

THIS WEEK AT SPRUCE STREET UMC	
Sunday, March 29th	
8:30AM	Worship Service (In Person)
9:45AM	Sunday School
10:45AM	Worship Service (In Person & Radio Broadcast)
Tuesday, March 31st	
12:00PM	Lent Study 6
6:00PM	UWIF
Wednesday, April 1st	
6:00PM	Prayer Meeting (Zoom)
6:30PM	Barnabas Group
Thursday, April 2nd	
10:00AM	Chair Yoga
7:00PM	Holy Thursday/Maundy Service
7:45PM	Chancel Choir
Friday, April 3rd	
7:00PM	Good Friday Service
Saturday, April 4th	
9:00PM	Easter Vigil Service @ Wesley UMC
Sunday, April 5th <i>Easter Sunday</i>	
6:30AM	Sunrise Service @ Farmers Market Pavilion
8:30AM	Resurrection Service (In Person)
9:45AM	Easter Egg Hunt
10:45AM	Resurrection Service (In Person & Radio Broadcast)

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. Please consider ordering from Jersey Mikes this month 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

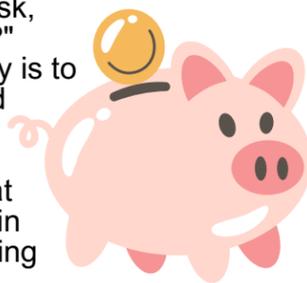
SCOTTS RUN CAKE KITS

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



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 be bringing in your Lent bags any time during the next two weeks!



Lectionary Readings Easter Sunday, April 5



Acts 10:34-43
Jeremiah 31:1-6
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-18
Matthew 28:1-10

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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Palm Sunday **March 29, 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 22nd

82 In Person / 133 Online / Radio Est. 300 / Offering \$3,579.88/ Budget \$4,879.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Radio Broadcast: In honor and memory of Don Davis (from UMM) with love.

Altar Flowers: Please sponsor.

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

Liturgists: Bonnie Johnson (8:30) and Gary Schlobohm (10:45)

Save the Date - International Street Festival Sunday, April 19



Join in at the Spruce Street Farmer's Market on April 19 at 12pm to celebrate the cultures, perspectives, and traditions that make our community strong. Enjoy dancing, live music, food vendors, cultural displays, children's activities, and community-fun! **Please note: there will be no parking under the pavilion on Sunday, April 19th due to the festival.**

Prayers of the People of God

Lori Britton	Lucy Labin
Sandra Britton	Brad Minton
Sally Collins	Joyce Moore
Rhonda Croston	Charlotte Murphy
Beclu Davis	Charlytte Rodeheaver
Judy Harman	John Simpkins
Sharon Hillerary	Syndy Slaughter
Carolyn Hubbard	Lya Cartwright Stroupe
Mike Hubbard	Linda Wise
Carolyn Keech	

Prayer updates can be shared with Carolyn Carr.

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>



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!

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

Today, we join Jesus in the final ascent to Jerusalem, knowing the depths we will descend on our journey through Holy Week.

Open the gates of righteousness, that we may come worship God!

We join the disciples in declaring that Jesus, riding on a donkey, is our Ruler, the One who will bring peace and salvation for all.

Open the gates of peace, that we may come worship God!

We join with the bystanders who questioned and wondered who this Jesus really is, who feared the consequences of angering the powers that be.

Open the gates of truth, that we may come worship God!

The journey through Holy Week brings us face-to-face with the stark reality of sin and God's faithfulness to save.

Open the gates of salvation, that we may come worship God whose steadfast love never fails!

First Reading Matthew 21:1-11 Liturgist

21 ¹ When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴ This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet; ⁵ "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." ⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" ¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹ The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

† Hymn #278 (UMH) "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (Procession of Palms)

Children's Moment Pastor Bart

First Prayer Liturgist

Come to this sanctuary, this house, this home, Holy Christ, and let us receive you with lavish welcome. You are the Restorer of our fortunes, the Promise of new life – we pour out our praise to you. Fill this room with your Spirit: the sound of wind, the warmth of flame, the scent of perfume and fill our hearts with your compassion, not just in this time and place, but in all times and in all places, so that as we celebrate the great things you have done for us. May we, also embody the love you give to all. Amen.

Choral Anthem Hosanna In the Streets by Choplin SSUMC Chancel Choir

PROCLAMATION

The Passion of our Lord

Betrayal Matthew 26:14-35 Liturgist

Hymn #290 (UMH) "Go to Dark Gethsemane" (verse 1-2)

Gethsemane (on screen) Matthew 26:36-56 Eldon Callen, CLM

Hymn #2113 (TFWS) "Lamb of God"

Denial (on screen) Matthew 26:57-75 David Weaver / Sue Johnson

Hymn #296 (UMH) "Sing My Tongue" (verse 3-4)

Handed Jesus Over (on screen) Matthew 27:1-31 Stacy Berry / Beverly Sanders

Hymn #289 (UMH) "Ah, Holy Jesus" (verse 1-2)

The End and Tomb (on screen) Matthew 27:32-66 Keith Carr / Bill Peterjohn

Hymn #291 (UMH) "He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word" (verse 2)

Hymn #2108 (TFWS) "Oh How He Loves You and Me"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Sermon "What Just Happened?" Pastor Bart

Affirmation of Faith (on screen) UMH #880 Nicene Creed Eldon Callen, CLM

Prayer of Confession (on screen) Eldon Callen, CLM

Declaration of Forgiveness (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 #277 (UMH) "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"

SENDING FORTH

Blessing Pastor Bart

We do not know what the future will hold for us, but we are assured that whatever happens, God is with us! Follow Jesus boldly to the cross and beyond. For God's promises are good and true. You are beloved. Go in peace. Amen.

Postlude

Reminder: there will be NO Wednesday Bible Study this week! We hope you will join us on Tuesday, March 31st for our Lent Study.t