



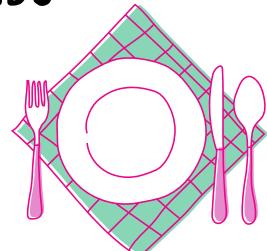
Gifts of Love

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 help and support in this ministry. Our February dates are February 21 & 22. If you are interested in helping, please contact Carolyn Carr at cdccarr@yahoo.com



Empty Bowls Monongalia Soup & Bread Luncheon

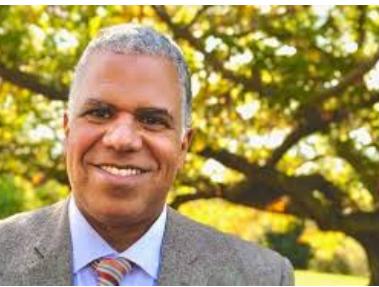
Empty Bowls Monongalia is having their annual Soup Luncheon on Saturday, February 28th from 11:00-2:30 at the Hazel and J.W. Ruby Community Center at Mylan Park. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. **All proceeds support local hunger programs in Monongalia County!** For tickets,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



Empty Bowls
MONONGALIA

African American Composer Spotlight: Mark Miller

Mark Miller believes that everyone is a Child of God and that music is instrumental in healing the world. He also adheres to Cornel West's belief that "Justice is what love looks like in public." He holds degrees from Juilliard and Yale and currently works as Professor of Church Music, Director of Chapel, and Composer In Residence at Drew University. Mark believes that music, social justice, and the beloved community are inextricably tied, and his hymns and anthems are sung by communities of faith throughout the world. He resides in New Jersey with his husband of 28 years.



Worship Sunday, January 25th



We had over 550 people watch the devotional from last Sunday! Thank you for joining us in worship from wherever you are. We hope everyone was able to stay safe and warm last week!

ANNOUNCEMENTS - JAN 25

Radio Broadcast: *In memory of Alan Lindamood. By Family.*

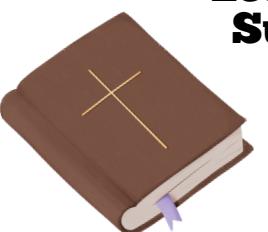
Altar Flowers: *In memory of Alan Lindamood. By Family.*

Mark your Calendars

Our Ash Wednesday service will be on February 18th at 6:30PM. Drive by ashes will also be available at Wesley UMC and on WVU's campus. Time for drive by ashes TBD. We hope to see you there!



Lectionary Readings Sunday, February 8



Isaiah 58:1-12
Psalm 112:1-10
1 Corinthians 2:1-16
Matthew 5:13-20

Welcome to Spruce Street United Methodist Church



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

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8:30 & 10:45 AM

4th Sunday after the Epiphany

February 1, 2026

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 18th

90 In Person / 138 Online / Radio Est. 300 / Offering \$6,305.78 / Budget \$4,879.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Radio Broadcast: *In honor of radio listener Charlotte Taylor. -Marguerite*

Altar Flowers: *In memory of Betty Truman by Jim & Gale Truman.*

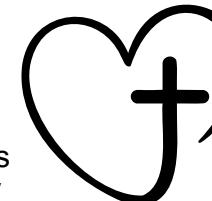
Refreshments: Thank you to Kent Hastings for providing refreshments for the 8:30 service.

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

Prayers of the People of God

Prayer updates can be shared with Carolyn Carr.

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



Carolyn Keech
Neal & Nancy Johnson
Marlene McCarty
Charlotte Murphy
Susan Presley
Dr. Wilbur Sine
Syndy Slaughter
Jeanette Stanger
Angie Thompson
Viv Wilson
Linda Wise
Mick Yanak

THIS WEEK AT SPRUCE STREET UMC

Sunday, February 1st

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

Monday, February 2nd

6:00PM	SPPRC
7:00PM	Administrative Council

Wednesday, February 4th

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

Thursday, February 5th

10:00AM	Chair Yoga
6:00PM	United Women in Faith
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

We walk in darkness.

We live in a land of deep darkness.

We have seen a great light!

Light shines upon us!

God brings us the light!

Rejoice before our God, who gives us the Light in Jesus Christ!

† Hymn #2130 (TFWS)

“The Summons”

Liturgist

First Prayer

O God, our light and our salvation, shelter us in your love. O God, our stronghold, protect us from danger. We come with shouts of joy to worship you this day. We come with song and music to celebrate your love. We come with longing to seek your presence. Be with us now, O God, as we sing your praises. Amen.

Liturgist

PROCLAMATION

First Reading

Isaiah 9:1-4

Liturgist

9¹ But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness-on them light has shined.³ You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.⁴ For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Pastor Bart

Children's Moment

Choral Anthem

Love Will Rise Again by Miller

SSUMC Chancel Choir

Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:12-23

Pastor Bart

4¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali,¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵ "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles-- ¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea for they were fishers.¹⁹ And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fisher of people."²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him.²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.²³ Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Sermon

"Fishing and Light"

Pastor Bart

† Hymn #572 (UMH)

"Pass It On"

Pastor Bart

African American Ministry Emphasis (on screen)

Pastor Bart

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Peace with Justice Candle

Laity

The light shines in the darkness.

We stand in this light, unshaken, knowing that the darkness has never overcome the light.

Let us recommit ourselves to walking in Jesus' ways of justice.

Empower us, Jesus, boldly to use the freedom and power given to us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.

Affirmation of Faith (on screen)

UMH #881

Eldon Callen, CLM

Words of Assurance (on screen)

Eldon Callen, CLM

Passing the Peace of Christ (on screen)

Eldon Callen, CLM

SERVICE OF TABLE

Invitation

Eldon Callen, CLM

Prayer of Confession (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"

Pastor Bart

Prayer of Thanksgiving (on screen)

Pastor Bart

Great Thanksgiving Prayer (on screen)

UMH #17A

Pastor Bart

The Lord's Prayer (on screen)

UMH #895

Eldon Callen, CLM

Sharing of the Sacrament

† Hymn #569 (UMH) "We've a Story to Tell the Nations"

SENDING FORTH

Blessing

Pastor Bart

May each of you go in peace to love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously with the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Postlude