Lord by Courtney SSUMC Chancel Choir

Gospel Reading John 1:29-42 Pastor Bart

1 ²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³² And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One." ³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹ He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Sermon "Justice, Mercy, and Peace" Pastor Bart

† Hymn #334 (UMH) "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People Pastor Bart

Martin Luther King, Jr. Litany (on screen) UMH #106 Pastor Bart

Affirmation of Faith (on screen) UMH #883 Pastor Bart

Responsive Prayer (on screen) Eldon Callen, CLM

Prayer of Confession (on screen) Eldon Callen, CLM

Words of Assurance (on screen) Eldon Callen, CLM

WORSHIPPING THROUGH GIVING

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

The Lord's Prayer (on screen) UMH #895

† Hymn #396 (UMH) "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

SENDING FORTH

Call to Discipleship (on screen) Pastor Bart

Blessing Pastor Bart

Perfect Light of revelation, as you shone in the life of Jesus, so shine in us and through us, that we may become beacons of truth and compassion, enlightening all creation with deeds of justice and mercy. Amen.

Postlude