

Back to School for Scotts Run

As you are doing your shopping, start thinking about our Back to School Ministry with Scott's Run! Needed items include backpacks, notebooks, pencils, colored pencils, tissues, sanitizer wipes, hand sanitizer, boxes of tissues, glue sticks, and 24 packs of crayons. Thank you for your support of Monongalia County schools!



Gifts of Love

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



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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10th Sunday after Pentecost August 2, 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 - July 26, 2026

69 In Person / 132 Online / Radio Est. 300 / Offering \$2887.15/ Budget \$4,879.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Radio Broadcast: Happy birthday to my darling wife. - Keith Carr

Altar Flowers: In honor of the Chancel Choir. - Marguerite Bostonia.

Refreshments: Thank you to Kent Hastings for providing refreshments for the 8:30 service.

Liturgist: Brian Hoskinson (8:30)

Prayers of the People of God

David Barnes Mary Brand Lori Britton Yvonne Bucklew Eldon Callen Sally Collins Rhonda Croston Doug Harman Brian Hoskinson Bill Kennell Lucy Labin's family Brad Minton's family Charlene Moats Tim Moats Fred Smith Penny Turley Rhoda Carroll Whitney

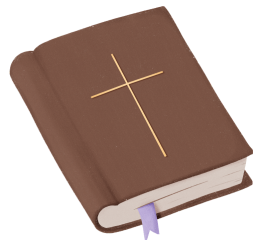
Prayer updates can be shared with Carolyn Carr. Remember to check the newsletter for our long term prayer list.

THIS WEEK AT SPRUCE STREET UMC

Sunday, August 2nd	
8:30AM	Worship Service (In Person)
9:45AM	Sunday School
10:45AM	Worship Service (In Person & Radio Broadcast)
Monday, August 3rd	
6:00PM	Ad Council
Wednesday, August 5th	
11:00AM	Bible Study
6:00PM	Prayer Meeting (Zoom)
6:30PM	Barnabas Group
Thursday, August 6th	
10:00AM	Chair Yoga

Lectionary Readings Sunday, August 9th

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:22-33



Save the Date!

We have many exciting events coming up! Please mark your calendars!

August 1

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser - please give!

August 8

Innovators and Disciples at the Star City Riverfront Park 10:30-11:30AM. "The Bug Lady" is coming. Bring the kids!

August 9

Baptism and Confirmation of Ms. Andrea Elkins at the 10:45AM service. We will also be celebrating the transfer to our congregation of Mrs. Eugenia Moore.

August 15

Nina and Andrew's wedding.

September 13

Church Picnic at the Westover senior center pavilion. Time TBD.

October 4

Trunk or Treat! We will start at 12:15 at the pavilion next door.

October 11

Pet blessings at 2:00PM at the pavilion next door.

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
As we gather and as we disperse, as we rise and as we sleep, as we eat and play and work, <i>We offer God praise.</i>	
As we wash our car, scrub the dishes, rinse the grime of the day from our hands, <i>We offer God praise.</i>	
As we feel the tips of the grass on our feet, the wind against our face, the sun on our backs, <i>We offer God praise.</i>	
Come, let us worship God who creates, redeems, and sustains us to live out our praise in all we do! <i>We come as people formed by grace to offer God praise with our whole selves now and in all the ordinary moments of our lives! Amen.</i>	

† Hymn #185 (UMH) “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

First Prayer	Liturgist
<i>God, How blessed, are we, that you have revealed your face to us in Jesus— the human face of your love. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit you breathe new and everlasting life into our very beings and equip us to share your wisdom, grace, and love with the world. We praise and adore you, O God, for making our lives so special, by choosing to share your life with us in and through Jesus. May this time of worship; ready us for your service. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.</i>	

PROCLAMATION

Epistle Reading	Romans 9:1-5	Liturgist
¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ--I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-- ² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.		

Children’s Moment Pastor Bart

Gospel Reading Matthew 14:13-21 Pastor Bart

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They replied, "We have nothing here but five

loaves and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Choral Anthem	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i> by Schutte	SSUMC Chancel Choir
Sermon	“Compassion”	Pastor Bart
† Hymn #599 (UMH)	“Break Thou the Bread of Life”	

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People	Pastor Bart	
Affirmation of Faith (on screen)	UMH #881	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	
<i>Let our giving become praise in motion, a testimony that we seek your presence not only in stillness, but in faithful steps forward. Receive these offerings as signs of our trust and our desire to live in right relationship with you and with one another, until we are satisfied in the likeness of your grace. Amen</i>		

Great Thanksgiving Prayer (on screen)	UMH #17A	Pastor Bart
The Lord’s Prayer (on screen)	UMH #895	Pastor Bart

Sharing of the Sacrament

† Hymn #672 (UMH) “God Be with You till We Meet Again” (verse 1 & 4)

SENDING FORTH

Blessing	Pastor Bart
<i>Beloved, may God bless you with the discernment to stop and notice God at work all around you, the inspiration to offer up praise in the middle of the busyness of life, and the peace that comes from beholding the face of God and knowing deep in your bones that we are not alone—God is with us. Amen</i>	

Postlude