

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!



UNITED METHODIST
MEN'S MEETING

The United Methodist Men will meet this Wednesday at 6:00 pm at Eat 'n Park.

We have the pleasure of hosting Mr. Darrell Summers, former owner of Summer's Towing and Repairs. His father and uncle started and operated the business for 31 years. Darrell took over the business in 1978 and continued the fine tradition of great community service for 46 years. Darrell will share some great details, stories and pictures of the years gone by. He will also have one of his larger tow trucks on site for all to examine and learn more about this very special piece of equipment. The title of his program is, "Tow Trucks Do More Than You Think." Take the time to come out and greet this fantastic community servant and businessman. You'll laugh and be amazed.

Please contact Dan Erenrich or the church if you need more information or a ride.

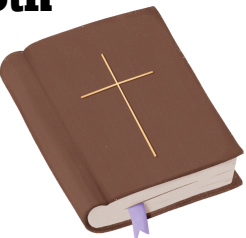


Gifts of Love

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

Lectionary Readings
Sunday, August 16th

Genesis 45:1-15
Psalm 133
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28



Welcome to
Spruce Street
United Methodist Church



"A Church at the Heart of Morgantown with a Heart for Morgantown"

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Website: sprucestumc.org Email: secretary@sprucestreetumc.org

10:45 a.m. Service on WCLG-AM 1300 or Morgan 92.1FM

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



11th Sunday after Pentecost August 9, 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 - August 2, 2026

89 In Person / 112 Online / Radio Est. 300 / Offering \$7,183.71/ Budget \$4,879.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Radio Broadcast: *Happy birthday, Greg McCracken! (August 13)*

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

Refreshments: Please sponsor.

Liturgist: Keith Carr (8:30) & Nina Han (10:45)

Prayers of
the People of God

David Barnes
Mary Brand
Lori Britton
Yvonne Bucklew
Eldon Callen
Sally Collins
Rhonda Croston
Doug Harman
Brian Hoskinson

Don Hoskinson's family
Bill Kennell
Charlene Moats
Tim Moats
Charlotte Murphy
Fred Smith
Nancy Smith
Angie Thompson
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 9th

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

Monday, August 10th

6:00PM	SPPRC
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Wednesday, August 12th

11:00AM	Bible Study
6:00PM	UMM @ Eat N Park

Thursday, August 13th

10:00AM	Chair Yoga
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Saturday, August 15th

4:30PM	Andrew & Nina's Wedding
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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, place your trust in the Lord. <i>We have been hurt so many times when we have trusted someone.</i> Jesus will not let you down. <i>We want to trust. Lord, help us.</i> Come, this is the time and the place to take the step of faith. <i>Lord, be with us as we reach out to you and to others. AMEN.</i>		
† Hymn #428 (UMH)	“For the Healing of the Nations”	
First Prayer	Liturgist	
<i>Eternal God, you are present with us throughout our lives, even when others plot to do us harm. May we learn to live together in unity, that in all we do, we may sing your praises now and forever. Amen.</i>		

PROCLAMATION

Gospel Reading	Matthew 14:22-33	Liturgist
²² Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." ²⁸ Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."		

Children’s Moment	Pastor Bart	
Special Music	Piano Solo	Ashley Lewis
Hebrew Bible Reading	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28	Pastor Bart

¹ Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. ² These are the descendants of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives, and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. ³ Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children because he was the son of his old age, and he made him an ornamented robe. ⁴ But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him.

¹² Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. ¹³ And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." ¹⁴ So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock, and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, ¹⁵ and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" ¹⁶ "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." ¹⁷ The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan. ¹⁸ They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them they conspired to kill him. ¹⁹ They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. ²⁰ Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." ²¹ But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." ²² Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" --that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. ²³ So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the ornamented robe that he wore, ²⁴ and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. ²⁵ Then they sat down to eat, and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. ²⁶ Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? ²⁷ Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. ²⁸ When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Sermon	“Bad Brothers”	Pastor Bart
† Hymn #2151 (TFWS)	“Break Thou the Bread of Life”	

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People (on screen)	Pastor Bart
The Holy Baptism and Confirmation of Andrea Elkins	
The Reception into Membership by Transfer of Eugenia Moore	

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	Pastor Bart
† Hymn #117 (UMH)	“O God Our Help in Ages Past”	

SENDING FORTH

Blessing	Pastor Bart
<i>You have been embraced by the love of God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and blessed by Jesus to go into this world to offer healing and hope, no matter what coats we wear or siblings we have. Go in peace.</i>	
Postlude	