

Blessing

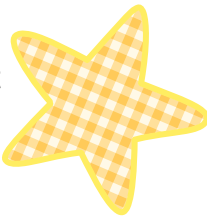
Pastor Bart

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

Church Picnic

We will have our Church Picnic at the Westover Senior Park on September 13 at 4PM. Bring a covered dish to share!



Gifts of Love

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



TRUNK OR TREAT

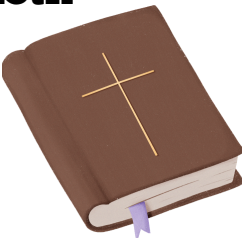
Save the Date! Our annual trunk or treat will be held on October 4 after worship.

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!



Lectionary Readings
Sunday, September 13th

Exodus 14:19-31
Psalm 114
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35



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

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15th Sunday after Pentecost September 6, 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 30, 2026

82 In Person / 117 Online / Radio Est. 300 / Offering \$11,699.80/ Budget \$4,879.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Radio Broadcast: Happy Anniversary Judy and Doug Harman.

Altar Flowers: Please sponsor.

Refreshments: Thank you to the choir for providing refreshments for the 10:45 service.

Liturgist: Keith Carr (8:30) & Judy Kennell (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
Carolyn Johnson
Teresa Johnson

Bill Kennell
Charlene Moats
Tim Moats
Charlotte Murphy
Mike Roberts
Fred Smith
Nancy Smith
Penny Turley
Rhoda Shaw 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, September 6th

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

Monday, September 7th

Labor Day - Church Office Closed

11:30	Labor Day Picnic
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Wednesday, September 9th

11:00AM	Bible Study
6:00PM	United Methodist Men @ Eat N Park

Thursday, September 10th

10:00AM	Chair Yoga
6:00PM	Bell Choir
7:00PM	Chancel Choir

Nomination Team Meeting Today

There will be a brief nominations meeting after each worship service. Nominations team - stay and talk with Pastor Bart!

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	Liturgist	
Come out of the darkness of despair into the brightness of God's transforming love. <i>We praise God for God's presence with us!</i> Prepare your hearts and spirits to receive God's mercy and healing. <i>We thank God for God's mercy toward us.</i> Come, let us praise and worship God who is always with us. <i>Thanks be to God at all times and in all places. Amen.</i>		
† Hymn #77 (UMH)	"How Great Thou Art"	
First Prayer	Liturgist	
<i>Lord of the church, you call a broken people around your table: in times of disagreement, teach us to listen, loose us from prejudice and bind us to your way of forgiving grace; through Jesus Christ, who stands at the heart of our gathering. Amen.</i>		

PROCLAMATION		
First Reading	Psalm 149	Liturgist
Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful. Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King. Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre. For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with victory. Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches. Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands, to execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples, to bind their kings with fetters and their nobles with chains of iron, to execute on them the judgment decreed. This is glory for all his faithful ones. Praise the Lord!		

Children’s Moment	Lena Glowacky
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Second Reading	Exodus 12:1-14 “The Passover”	Pastor Bart
¹ The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ² "This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³ Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴ If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵ Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶ You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷ They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸ They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹ Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water but roasted		

over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰ You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn with fire. ¹¹ This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand, and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord. ¹² I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human to animal, on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. ¹³ The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. ¹⁴ "This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Choral Anthem	Be Thou My Vision by Spears	SSUMC Chancel Choir
Gospel Reading	Matthew 18:15-20	Pastor Bart
¹⁵ "If your brother and sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."		

Sermon	“Hope out of Despair”	Pastor Bart
† Hymn #473 (UMH)	“Lead Me, Lord”	

RESPONSE TO THE WORD		
Prayers of the People (on screen)		Pastor Bart
Affirmation of Faith (on screen)	A Short Statement of Faith from the UCA	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
Sharing of the Sacrament		
† Hymn #357 (UMH)	“Just as I Am, Without One Plea” (verses 1, 3, & 6)	