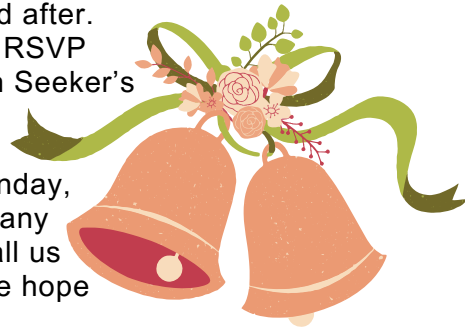


You're Invited!

You're invited to the wedding of Andrew Marvin and Nina Han. The ceremony will be held at Spruce Street UMC on Saturday, August 15, and a reception will be held after.

More details and an RSVP form can be found in Seeker's Hall, next to the sanctuary entrance. Please RSVP by Sunday, July 12. If you have any questions, please call us at 908-235-7383. We hope to see you there!



Donations Needed for VBS

Bible school would appreciate donations of cookies or chips to support the meal being offered on July 15th. Thank you for all your support. Please drop off any donations at the church prior to July 15th. Reminder - Bible School is open to everyone! Any questions please contact Lena Glowacky. Thanks so much!



Gifts of Love

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

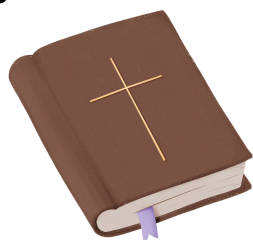


Pastor Bart Away Next Week

Pastor Bart is out next week and Pastor Martha will be covering for him. You can contact her at 304-813-7214 should you need any pastoral care!

Lectionary Readings Sunday, June 28th

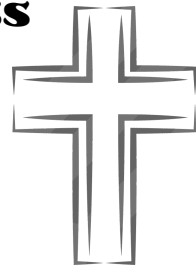
Genesis 22:1-14
Psalm 13
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42



Confirmation Class

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

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



Save the Date!

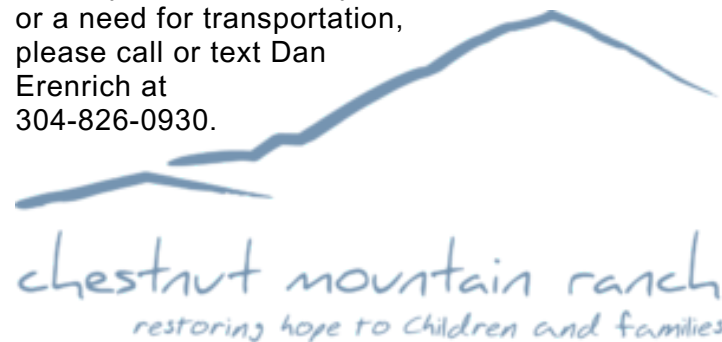
Vacation Bible School 2026

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!



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.



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/>



4th Sunday after Pentecost June 21, 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 14, 2026

86 In Person / 128 Online / Radio Est. 300 / Offering \$2,601.29 / Budget \$4,879.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Radio Broadcast: *In memory of all our Heavenly fathers. -Robyn*

Altar Flowers: *In memory of all our Heavenly fathers. -Robyn*

Refreshments: Thank you to Edith for sponsoring refreshments for both services.

Liturgist: Joe Schlobohm

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 21st

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

Monday, June 22nd

6:00PM	Finance
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Wednesday, June 24th

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

Thursday, June 18th

	NO Chair Yoga See you next week!
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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

Come to God who gathers us in.

We come to God who nurtures us like a father.

Come to God whose arms are wide open and waiting.

We come to God who welcomes and forgives us.

Come to God who walks with us.

We come to God who sees us as we really are and loves us anyway.

O God, come into our hearts.

O God, from you we understand what it means to be like a parent and a father.

O God, you are the good Father.

O God, you are the true Father so be with us now and always. Amen.

† Hymn #141 (UMH)

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

First Prayer

Liturgist

Give us, Holy Father, a little sun, a little happiness, and some work. Give us a heart to comfort those in pain. Give us the ability to be good, strong, wise, and free, so that we may be as generous with others as we are with ourselves. Finally, Father, let us all live as your own one family. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

Reading from the Hebrew Bible

Genesis 21:17-21

Liturgist

¹⁷ God heard the boy's cries, and God's messenger called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "Hagar! What's wrong? Don't be afraid. God has heard the boy's cries over there. ¹⁸ Get up, pick up the boy, and take him by the hand because I will make of him a great nation." ¹⁹ Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well. She went over, filled the water flask, and gave the boy a drink. ²⁰ God remained with the boy; he grew up, lived in the desert, and became an expert archer. ²¹ He lived in the Paran desert, and his mother found him an Egyptian wife.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 10:24-39

Pastor Bart

Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the church.

²⁴ "A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; ²⁵ it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! ²⁶ "So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of

more value than many sparrows. ³² "Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. ³⁴ "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, ³⁶ and one's foes will be members of one's own household. ³⁷ "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

Children's Moment

Pastor Bart

Special Music

Sermon

“Dad's Love”

Pastor Bart

† Hymn #468 (UMH)

“Dear Jesus, in Whose Life I See”

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People (on screen)

Pastor Bart

Affirmation of Faith (on screen)

UMH #881

Pastor Bart

Prayer of Confession (on screen)

UMH #890

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 #162 (UMH)

“Alleluia, Alleluia”

SENDING FORTH

Blessing

Pastor Bart

Go forth, as God's beloved children.

God's love surrounds us like a father's love.

Go in the knowledge of God's comfort and protection.

God's strength empowers us to be the best we can be.

Go in God's grace,

We go to share the love of God with all we meet!

Postlude