

The Lord's Prayer (on screen)

UMH #895

Pastor Bart

† Hymn #176 (UMH)

"Majesty, Worship His Majesty"

SENDING FORTH

Blessing

Pastor Bart

May each of you go in peace to love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously with the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Postlude

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

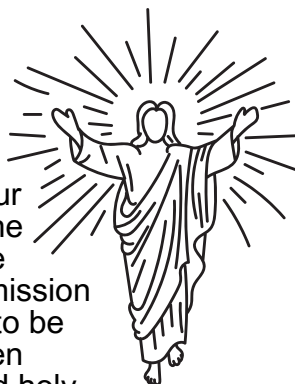
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ASCENSION DAY

The Ascension of the Lord (Acts 1:1-11) is celebrated on fortieth day after Easter, within the Western Christian Church of which the United Methodist Church belongs. Our tradition is to celebrate it on the following Sunday. It marks the completion of Jesus' earthly mission and his ascension to heaven to be Lord of all Earth. This day often initiates a period of prayer and holy waiting for the Holy Spirit leading to Pentecost. United Methodists celebrate this as the moment Jesus ceases to be bodily present in one place and becomes present in all places through the church, his mission, and the sacraments.



Community Summer Picnics

We're planning our summer holiday picnics with Suncrest UMC. The first one is Memorial Day from 11-2. We will be helping to set up and providing desserts and drinks and perhaps some salads. We have sign-up sheets available in Seekers Hall. Come and enjoy!



Music Month

May is Music Month here at Spruce Street UMC! We will be raising funds for our music ministries the whole month of May. These funds go towards new music, guest artists, our intern program, and more! If you would like to support our music program please designate "music ministry" on your gift.

Congratulations, Graduates!

We will be recognizing high school and college graduates during worship next Sunday, May 24th. The UWIF will also provide refreshments after second service!

If you would like to bring a gift or a card, our 2026 graduates are:

- Paige Hetrick - MHS**
- Caleb Britton - MHS**
- Edith Jhonna Martinez - WVU Masters**

If you know an additional graduate to be recognized, please let Pastor Bart and the UWIF know.



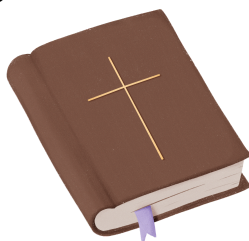
Support Scott's Run

UWIF will be collecting for the month of May diapers, baby wipes, and other baby supplies to support Scott's Run. Please place your donations in the crib in the overflow area. Thank you for your donations!



Lectionary Readings Sunday, May 24th

Numbers 11:24-30
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Acts 2:1-21
John 20:19-23



7th Sunday of Easter

May 17, 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 - May 10, 2026
102 In Person / 114 Online / Radio Est. 300 / Offering \$4,063.04 / Budget \$4,879.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Radio Broadcast: *Heavenly birthday to my husband Alan.* -Robyn

Altar Flowers: Please sponsor.

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

Liturgists: Marge Lee (8:30) & Dan Erenrich (10:45)

Prayers of the People of God

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| Lilly Arrison | Lucy Labin |
| Marguerite Bostonia | Judy McFarland & family |
| Lori Britton | Brad Minton |
| Debbie Cline | Joyce Moore |
| Sally Collins | Rhoda Shaw |
| Rhonda Croston | John Simpkins |
| Mike Hubbard | Fred Smith |
| Ray & Carolyn Hubbard | David Turley's family |
| Carolyn Keech | Carlton Withrow |
| Alicia Kern | Mary Lynn Withrow |
| Marie Kidd's family | |

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, May 17th	
8:30AM	Worship Service (In Person)
9:45AM	Sunday School
10:45AM	Worship Service (In Person & Radio Broadcast)
5:30PM	Messy Church
Monday, May 18th	
6:00PM	Finance
7:00PM	Ad. Council
Tuesday, May 19th	
6:00PM	United Women in Faith
Wednesday, May 20th	
11:00AM	Bible Study
6:00PM	Prayer Meeting (Zoom)
Thursday, May 21th	
10:00AM	Chair Yoga
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	Based on Acts 1:8	Liturgist
People of Galilee and the Church, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? <i>Jesus has promised that you will receive power when the Holy Spirit.</i> When the Spirit comes upon you; <i>you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.</i>		
† Hymn #154 (UMH)	“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”	
First Prayer	UMH #323 by Laurence Hull Stookey	Liturgist
<i>Ever living God, your eternal Christ once dwelt on Earth, confined by time and space. Give us faith to discern in every time and place the presence among us of him who is head over all things and fills all, even Jesus Christ our ascended Lord.</i>		

PROCLAMATION

First Reading	John 17:1-11	Liturgist
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Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the church.

17 ¹ After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. ⁶ "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Children’s Moment		Pastor Bart
Gospel Reading	Luke 24:44-53	Pastor Bart

24 ⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you--that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in

the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." ⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Choral Anthem	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i> by Spears	SSUMC Chancel Choir
Second Reading	Acts 1:1-11	Pastor Bart
1 ¹ In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach ² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴ While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." ⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."		
Sermon	“Ascension”	Pastor Bart

† Hymn #156 (UMH)	“I Love to Tell the Story”	
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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People (on screen)		Pastor Bart
Affirmation of Faith	A short statement of faith by the Uniting Church of Australia	Pastor Bart
<i>We believe in God who created us, who loves us and makes us whole. We believe in Jesus Christ, God’s Son, whose death and resurrection is our salvation and our example. We believe in the Holy Spirit of God who calls us to abundant life. Amen.</i>		

Prayer of Confession (on screen)	UMH #893	Eldon Callen, CLM
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WORSHIPPING THROUGH GIVING

Invitation To Give		Eldon Callen, CLM
Offertory		
† Doxology #95 (UMH)	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	

Prayer of Thanksgiving		Eldon Callen, CLM
<i>Blessing God of Presence, even as Christ ascended, you did not leave us alone. While he was blessing them, you were preparing us to carry the story forward, to be your witnesses, to live in hope and power. In this sacred act of giving, we return a portion of what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be a blessing to others, as Christ has been to us. Clothe us with courage. Remind us that your Spirit goes with us. And send us, renewed and ready, to be your church in the world. Amen.</i>		