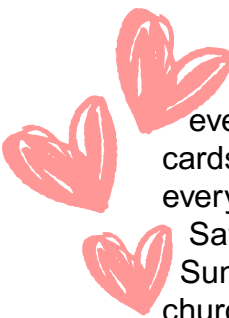


Prayer of Confession and Pardon (on screen)
WORSHIPPING THROUGH GIVING
Invitation To Give
Offertory
† Doxology #95 (UMH) “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
Prayer of Thanksgiving (on screen)
The Lord’s Prayer (on screen) UMH #895
† Hymn #555 (UMH) “Forward Through the Ages”

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SENDING FORTH
Blessing
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

Pastor Bart



We had the most wonderful wedding last weekend! Thank you everyone for the congratulations, gifts, cards, and love. Special thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make Saturday possible and the UWIF for the Sunday luncheon. God Bless this church!
- *Andrew and Nina*

Pray for our New School Year

Pray for Mon, Preston, and Garrett County Schools and WVU, FSU, WVWC, MU, and other institutions of learning close to your heart. Turn prayer into action by donating school supplies to local school districts!



Gifts of Love

Thanks for supporting this ministry. In addition to our basic needs, we need some lightweight blankets and more linens. Thank you.



A thank you has been received from our 2026-27 receipiant of our Spruce Stret United Methodist Scholarship to Wesleyan College from Sofia Pancoast. Besides her scholastic pursuits, Sofia is actively involved in Women's Track.



****All notices for the bulletin are due on Mondays each week and for the newsletter they are due by the 24th of each month.****



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13th Sunday after Pentecost August 23, 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 16, 2026
124 In Person / 108 Online / Radio Est. 300 / Offering \$5,723.95/ Budget \$4,879.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Radio Broadcast: Please sponsor.
Altar Flowers: Please sponsor.
Refreshments: Thank you to Robyn Lindamood for providing refreshments for the 10:45 service.
Liturgist: Robyn Lindamood (10:45)

Prayers of the People of God

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

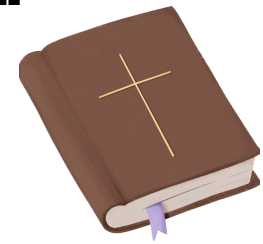
Bill Kennell
Charlene Moats
Tim Moats
Charlotte Murphy
Mike Roberts
Fred Smith
Nancy Smith
Penny Turley
Rhoda Carroll Whitney
Ed Wilkinson

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 23rd	
8:30AM	Worship Service (In Person)
9:45AM	Sunday School
10:45AM	Worship Service (In Person & Radio Broadcast)
Monday, August 24th	
6:00PM	Finance
Wednesday, August 26th	
11:00AM	Bible Study
Thursday, August 27th	
10:00AM	Chair Yoga

Lectionary Readings Sunday, August 30th

EExodus 3:1-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28



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
Life can sometimes be very difficult. <i>We look around and wonder where God is.</i> LIn the midst of our trials and tribulations, God is with us. <i>God surrounds us with love and courage.</i> Come, let us praise God for God's abiding presence. <i>Lord, thank you for always being with us, even when we don't recognize your loving presence. Amen.</i>	

† Hymn #378 (UMH)	“Amazing Grace”
First Prayer	Liturgist
<i>Eternal Light, shine into our hearts. Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil. Eternal Power, be our support. Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us. That with all our heart and mind and soul and strength we may seek your face and be brought by your infinite mercy to your holy presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</i>	

PROCLAMATION

First Reading	Romans 12:1-8	Liturgist
12 ¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God--what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.		

Children's Moment	Carolyn Carr	
Gospel Reading	Matthew 16:13-20	Eldon Callen, CLM
16¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven."¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of		

Hades will not prevail against it.¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Psalm 124 (on screen)	UMH #846	Pastor Bart
Hebrew Bible Reading	Exodus 1:8-22	Pastor Bart
1 ⁸ Now a new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph. ⁹ He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we." ¹⁰ Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." ¹¹ Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. ¹² But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. ¹³ The Egyptians subjected the Israelites to hard servitude, ¹⁴ and made their lives bitter with hard servitude in mortar and bricks and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. ¹⁵ The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶ "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live." ¹⁷ But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. ¹⁸ So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this and allowed the boys to live?" ¹⁹ The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." ²⁰ So God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and became very strong. ²¹ And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. ²² Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live."		

Vocal Solo	“In the Garden”	Art Hahn
Hebrew Bible Reading	Exodus 2:1-10	Pastor Bart

2 ¹ Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ² The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. ³ When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴ His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. ⁵ The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶ When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. ⁷ Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" ⁸ Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹ Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰ When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."		
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Sermon	“A New King”	Pastor Bart
† Hymn #399 (UMH)	“Take My Life, and Let It Be”	

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People		Pastor Bart
Prayer for the New School Year (on screen)		Pastor Bart
Affirmation of Faith (on screen)	UMH #883	Pastor Bart