

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 monthly newsletter) we have a special need for toiletry items, such as soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, comb, etc. if you have travel size items that would be great. Thank you for your help!



International Street Festival Today!



Join in at the Spruce Street Farmer's Market today after worship 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!

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 tonight at 5:30 for a meal, a lesson, and a craft.



Community Summer Picnics

We're planning our summer picnics with Suncrest UMC. The first one is Memorial Day. We will be helping to set up and providing desserts and drinks and perhaps some salads. More details coming soon. We will have sign-up sheets available in Seekers Hall the first part of May.



Come and enjoy!

MCCAC PRESENTS RAISE YOUR SHIELDS

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. This event will be held on Sunday, April 26th from 1-4PM at the Monongalia County Child Advocacy Center.



NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY

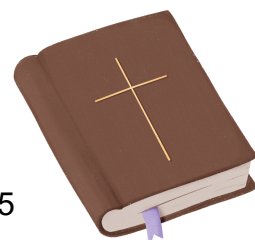
Funds raised support these vital ministries through the Native American Ministries offering:

- Fifty percent of the funds collected on Native American Ministries Sunday stay within annual conferences to support Native American ministries.
- Twenty-five percent of donations fund scholarships for Native Americans pursuing ordained or licensed ministry at any approved theological school.
- Twenty-five percent of donations collected are allocated to develop impactful programs for Native American communities.

Worldwide, we celebrate the voices and ministry of Native Americans together. To give, label your offering with "Native American Ministries Sunday."

Lectionary Readings Sunday, April 19

Isaiah 51:1-6 | Psalm 34:1-10
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"

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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 of Easter

April 19, 2026

8:30 & 10:45 AM

Native American Ministries Sunday

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 - April 12, 2026

75 In Person / 153 Online / Radio Est. 300 / Offering \$3,709.00 / Budget \$4,879.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Radio Broadcast: *To the glory of God.*

Altar Flowers: *In memory of my father's (Richard Elliott) heavenly birthday - Robyn & family*

Refreshments: Thank you to Kent Hastings for providing refreshments for the 8:30 service.

Liturgists: Brian Hoskinson (8:30) & Sue Johnson (10:45)

Prayers of the People of God

Sally Collins Brad Minton
Rhonda Croston Joyce Moore
Mike Hubbard Lya Cartwright Stroupe
Lucy Labin David Turley

Prayer updates can be shared with Carolyn Carr. Remember to check the newsletter for our long term prayer list.

THIS WEEK AT SPRUCE STREET UMC

Sunday, April 19th

8:30AM	Worship Service (In Person)
9:45AM	Sunday School
10:45AM	Worship Service (In Person & Radio Broadcast)
12:00PM	International Street Festival
5:30PM	Messy Church

Monday, April 20th

6PM	Finance
7PM	Trustees

Wednesday, April 22nd

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

Thursday, April 23rd

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

Liturgist

Easter people, we gather today as people who spent the week inundated with news reports, social media posts, and reels that inundated us with information, worry, and stress.

Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we carry the weight of being overwhelmed and anxious, wondering who we can believe.

We gather as people who long for peace, for God to break through and bring us clarity and hope once again.

Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we don't always recognize when the Risen One comes alongside us, showing us the way where there seems to be no way.

We gather as people hoping to catch a glimmer of Resurrection, ready for our hearts to burn with the truth of the resurrected Christ.

Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we open our hearts to the possibility that God's Resurrection life is closer than we think.

Easter people, God knows the burdens we carry, and God is faithful to meet us where we are with good news.

May the good news of the Resurrection astound us today as we come to worship God! Amen.

† Hymn #322 (UMH)

“Up From the Grave He Arose”

First Prayer

Liturgist

O risen Christ, On the road to Emmaus, you were the disciples' companion. Be at our side on the journey of faith on life's pathways and at every encounter, engender our compassion, so that we may welcome others and listen to their stories. Kindle anew the desire to proclaim your Word. May it illumine us, and may our hearts burn to bear witness to it. May your Holy Spirit teach us the art of explaining scripture and open our hearts to recognize you. Grant us the courage to become vulnerable so that our siblings may know you through us and that we may know you through them. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:13-35 CEB Version

Liturgist

¹³ On that same day, two disciples were traveling to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking to each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were discussing these things, Jesus himself arrived and joined them on their journey. ¹⁶ They were prevented from recognizing him. ¹⁷ He said to them, “What are you talking about as you walk along?” They stopped, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ The one named Cleopas replied, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who is unaware of the things that have taken place there over the last few days?” ¹⁹ He said to them, “What things?” They said to him, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth. Because of his powerful deeds and words, he was recognized by God and all the people as a prophet. ²⁰ But our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him. ²¹ We had hoped he was the one who would redeem Israel. All these things happened three days ago. ²² But there's more: Some women from our group have left us stunned. They went to the tomb early this

morning ²³ and didn't find his body. They came to us saying that they had even seen a vision of angels who told them he is alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women said. They didn't see him.” ²⁵ Then Jesus said to them, “You foolish people! Your dull minds keep you from believing all that the prophets talked about. ²⁶ Wasn't it necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷ Then he interpreted for them the things written about himself in all the scriptures, starting with Moses and going through all the Prophets. ²⁸ When they came to Emmaus, he acted as if he was going on ahead. ²⁹ But they urged him, saying, “Stay with us. It's nearly evening, and the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ After he took his seat at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he disappeared from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Weren't our hearts on fire when he spoke to us along the road and when he explained the scriptures for us?” ³³ They got up right then and returned to Jerusalem. They found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying to each other, “The Lord really has risen! He appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then the two disciples described what had happened along the road and how Jesus was made known to them as he broke the bread.

Children's Moment

Pastor Bart

Choral Anthem

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need by Althouse

SSUMC Chancel Choir

Sermon

“Breaking Bread on the Way”

Pastor Bart

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People (on screen)

Pastor Bart

Affirmation of Faith (on screen)

Traditional Native American Prayer

Pastor Bart

† Hymn #2158 (TFWS)

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

Prayer of Confession (on screen)

Pastor Bart

WORSHIPPING THROUGH GIVING

Invitation To Give

Offertory

† Doxology #95 (UMH)

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Prayer of Thanksgiving (on screen)

The Lord's Prayer (on screen)

UMH #895

† Hymn #370 (UMH)

“Victory in Jesus”

SENDING FORTH

Blessing (on screen)

The Shawnee Traveling Song

Pastor Bart

Postlude