

Random Acts of Kindness

**BE KIND
TO ALL
KIND**

Have you been showing kindness? Have you recorded the acts of kindness? Good! When you come into church services please remember to put a heart in the basket in Seekers Hall and share a special act of kindness that you observed.

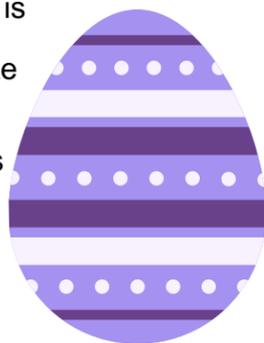
UNITED METHODIST MEN

The United Methodist Men will meet this coming Wednesday, March 11th, **at our church**. Please notice the change of venue for this meeting. We will be meeting downstairs in our social hall for our meal at 6:00 with our program and business to follow. As a country we will be celebrating our 250th year as a nation. Kent Hastings will be presenting a brief historical walk through the weaponry of those 250 years, with some great show and tell. Please join us for this great look back program and time of fellowship.



Give to Scotts Run

Scotts Run Settlement House is getting ready for the Easter Celebration at their Cheat Lake area location on March 20, 4:30-6:30 p.m. They need supplies: Small prizes & treats (candy, toys, stuffed animals, basket fillers), monetary donations to help purchase supplies, and volunteers. Please take items to SRSB at 750 Fairchance Rd. Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more information, call (304) 435-5098.



Barnabas Donations Needed!

Barnabas is currently in need of thinking of you, encouragement, and scriptural cards. Thank you all for your support of this ministry!



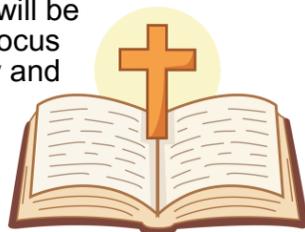
Coins for Lent

During Lent, we are reminded to examine our lifestyles and ask, "What can we do for others?" Lent is a good time to commit to giving money to a project that helps those in need. One way to involve the family is to collect coins during Lent and donate the money after Easter. Here are some ideas for your giving: Messy Church, Gifts of Love, Circle of Friends, Advent and Lent Studies, Confirmation Class, Scotts Run, Apportionments, and the Building (Trustees). Please put a note in the bag when you turn it in at Easter or in the Eastertide season. You can follow our Coins for Lent Giving Calendar in the February newsletter if you need some inspiration! Pick up a Lent bag and join us!



Join Us for Lent Study

Our church's Lenten study will be on Tuesdays at noon. Our focus will be on the creation story and the meaning of our place in the created order. Lunch is provided. We will also, Zoom the lessons, using our Bible Study link available on the website. Please come and join us!



Thank you!!

Thank you so much to everyone who attended the luncheon on Sunday. I am still opening all of the cards! If you would like my new address, it will be

Penny Turley
718 Doctors Drive
Apt F
Kinston, NC 28501

Love to all,
Penny



Lectionary Readings Sunday, March 15



1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

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/>



3rd Sunday in Lent

March 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, March 1st

114 In Person / 112 Online / Radio Est. 300 / Offering \$6,980 / Budget \$4,879.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Radio Broadcast: *In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Harley Stanger. By Doug & Jeanette*

Altar Flowers: *Happy birthday Bonnie! Hope you have a blessed week! Love Dawna*

Refreshments: Thank you to Brandon & Susan Eddy for providing refreshments for the 8:30 service.

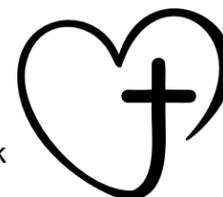
Liturgists: Brian Hoskinson (8:30) and Dan Erenrich (10:45)

Prayers of the People of God

Prayer updates can be shared with Carolyn Carr.

David Barnes
Fran Barnes
David Barnett
Lori Britton
Saundra Britton
Dolly Cale
Matt Drabidh
Judy Harman
Courtney Hetrick
Dale Hetrick
Sharon Hillerary
Carolyn Hubbard
Mike Hubbard

Carolyn Keech
Joyce Moore
Charlotte Murphy
Bren Nichols
Susan Presley
Julia Rife
Dr. Wilbur Sine
Syndy Slaughter
Angie Thompson
Viv Wilson
Linda Wise
Mick Yanak



THIS WEEK AT SPRUCE STREET UMC

Sunday, March 8th

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

Monday, March 9th

6:00PM	SPPRC
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Tuesday, March 10th

12:00PM	Lent Study 3
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Wednesday, March 11th

11:00AM	Bible Study
6:00PM	United Methodist Men

Thursday, March 12th

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

† Call to Worship Liturgist

O come, let us sing to our God and make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
We lift our hearts and voices in joy and thanksgiving for being here together in the presence of our beloved God.
Come, let us worship this amazing God, for we belong to God.
We will listen for God's word and live in the hope it inspires.

† Hymn #127 (UMH) "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

First Prayer Scouter

Loving and caring God, we come this morning in hope - hope that will sustain us in our trying times, our lonely times, our doubting times. Refresh us this morning with the living water of your presence and love. Open us to the possibilities of friendship - the possibilities of encountering you in unexpected ways, the possibilities of seeing the miraculous in everyday life. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

First Reading Exodus 17:1-7 Liturgist

17 ¹ From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" ³ But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴ So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵ The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. ⁶ I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Gospel Reading (on screen) John 4:5-42 Pastor Bart

Children's Moment Pastor Bart

Choral Anthem *The King of Love My Shepherd* by Spears SSUMC Chancel Choir

Sermon "Hydration" Pastor Bart

† Hymn #2025 (TFWS) "As the Deer"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith UMH #881 Pastor Bart

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he

ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People Pastor Bart

Prayer of Confession UMH #890 Eldon Callen, CLM

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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

Life-giving God, we offer you ourselves and our resources. Use us and our gifts, that we may be water bearers to a world thirsty for love, for meaning, for justice, and for hope. May all your people encounter fullness of life through the love of Christ, which lives within us. Amen.

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

† Hymn #469 (UMH) "Jesus Is All the World to Me"

SENDING FORTH

Blessing Pastor Bart

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

Postlude

MESSY CHURCH

We all live messy lives, with messy relationships. In Messy Church we come in with all of our messiness and find a place of belonging through the unconditional love of God. Join us Sunday, March 15th at 5:30 for a meal, a lesson, and a craft. This month's Messy Church is also Cub Scout Sunday!



SCOTTS RUN MEAL DRIVES

March donation items are cake mixes and cans of frosting. You might also consider donating sprinkles, cake decorations, birthday candles, and/or cake pans. Our cub scouts will be assembling these items into cake kits for the community. Thank you for your donations!

