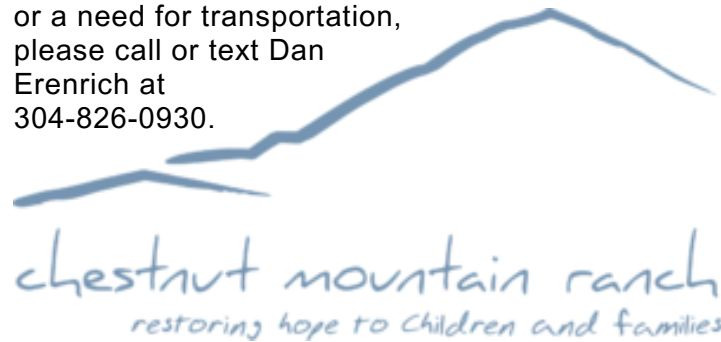


UNITED METHODIST MEN

The United Methodist Men will meet Wednesday, June 24th, at 6:00, **at the Chestnut Mountain Ranch**. For this special affair, we'd ask the men to arrive between 4:30 and 5:00 if able to help prepare. For over 15 years the Ranch has served as a Christ-centered home and school for young men who need hope and restoration. This ministry works to reach the hearts of young men and restore broken families through a structured, loving community. Our men sponsor a cookout for the boys and staff. It also gives us the opportunity to fellowship and to be supportive of the boys, the staff, and the ministry. The Chestnut Mountain Ranch is located about 2.6 miles up the Kingwood Pike from the four way intersection of Dorsey Avenue and the Greenbag Road. At approximately 2.6 miles up the Kingwood Pike turn left onto Ponderosa Ponds Road. The Ranch community (and our cookout ministry) is about 0.6 miles down the Ponds Road. Take a moment to go to the site www.cmrwv.org and read additional information about this wonderful community and ministry. If there are any questions or a need for transportation, please call or text Dan Erenrich at 304-826-0930.



Gifts of Love

Thanks for supporting this ministry. In addition to our basic needs, we need insect repellent for summertime. Thank you.



Save the Date!

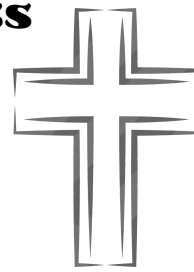
Vacation Bible School 2026

VBS will be held on July 15 starting with dinner at 5:00pm at SSUMC. We will have classes for kids and adults. All are welcome!



Confirmation Class

Starting June 21 during Sunday School the pastor will be teaching a confirmation/ membership class.



Please let Pastor Bart know if you want to join the church.

Sunday School Update



Sunday School classes for children are out for the summer! Don't forget about Bible School on July 15th. Children's Bulletins are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Volunteer Opportunity - Farmers Market Donation Pickups

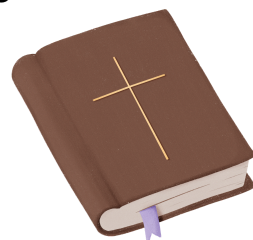
Christian Help is currently seeking volunteers to assist with the Morgantown Farmers Market donation pickups on Saturdays throughout the season. Volunteers help collect donated produce and transport it back to Christian Help to support our food programs for neighbors in need. This is a great opportunity for individuals, families, or small groups looking to serve the community in a meaningful way. Transportation will be needed to pick up donation crates and other materials.

Those interested in volunteering can contact us at 304-296-0221, visit Christian Help, or email freestore@motownchristianhelp.com for more information.



Lectionary Readings Sunday, June 21st

Genesis 21:8-21
Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17
Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-39



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

Like us on Facebook: facebook.com/sprucestreetumc/

Audio Live Streaming: <http://mixir.com/sprucestumc/>



3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 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 - June 7, 2026

81 In Person / 103 Online / Radio Est. 300 / Offering \$6,487.80 / Budget \$4,879.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Radio Broadcast: *To the Glory of God.*

Altar Flowers: *In memory of Timothy P Cramer. - Pat Pierce*

Refreshments: Please sponsor.

Liturgists: Keith Carr (8:30) & Dan Erenrich (10:45)

Prayers of the People of God

Lilly Arrison	Lucy Labin
Lori Britton	Brad Minton
Eldon Callen	Joyce Moore
Terry Colman	John Simpkins
Sally Collins	Fred Smith
Rhonda Croston	Philip Stanger
Norah Glenn	Penny Turley
Mike Hubbard	Rhoda Carroll Whitney
Ray & Carolyn Hubbard	Carlton Withrow
Carolyn Keech	Mary Lynn Withrow

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, June 14th

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

Monday, June 15th

6:00PM	Finance
7:00PM	Trustees

Wednesday, June 17th

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

Thursday, June 18th

10:00AM	Chair Yoga
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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

God meets us in surprising yet ordinary places—under a tree, in the smile of a stranger, in a refreshing breeze that comes at just the right time.
God, open our hearts to notice your presence all around us.
God speaks to us in surprising yet ordinary ways—in a well-placed word from a friend, in a prayer that comes at just the right time, in a song that resonates through our entire being.
God, open our minds to recognize your voice all around us.
God fulfills God’s promises in surprising yet ordinary ways—in an unexpected act of kindness, in providing just what we need at just the right time, in sending someone to listen when we feel alone.
God, open our hands to receive your blessings all around us.
Beloved, in the surprising and ordinary ways that God shows up among us, may we meet God and our neighbors with open hearts, minds, and hands, ready to encounter God’s miraculous work.
God, open our lives to receive your blessings, that we may share together in the joy, wonder, and laughter of God’s miraculous works all around us.

† Hymn #369 (UMH) “Blessed Assurance”

First Prayer Liturgist

God, as you met Abraham in an ordinary moment of hospitality, meet us today in the ordinary moments of our lives. Open our minds to recognize your presence among us; open our hearts to receive your promises; open our arms to embrace your miraculous works with joy, wonder, and laughter. As we gather to worship, help us find the courage to hope, the wisdom to trust, and the perseverance to cooperate with you as you fulfill our promises as you work for abundant life for all creation. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

Epistle Reading Romans 5:1-8 Liturgist

¹ Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.
⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person--though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Special Music

Children’s Moment Pastor Bart

Reading from the Hebrew Bible Genesis 18:1-15 Pastor Bart

Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the church.

¹ The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. ³ He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵ Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on--since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷ Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. ⁹ They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ¹⁰ Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. ¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I be fruitful?" ¹³ The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' ¹⁴ Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." ¹⁵ But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. He said, "Yes, you did laugh."

Sermon “Laughter” Pastor Bart

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People Pastor Bart

Affirmation of Faith (on screen) Pastor Bart

† Hymn #99 (UMH) “My Tribute”

Prayer of Confession (on screen) UMH #893 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 #2130 (TFWS) “The Summons”

SENDING FORTH

Blessing Pastor Bart

Go now, in the blessing of God who meets us where we are and surprises us with new life where none seemed possible. May we be a people who embody God’s miracle called laughter as we work for the flourishing of all creation as the family of God. Amen.

Postlude