

Sharing of the Sacrament

† Hymn #2128 (TFWS)

“Come and Find the Quiet Center”

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.

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!



Run to Mundy's Please Sponsor!

The Run/Walk to Mundy's Place 5K for Special Olympics will be held on Sunday, August 2nd at 6:00. This is a great race for a great cause! Spruce Street UMC will be sponsoring the race. Please consider donating to help us cover the sponsorship and support the Special Olympics!



JULY 4TH PICNIC

Thanks to everyone who participated in some way in our Fourth of July community picnic. Everyone had a great time Mark your calendars for Labor Day!



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!



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/>



6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 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 28, 2026

77 In Person / 105 Online / Radio Est. 300 / Offering \$4,615.00 / Budget \$4,879.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Radio Broadcast: *Thank you choir.*

Altar Flowers: *Greetings Rev. Martha Ognibene. Welcome to Spruce Street.*

Refreshments: Thank you to Pastor Bart for providing refreshments for both services.

Liturgist: Brian Hoskinson (8:30) & Em Pechon (10:45)

THIS WEEK AT SPRUCE STREET UMC

Sunday, July 5th

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

Wednesday, July 8th

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

Thursday, July 9th

10:00AM	Chair Yoga
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Prayers of the People of God

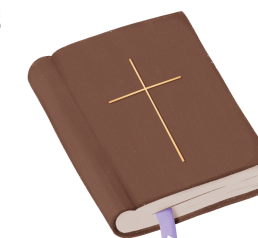
Marguerite Bostonia
Lori Britton
Yvonne Bucklew
Eldon Callen
Sally Collins
Rhonda Croston
Doug Harman
Brian Hoskinson
Ray Hubbard's family
Bill Kennell

Lucy Labin
Brad Minton
Charlene Moats
Tim Moats
John Simpkins
Fred Smith
Vonna Tharp's family
Penny Turley
Rhoda Carroll Whitney

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

Lectionary Readings Sunday, July 12th

Genesis 25:19-34
Psalm 119:105-112
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23



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

What will I compare this generation; like children, dancing, sitting, being seen in the public spaces?
Does the Lord want, a song of mourning, rituals, a show without heart or meaning?
The will of God is wisdom and graciousness, giving to Jesus the burdens we carry, and letting the Spirit help us with the yoke of God's eternal love.
"Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

† Hymn #128 (UMH) "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought"

First Prayer Liturgist

O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives, bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty. We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole. Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives, and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit, that we may know the joy you give your people. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

First Reading Genesis 24:34-49 Liturgist

³⁴ So he said, "I am Abraham's servant. ³⁵ The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. ³⁶ And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old, and he has given him all that he has. ³⁷ My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites in whose land I live, ³⁸ but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.' ³⁹ I said to my master, 'Perhaps the woman will not follow me.' ⁴⁰ But he said to me, 'The Lord, before whom I walk, will send his angel with you and make your way successful. You shall get a wife for my son from my kindred, from my father's house. ⁴¹ Then you will be free from my oath, when you come to my kindred; even if they will not give her to you, you will be free from my oath.' ⁴² "I came today to the spring and said, 'O Lord, God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! ⁴³ I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," ⁴⁴ and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also"—let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son.' ⁴⁵ "Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder, and she went down to the spring and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' ⁴⁶ She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. ⁴⁷ Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose and the bracelets on her arms. ⁴⁸ Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. ⁴⁹ Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left."

Children's Moment Pastor Bart

Second Reading Genesis 24:58-67 Liturgist

⁵⁸ And they called Rebekah and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." ⁵⁹ So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. ⁶⁰ And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." ⁶¹ Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man, and the servant took Rebekah and went his way. ⁶² Now Isaac had come from[a] Beer-Lahai-Roi and was settled in the Negeb. ⁶³ Isaac went out in the evening to walk[b] in the field, and, looking up, he saw camels coming. ⁶⁴ And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel ⁶⁵ and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. ⁶⁶ And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. ⁶⁷ Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife, and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Choral Anthem *Come, Thou Fount* arr. Courtney SSUMC Chancel Choir

Third Reading Romans 7:15-25a Pastor Bart

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ²¹ So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a} Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Sermon "The Nearly Impossible" Pastor Bart

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People Pastor Bart

Affirmation of Faith (on screen) UCA Statement of Faith Pastor Bart

SERVICE OF TABLE

Invitation Eldon Callen, CLM

Prayer of Confession (on screen) UMH #12 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

Great Thanksgiving Prayer (on screen) UMH #17A Pastor Bart

The Lord's Prayer (on screen) UMH #895 Pastor Bart