

## 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.

## MESSY CHURCH TONIGHT

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 15<sup>th</sup> 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!



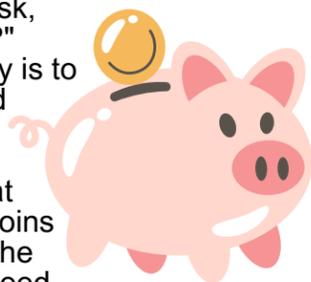
## Easter Egg Hunt



Spruce Street UMC is having our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday at 9:45am. We are currently taking candy donations to fill our Easter eggs!

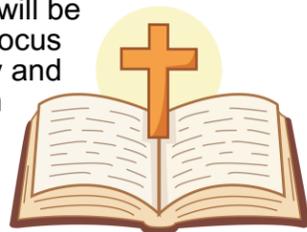
## Coins for Lent

During Lent, we are reminded to examine our lifestyles and ask, "What can we do for others?" One way to involve the family is to collect coins during Lent and donate the money after Easter. Please put a note in the bag when you turn it in at Easter. You can follow our Coins for Lent Giving Calendar in the February newsletter if you need some inspiration!



## 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 March 1. I am still opening all of the cards! If you would like my new address, it will be

Penny Turley  
805F Doctors Drive  
Kinston, NC 28501

Love to all,  
Penny



## 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!



## Lectionary Readings Sunday, March 22



Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Psalm 130  
Romans 8:6-11  
John 11:1-45

# Welcome to Spruce Street United Methodist Church



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

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

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Audio Live Streaming: <http://mixir.com/sprucestumc/>



4th Sunday in Lent

March 15, 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 8th

93 In Person / 119 Online / Radio Est. 300 / Offering \$5,509.43 / Budget \$4,879.00

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Radio Broadcast: *In memory of Don Davis.*

Altar Flowers: *Please sponsor.*

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

Liturgists: Keith Carr (8:30) and Gary Schlobohm (10:45)

## Prayers of the People of God

Prayer updates can be shared with Carolyn Carr.

David Barnes  
Lori Britton  
Saundra Britton  
Dolly Cale  
Judy Harman  
Sharon Hillerary  
Carolyn Hubbard  
Mike Hubbard  
Carolyn Keech  
Joyce Moore

Charlotte Murphy  
John Simpkins  
Dr. Wilbur Sine  
Syndy Slaughter  
George Snow's wife, Ellin, & his family  
Lya Cartwright Stroupe  
Dickie Tampoya & family  
Linda Wise  
Mick Yanak

### THIS WEEK AT SPRUCE STREET UMC

#### Sunday, March 15th

8:30AM	Worship Service (In Person)
9:45AM	Sunday School
10:45AM	Worship Service (In Person & Radio Broadcast)
5:30PM	Messy Church

#### Monday, March 16th

6:00PM	Finance
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#### Tuesday, March 17th

*Easter flower orders due*

12:00PM	Lent Study 4
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#### Wednesday, March 18th

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

#### Thursday, March 19th

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

#### Saturday, March 21st

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

† Call to Worship Psalm 23 Liturgist

23:1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

23:2 **He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;**

23:3 he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

23:4 **Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

23:5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

23:6 **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.**

† Hymn #152 (UMH) "I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

First Prayer Liturgist

**Loving Shepherd, you know our names; you care for us. When we face darkness and death, journey alongside us. When we hunger for your love, fill us with your presence. When we are fearful, feed us at your table. May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy all the days of our lives. Amen.**

## PROCLAMATION

First Reading (on screen) John 9:1-17 Liturgist

Children's Moment Pastor Bart

Choral Anthem *Wonder* by Althouse SSUMC Chancel Choir

Gospel Reading (on screen) John 9:18-41 Pastor Bart

Sermon "I Need a Yes" Pastor Bart

† Hymn #454 (UMH) "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

Prayers of the People Pastor Bart

Lighting the Peace Candle (on screen) Stacy Berry (8:30); Wolfarth Family (10:45)

Prayer of Confession (on screen) Eldon Callen, CLM

Declaration of Forgiveness and 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 Eldon Callen, CLM

† Hymn #451 (UMH) "Be Thou My Vision"

## SENDING FORTH

Blessing Pastor Bart

**May each of you go in peace to love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously with open hearts, open eyes, and open minds to love and serve both God and your neighbor; through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Postlude

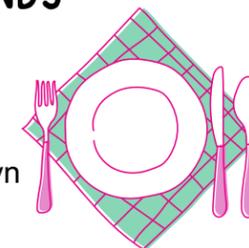
## Gifts of Love

Thank you to everyone who donates to this ministry. It is a very active and ongoing service to our community. Besides the items on our basic list (available in our February newsletter) we have a special need for blanket, bed linens, & towels. Thank you.



## CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Thank you for your help and support in this ministry. Our March dates are March 21 & 22. If you are interested in helping, please contact Carolyn Carr at [cdccarr@yahoo.com](mailto:cdccarr@yahoo.com)



## Order Easter flowers



Easter flower orders are due on Tuesday, March 17. We have Easter lilies, tulips, and hyacinths for sale. The flowers will be placed on the chancel on Easter Sunday and the cost is \$20. Flower order forms are located inside each bulletin and are also available in Seekers Hall.

## Support Monongalia County Special Olympics!

In June 2026 Special Olympics USA Games are in Minneapolis MN. Monongalia County is sending 6 athletes and a coach to these Games, but it is very expensive! Jersey Mikes is a huge supporter of Special Olympics - all of March they will donate a portion of their sales to Special Olympics and on Wednesday, March 25, they will donate 100% of their sales. Please consider ordering from Jersey Mikes this month and particularly on March 25 to help ease the cost that the athletes have to pay out of their pockets. These funds help pay for flights, housing, meals, uniforms, and luggage for the athletes and coaches.



Thank You,  
Suzy Slaughter  
Monongalia County Special Olympics Director



## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

March is Women's History Month! Learn about some of the amazing women who helped shape the history of The United Methodist Church at the link below:

<https://www.umc.org/en/content/timeline-of-women-in-methodism>

