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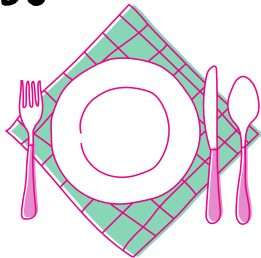
Gifts of Love

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



Join us for a meal, a message, and activities for the whole family on Feb 15 from 5:30-6:30pm.

Messy Church is for everyone. Come as you are.

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!



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.



UNITED METHODIST MEN

The United Methodist Men will meet this coming Wednesday, February 11th, at 6:00 at Eat n' Park.



We have a very special program. Shelly Poe was confirmed at Spruce Street United Methodist Church and was a member until 2007. Shelly just retired after 44 years in college athletics in the sports information field. She handled the athletic media relations for the football programs at West Virginia, Ohio State, and Auburn. She was inducted into the College Sports Communicators Hall Of Fame and was also the recipient of the Football Writers Lifetime Achievement Award. She is a graduate of University High and WVU.

Please come out to here this very special lady share her wealth of experiences! For more information please reach out to Dan Erenrich.

Lectionary Readings Sunday, February 15



Exodus 24:12-18
Psalm 2
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9

Welcome to Spruce Street United Methodist Church



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

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Website: sprucestumc.org Email: secretary@sprucestreetumc.org

10:45 a.m. Service on WCLG-AM 1300 or Morgan 92.1FM

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5th Sunday after the Epiphany February 8, 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, February 1st

72 In Person / 164 Online / Radio Est. 300

Offering \$12,057.00 / Grants 6,100.00 / Total \$18,157.00 / Budget \$4,879.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Radio Broadcast: *For the Glory of God*

Altar Flowers: *For Andrew and Nina*

Refreshments: Thank you to Sue Johnson for providing refreshments for the 10:45 service.

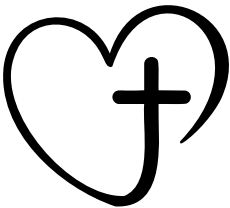
Today's Liturgists: Keith Carr (8:30) & Robyn Lindamood (10:45)

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 Hillerary
Carolyn Hubbard
Mike Hubbard

The family of Connie Johns
Carolyn Keech
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 8th

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

Wednesday, February 11th

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

Thursday, February 12th

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

| <i>The Church in Worship</i> | | |
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| Congregational Responses and Prayers are in <i>bold italic print</i> | | |
| † Congregation Standing (<i>as you are able</i>) | | |
| Prelude | | |
| Announcements and Welcome | | |
| Messy Church Announcement | | Lena Glowacky |
| Our Loving, Learning, Leading Prayer (on screen) | | |
| † Call to Worship | | Liturgist |
| God said, "Let there be light." <i>And there was light.</i> Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." <i>And the light shone in the darkness.</i> Jesus said, "You are the light of the world." <i>And the light shall not be quenched.</i> | | |
| † Hymn #188 (UMH) | “Christ is the World’s Light” | |
| First Prayer | | Liturgist |
| <i>God of eternal light, wisdom, and righteousness, your standards and expectations of us have not changed. Fill us with the desire to know your truth and to follow your commandments and see the path shone by your light. Amen.</i> | | |
| <u>PROCLAMATION</u> | | |
| First Reading | Isaiah 58:1-12 | Liturgist |
| 58 ¹ Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. ² Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side. ³ "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. ⁴ You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. ⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? ⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. ⁹ Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am." If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹ The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. ¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. | | |
| Children’s Moment | | Carolyn Carr |
| Choral Anthem | <i>Take Me to the Water</i> by Dilworth | SSUMC Chancel Choir |
| Gospel Reading | Matthew 5:1-20 | Pastor Bart |

5 ¹ Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them. He said: ³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. ⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. ¹³ "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp put it under the bushel basket; rather they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. ¹⁷ "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

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| Sermon | “Savory Saints” | Pastor Bart |
| † Hymn #431 (UMH) | “Let There Be Peace on Earth” | |
| African American Ministry Emphasis (on screen) | | Pastor Bart |
| <u>RESPONSE TO THE WORD</u> | | |
| Prayers of the People | | Pastor Bart |
| Affirmation of Faith (on screen) | UMH #881 | Eldon Callen, CLM |
| Prayer of Confession (on screen) | | 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 |
| The Lord’s Prayer (on screen) | UMH #895 | Eldon Callen, CLM |
| † Hymn #2237 (TFWS) | “As a Fire Is Meant for Burning” | |
| <u>SENDING FORTH</u> | | |
| Blessing | | Pastor Bart |
| <i>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.</i> | | |
| Postlude | | |