

Holy Week Services & Worship Opportunities

This Easter, we are called to invite others to experience the hope, gift, and joy of the Resurrection at Spruce Street United Methodist Church. Our worship opportunities are as follows:

Palm Sunday: Palm – Passion Sunday with waving of palm branches on March 29, 2026, at both services, 8:30 and 10:45.



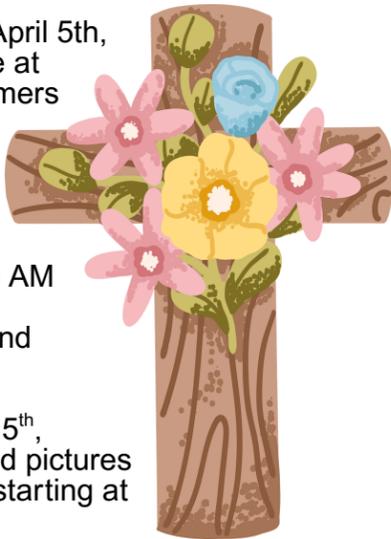
Holy Week:

Holy Thursday/Maundy Service: 7:00 PM on April 2, 2026.

Good Friday Service: 7:00 PM April 3, 2026.

Easter Vigil Service: Saturday, April 4, 2026, at 9:00 PM at Wesley United Methodist Church.

Sunrise Service: April 5th, Easter Day, Sunrise at 6:30 AM at the Farmers Market Pavilion.



Resurrection Services:

April 5th, Spruce Street UMC at 8:30 AM and 10:45 AM with Holy Communion and Choir Cantata.

Family Time: April 5th, Easter Egg hunt and pictures with Easter Bunny starting at 9:45 AM.

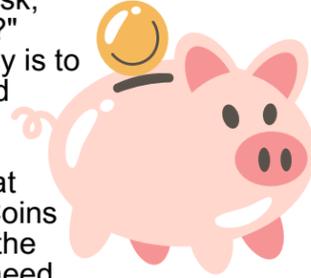
Easter Egg Hunt



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!



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

Lectionary Readings Palm Sunday, March 29



Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Matthew 21:1-11
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:9-11
Matthew 26:14-27:66

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/>



5th Sunday in Lent

March 22, 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 15th

112 In Person / 97 Online / Radio Est. 300 / Offering \$4,982.66/ Budget \$4,879.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Radio Broadcast: *In Loving Memory of Dewey and Mary Hastings, Love Dan and Family*

Altar Flowers: Please sponsor.

Refreshments: Please sponsor.

Liturgists: Stacy Berry (8:30) and Sue Johnson (10:45)

Prayers of the People of God

Prayer updates can be shared with Carolyn Carr.

David Barnes
Lori Britton
Saundra Britton
Rhonda Croston
Judy Harman
Sharon Hillerary
Carolyn Hubbard
Mike Hubbard
Carolyn Keech
Lucy Labin

Brad Minton
Joyce Moore
Charlotte Murphy
John Simpkins
Dr. Wilbur Sine
Syndy Slaughter
Lya Cartwright Stroupe
Dickie Tampa's family
Linda Wise
Mick Yanak

THIS WEEK AT SPRUCE STREET UMC

Sunday, March 22nd

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

Monday, March 23rd

6:00PM	Administrative Council
7:00PM	Trustees

Tuesday, March 24th

12:00PM	Lent Study 5
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Wednesday, March 25th

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

Thursday, March 26th

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

Hope in God, whose love is steadfast, whose power redeems.
Hope in God, whose love unbinds us and sets us free.

† Hymn #261 (UMH)

“Lord of the Dance”

First Prayer

Liturgist

God of life, present and promised, you are the One to whom we call: for you are the One who hears, and you are the One who acts, bringing us new life with your grace and love and power. Lead us in our time of worship, that we may be prepared to follow your lead in places where life is at risk— places where hope seems far away, places where dreams die during sleep. When we leave these walls, help us live the teachings we proclaim within this place of worship, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

Children’s Moment

Carolyn Carr

Choral Anthem

The Old Rugged Cross by Besig/Price

SSUMC Chancel Choir

Gospel Reading (Reader’s Theatre)

John 11:1-45

Pastor Bart

Dramatic Reading of the Gospel by four people.

Created by Christine Longhurst, Assistant Professor of Worship and Music, Canadian Mennonite University, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

Sermon

“Believe”

Pastor Bart

† Hymn #393 (UMH)

“Spirit of the Living God”

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith (on screen)

UMH #881

Pastor Bart

Prayers of the People

Pastor Bart

Prayer of Confession

De Profundis-“Out of the Depths, a lament”

Pastor Bart

130:1 Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

130:2 Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

130:3 If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

130:4 But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

130:5 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

130:6 my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

130:7 O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

130:8 It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

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 #467 (UMH)

“Trust and Obey”

SENDING FORTH

Blessing

Pastor Bart

May the love of God, the grace of Christ, and the courage of the Spirit, strengthen our faith and set us loose to share God’s love with all. Amen and amen!

Postlude

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS ANNOUNCEMENT

Hi everyone,

It is with a sad heart but proud spirit that I share this announcement with you. It is self-explanatory, but I want you to know that we have been an active part of this group send about 2018–19.

I am so proud of all of you and so grateful for your sponsorship of this ministry. You have been outstanding. We will continue to help our community people in every way than we can. I will share any and all news that I receive about ways that we can support our community. Thus, *this action will not affect our Gifts of Love ministry in any way.*

This is the official notice about Circle of Friends:

What excellent work we have done through Circle of Friends! For almost 30 years, we have provided our downtown neighbors with meals on Saturday and Sunday nights. We have much to be proud of!

Now it is time to close this chapter of our good work in God’s name. As feeding and other services have moved to the Hazel’s House of Hope location, fewer and fewer persons are using Circle of Friends. It has become more difficult to find groups to provide meals, and one of our 4 sites, the Lutheran Campus Chapel, will no longer be part of the Circle. Our mission to downtown feeding has come to an end. **The last COF meal will be at Wesley this coming Saturday, March 14th and Sunday, March 15th.**

If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn Carr.

SCOTTS RUN CAKE KITS

We made 87 cake kits for Scott’s Run between the Church and the Cub Scouts! Thank you for your donations!



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>

