

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 #696 (UMH)	“America the Beautiful”	

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

*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. There will also be a luncheon hosted by UWIF after the 10:45 service on August 16. 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!



**Gifts of Love**

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

**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!



**JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> PICNIC**



We will be having our next holiday meal with Suncrest UMC on July 4<sup>th</sup>. We will be helping to set up as well as providing desserts and drinks for the meal. After helping to serve the meal and we will help clean up. Set up will be from 1:00-1:30, lunch will be served from 1:30-2:30, and cleanup will be from 2:30-3:00. There will be sign-up sheets in Seekers Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn Carr.

**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!



**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/**



**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost June 28, 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**

**88 In Person / 123 Online / Radio Est. 300 / Offering \$3,545.27 / Budget \$4,879.00**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Radio Broadcast:** *To The Glory of God*

**Altar Flowers:** *Happy birthday and anniversary Maria and Gary. Love your kids and grandkids!*

**Refreshments:** Please sponsor.

**Liturgist:** Bonnie Johnson (8:30) & Sue Johnson (10:45)

THIS WEEK AT SPRUCE STREET UMC	
<b>Sunday, June 28th</b>	
8:30AM	Worship Service (In Person)
9:45AM	Sunday School
10:45AM	Worship Service (In Person & Radio Broadcast)
<b>Wednesday, July 1st</b>	
11:00AM	Bible Study
6:00PM	Prayer Meeting (Zoom)
6:30PM	Barnabas Group
<b>Thursday, July 2nd</b>	
10:00AM	Chair Yoga

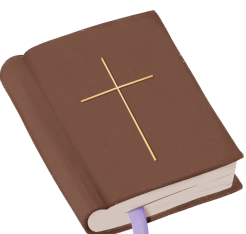
*Prayers of the People of God*

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

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

**Lectionary Readings Sunday, July 5th**

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67  
 Psalm 45:10-17  
 Romans 7:15-25a  
 Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30



# *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

Leader: We gather this morning in many spaces and places, appreciating our freedom to worship God.  
***People: May God continue to bless the Church of Christ in this land.***  
Leader: We draw near to the God who rules over all nations  
***People: May God continue to bless our country and all the countries in the world.***  
Leader: We seek to live in harmony and peace together with all peoples on the earth.  
***ALL: May God continue to establish peace on earth and help us understand that it begins in our hearts.***  
Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord!  
***ALL: We come O Lord, to worship you in spirit and in truth!!***

† Hymn #2130 (TFWS) “The Summons”

First Prayer Liturgist

***Gracious God, you have made all of the peoples of the earth for your glory. You invite us to serve you in freedom and in peace. Give to the people of our nation a zeal for justice and the strength for forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will. We ask this on a day of celebration, a day of hope for a nation made free. We ask this in the name of the one who welcomes all to be free indeed. Inspire us to live and worship in your freedom and for the sake of your kingdom. Amen.***

PROCLAMATION

Epistle Reading Liturgist

Galatians 5:13-26  
The Proper Use of Freedom

<sup>13</sup> For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. <sup>14</sup> For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>15</sup> If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. <sup>16</sup> Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. <sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup> By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. <sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. <sup>26</sup> Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

Special Music Graham Sterling, organist

Children’s Moment Lena Glowacky

Prayer for Peace and Lighting the Peace Candle Pastor Bart

Teach us, God of every nation, to see every question of national policy in the light of our faith, that we may check in ourselves and in others every passion that makes for war, all ungenerous judgment, all promptings of self-assurance, all presumptuous claims. Grant us insight to recognize the needs and aspirations of other nations, and remove our suspicions and misunderstandings, that we may honor all people in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading from the Hebrew Bible Deuteronomy 10:12-13, 17-21 Pastor Bart  
What Does God Require of a Nation

<sup>12</sup> “So now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you? Only to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, <sup>13</sup> and to keep the commandments of the Lord and his decrees that I am commanding you today, for your own well-being. <sup>17</sup> For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, <sup>18</sup> who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. <sup>19</sup> You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. <sup>20</sup> You shall fear the Lord your God; him you shall serve; to him you shall hold fast; and by his name you shall swear. <sup>21</sup> He is your praise; he is your God who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

Prayer for the Land Pastor Bart

***We pray that someday an arrow will be broken, not in something or someone, but by each of humankind, to indicate peace, not violence. Someday, oneness with creation, rather than domination over creation, will be the goal to be respected. Someday fearlessness to love and make a difference will be experienced by all people. Then the eagle\* will carry our prayer for peace and love, and the people of the red, white, yellow, brown, and black communities can sit in the same circle together to communicate in love and experience the presence of the Great Mystery in their midst. Someday can be today for you and me. Amen.***  
(WANDA LAWRENCE, CHIPPEWA, 20TH CENT.)

† Hymn #697 (UMH) “My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People (on screen) Pastor Bart

† Hymn #437 (UMH) “This Is My Song”

Affirmation of Faith (on screen) Pastor Bart

Prayer of Confession Eldon Callen, CLM

***Look graciously, O Lord, upon this land. Where it is in pride, subdue it. Where it is in need, supply it. Where it is in error, rectify it. Where it is in default, restore it. And, where it holds to that which is just and compassionate, support it. Amen.***

† Hymn #519 (UMH) “Lift Every Voice and Sing”