

The Lord's Prayer (on screen)

UMH #895

Eldon Callen, CLM

† Hymn #162 (UMH)

"Alleluia, Alleluia"

SENDING FORTH

Blessing

Pastor Bart

May God bless us with open hearts to recognize the resurrected Christ in our midst and with the courage to reach out and touch the wounds of our neighbors, believing that we will find Resurrection in the meeting of our vulnerability through our call to love and serve both God and our neighbor. 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.



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.**

MESSY CHURCH APRIL 19

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, April 19th at 5:30 for a meal, a lesson, and a craft.



MCCAC PRESENTS

RAISE YOUR SHIELDS

SUNDAY APRIL 26TH
1PM - 4PM

MONONGALIA COUNTY
CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

909 Greenbag Road
Morgantown, WV 26508

FREE ENTRY

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

- ✓ Author read aloud with Diane Tarantini (2pm)
- ✓ Games, crafts, and activities
- ✓ Body safety parent session (2pm)

Kids and families are invited to learn about body safety and how children can protect themselves and others in a positive, engaging environment. Children will enjoy games, crafts, and activities before a special author read-aloud of *The Brave Knight* with author Diane Tarantini.

Coins for Lent

Please remember to return your Lent bags! Thank you for supporting our ministries here at Spruce Street UMC.



Lectionary Readings Sunday, April 19



Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

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

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2nd Sunday of Easter

April 12, 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 - Holy Week

251 In Person / 303 Online / Radio Est. 300 / Offering \$9,678.23 / Budget \$4,879.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Radio Broadcast: *In memory of Don Davis.*

Altar Flowers: Please sponsor.

Refreshments: Thank you to Brandon, Susan, & Millie (8:30 service) and to Sue Johnson (10:45 service) for providing refreshments

Liturgists: Greg McCracken (8:30) & Beverly Sanders (10:45)

Prayers of the People of God

Mark Carlson's family
Sally Collins
Rhonda Croston
Becky Davis
Mike Hubbard
Lucy Labin

Brad Minton
Joyce Moore
Mike Reynold's family
Charlytte Rodeheaver
Lya Cartwright Stroupe
David Turley

Prayer updates can be shared with Carolyn Carr.

THIS WEEK AT SPRUCE STREET UMC

Sunday, April 12th

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

Monday, April 13th

6PM SPPRC

Tuesday, April 14th

6PM UWIF District Book Club

Wednesday, April 15th

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

Thursday, April 16th

10:00AM	Chair Yoga
6:15PM	Handbells
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

Easter people, Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Liturgist

Opening Prayer

Stand among us once again, risen Christ, and bless us with your greeting: "Peace be with you." Stand among us once again, raised Brother, and breathe upon us your promised Spirit. Stand among us once again, You Who Have Escaped Death, and give us new birth into your living hope. Amen.

Liturgist

† Hymn #98 (UMH)

"To God Be the Glory"

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Liturgist

2^{14a} But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, ²² "Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know- ²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵ For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; ²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. ²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' ²⁹ "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' ³² "This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

Psalm Reading

Psalm 16

Liturgist

16¹ Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
² ***I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."***
³ As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble ones in whom is all my delight.
⁴ ***Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.***
⁵ The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.
⁶ ***The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.***
⁷ I bless the Lord, who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.
⁸ ***I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.***
⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.
¹⁰ ***For you do not give me up to Sheol or let your faithful one see the Pit.***
¹¹ ***You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.***

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

Liturgist

1³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new

birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith--being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire--may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

PROCLAMATION

Children's Sermon

Pastor Bart

† Hymn #304 (UMH)

"Easter People, Raise Your Voices"

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

Pastor Bart

20¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." ²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Sermon

"Belief - Doubt"

Pastor Bart

Hymn Sing

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith (on screen)

United Methodist Social Creed

Pastor Bart

Prayers of the People

Pastor Bart

Litany to Our Social Creed (on screen)

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Prayer of Confession (on screen)

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WORSHIPPING THROUGH GIVING

Invitation To Give

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Offertory

† Doxology #95 (UMH)

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Prayer of Thanksgiving (on screen)

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