

Gifts of Love

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



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!



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



HELP WANTED

We are currently in need of office volunteers! Please see Pastor Bart if you are able to volunteer your time in our front office. We are also looking for a new Administrative Assistant. Spread the word!

Nomination Team - Stick Around!

Members of the Nomination Team please meet with Bart after worship to set a meeting date. The nominations team are the following people:

Carolyn Carr
Bonnie Johnson
Greg McCracken
Tia Biro
Mike Wolfarth
Jenny Smith
Stacy Berry
Amy Carr
Kevin Taylor



Stamps with a Purpose: Barnabas Group

The Barnabas Group is hosting a stamp drive to ensure we have enough stamps to meet our needs. We send out more than 60 cards per month, making stamps our largest expense. Decorative stamps add even a little more extra sunshine. We love to send encouraging notes!!



COMMUNITY HOLIDAY MEAL

We will be having our last holiday meal for this year with Suncrest UMC on September 7 – Labor Day. We will be helping to set up/ clean up as well as providing desserts/salads for the meal. There will be sign-up sheets in Seekers Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn Carr.



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

Like us on Facebook: facebook.com/sprucestreetumc/

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



14th Sunday after Pentecost August 30, 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 23, 2026

72 In Person / 127 Online / Radio Est. 300 / Offering \$4,493.20/ Budget \$4,879.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Radio Broadcast: Please sponsor.

Altar Flowers: Please sponsor.

Refreshments: Thank you to Judy McCracken (8:30) and Linda Shanes (10:45) for providing refreshments this morning.

Liturgist: Greg McCracken (8:30) & Nina Han (10:45)

Prayers of the People of God

David Barnes
Tia Biro
Mary Brand
Lori Britton
Wanda Brosky
Jeff Carr
Rhonda Croston
Doug Harman
Brian Hoskinson

Bill Kennell
Charlene Moats
Tim Moats
Charlotte Murphy
Mike Roberts
Fred Smith
Nancy Smith
Penny Turley
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 30th

8:30AM	Worship Service (In Person)
9:45AM	Sunday School
10:45AM	Worship Service (In Person & Radio Broadcast)
3:00PM	District Conference @ Bridgeport UMC

Wednesday, September 2nd

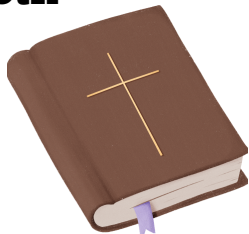
11:00AM	Bible Study
6:30PM	Barnabas Group

Thursday, September 3rd

10:00AM	Chair Yoga
7:00PM	Chancel Choir

Lectionary Readings Sunday, September 6th

Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm 149
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20



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

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	Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b “Remembering Moses”	Liturgist
Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make known his deeds among the peoples. <i>Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.</i> Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. <i>Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.</i> Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles and the judgments he uttered, O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones. <i>Then Israel came to Egypt; Jacob lived as an alien in the land of Ham.</i> And the Lord made his people very fruitful and made them stronger than their foes, <i>whose hearts he then turned to hate his people, to deal craftily with his servants. He sent his servant Moses and Aaron, whom he had chosen. Praise the Lord!</i>		

† Hymn #116 (UMH)	“The God of Abraham Praise”	
First Prayer	From the Anglican Church of South Africa	Liturgist
<i>Pour your Light, Holy Spirit of God, into our hearts and minds. Help us to know more clearly and grasp more fully the Good News of Jesus. And help us then to know how to share it. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who with You and the Father, are One God. Amen.</i>		

PROCLAMATION

First Reading	Romans 12:9-21 “Live in Harmony”	Liturgist
⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in afflictions, persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.		

† Hymn #465 (UMH)	“Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”	
Hebrew Bible Reading	Exodus 3:1-15 (CEB)	Pastor Bart
¹ Moses was taking care of the flock for his father-in-law Jethro, Midian’s priest. He led his flock out to the edge of the desert, and he came to God’s mountain called Horeb. ² The Lord’s messenger appeared to him in a flame of fire in the middle of a bush. Moses saw that the bush was in flames, but		

it didn’t burn up. ³ Then Moses said to himself, Let me check out this amazing sight and find out why the bush isn’t burning up. ⁴ When the Lord saw that he was coming to look, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” Moses said, “I’m here.” ⁵ Then the Lord said, “Don’t come any closer! Take off your sandals, because you are standing on holy ground.” ⁶ He continued, “I am the God of your father, Abraham’s God, Isaac’s God, and Jacob’s God.” Moses hid his face because he was afraid to look at God. ⁷ Then the Lord said, “I’ve clearly seen my people oppressed in Egypt. I’ve heard their cry of injustice because of their slave masters. I know about their pain. ⁸ I’ve come down to rescue them from the Egyptians in order to take them out of that land and bring them to a good and broad land, a land that’s full of milk and honey, a place where the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites all live. ⁹ Now the Israelites’ cries of injustice have reached me. I’ve seen just how much the Egyptians have oppressed them. ¹⁰ So get going. I’m sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” ¹¹ But Moses said to God, “Who am I to go to Pharaoh and to bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” ¹² God said, “I’ll be with you. And this will show you that I’m the one who sent you. After you bring the people out of Egypt, you will come back here and worship God on this mountain.” ¹³ But Moses said to God, “If I now come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ they are going to ask me, ‘What’s this God’s name?’ What am I supposed to say to them?” ¹⁴ God said to Moses, “I Am Who I Am. So say to the Israelites, ‘I Am has sent me to you.’” ¹⁵ God continued, “Say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, Abraham’s God, Isaac’s God, and Jacob’s God, has sent me to you.’ This is my name forever; this is how all generations will remember me.

Children’s Sermon	Pastor Bart
Hymn Sing	

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People		Pastor Bart
Prayer of Confession and Pardon	UMH #890	Pastor Bart
Affirmation of Faith	UMH #881	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
The Lord’s Prayer (on screen)	UMH #895	Eldon Callen, CLM
† Hymn #431 (UMH)	“Let There Be Peace on Earth”	

SENDING FORTH

Blessing	Pastor Bart
<i>Beloved people of God, when the path is easy and when the path is rough, when God calls through a burning bush or a still, small voice or a loving rebuke, remember you are not alone. May God bless you with the courage and humility to accept the Lord’s call and with the assurance that if God calls you, God will equip you. Go now to love and serve both God and your neighbor Amen.</i>	