



Trunk or Treat

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

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

Let's take a moment to thank and encourage our pastor for their faithful service, leadership, and care for our church family.



A basket is available at the altar for cards and notes of appreciation. We invite you to share a word of encouragement or a special note of thanks throughout the month.



We have raised \$4,930.00 for the door project! We are almost halfway to our goal of \$10,000.00. A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to our door project!



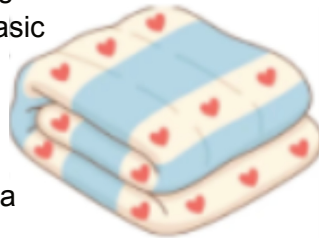
After the church service ... Be sure to purchase your 25% off discount pass from the United Women in Faith for \$5 usable on Wednesday, October 21.

You can use the coupon in person or online! For \$5, your discount adds up fast, especially if you buy lots of items for Undie Sunday or Gifts of Love. See a UWF member to get your October 21 Friends Helping Friends shopping pass! (We take checks.)



GIFTS OF LOVE

Thank you for supporting this ministry. In addition to our basic needs, we need some lightweight blankets and more linens. We also have a few special requests: a dresser, kitchen chairs, and a small dining room table.



Lectionary Readings Sunday, October 11th

Exodus 32:1-14

Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23

Acts 8:14-25

Matthew 22:1-14



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



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

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10:45 am Service on WCLG-AM 1300 or Morgan 92.1FM

Like us on Facebook: facebook.com/sprucestreetumc/

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



19th Sunday after Pentecost October 4, 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 - September 27, 2026

87 In Person / 103 Online / Radio Est. 300 / Offering \$3,909.82 Budget \$4,879.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Radio Broadcast: Newlyweds Chris and Emma Carr! From Grandparents, Keith & Carolyn Carr

Altar Flowers: In Loving Memory of My Parents and In-Laws - Rebecca Davis

Refreshments: Susan, Brandon, & Millie

Liturgist: Gary Schlobohm

Prayers for the People of God

David Barnes

Tia Biro

Mary Brand

Lori Britton

Wanda Brosky

Jeff Carr

Rhonda Croston

Doug Harman

Family of Brian Hoskinson

Carolyn Johnson

Teresa Johnson

Deborah Layton & family

Bill Kennell

Charlotte Murphy

Fred Smith

Nancy Smith

Ed Wilkinson

Sally Collins

Lynn Yanak's family

Dolly Cole

Marguerite Bostonia

Tom Mersing

Julie Davis

Tammy Harvey

Diane Walker

March Walker

THIS WEEK AT SPRUCE STREET UMC

Sunday, October 4

8:30 AM Worship Service (In Person)

9:45 AM Sunday School

10:45 AM Worship Service (In Person & Radio Broadcast)

12:15 PM Trunk or Treat

Tuesday, October 6

6:00 PM Pragmatic Mindfulness Course

Wednesday, October 7

11:00 AM Bible Study

1:30 PM Charge Conference

6:00 PM Prayer Meeting (Zoom)

6:30 PM Barnabas Group

Thursday, October 8

9:00 AM Chair Yoga

6:00 PM Bell Choir

7:00 PM Chancel Choir

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

The Church in Worship

Congregational Responses and Prayers are in bold italic print
† Congregation Standing (as you are able)

Prelude	
Announcements and Welcome	
"Russian Peals*"	Improvised by the Handbell Choir
Vision Prayer (on screen)	
† Call to Worship	Liturgist
Almighty God: from the ends of the earth you have gathered us around Christ's holy table.	
We come to feast together.	
Have mercy on your church, troubled and divided.	
Renew us and make us one. Amen.	

† Hymn No. 559 (UMH)	"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation "	
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	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20	Liturgist
See screen and insert		

Prayer in Thanksgiving for your Commandments	
<i>God of salvation and mercy, you give us commandments not as a burden to bear but as an invitation to live the life you have for us. Grant us open hearts ready to accept your invitation, that we might become a people who bear the fruit of the freedom and new life you give us. Amen.</i>	

Children's Moment		Lena Glowacky
Choral Anthem	"Be Thou My Vision"	by DeLapp
Gospel Reading	Matthew 21:33-46	Pastor Bart
See screen and insert		
Sermon	"An Invitation"	Pastor Bart
† Hymn No. 620 (UMH)	"One Bread, One Body"	

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith	Pastor Bart
A Short Statement of Faith from the Uniting Church of Australia	
<i>We believe in God who created us, who loves us and makes us whole.</i>	
<i>We believe in Jesus Christ, God's Son, whose, life, teachings, death and resurrection is our salvation, hope, and our example.</i>	
<i>We believe in the Holy Spirit of God, who loves us, calls us, equips us and sends us to abundant life and service. Amen.</i>	

SERVICE OF TABLE

Invitation	Eldon Callen, CLM
Prayer of Confession	Hymnal No.12
See screen and hymnal	Eldon Callen, CLM

WORSHIPPING THROUGH GIVING

Invitation to Give	Eldon Callen, CLM
Offertory	
†Doxology Hymnal No. 95 (Unison)	"Praise God, From Whom all Blessings Flow"
Prayer of Thanksgiving (on screen)	Eldon Callen, CLM
Great Thanksgiving Prayer (on screen)	Pastor Bart
The Lord's Prayer (on screen)	Hymnal No. 895
	Pastor Bart

Sharing of the Sacrament	
† Hymn No. 666 (UMH)	"Shalom to You"

SENDING FORTH

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	
*The Orthodox tradition of bell ringing is historically unique. Different rhythms are layered over each other, building the texture of sound until they come to an end. The huge bass bells were slowest, and smaller bells rang intricate patterns. Also liturgically unique; ringing was a duty of the priests, providing outdoor signal patterns for funerals or weddings, and as calls to worship through various church seasons.	World Communion Sunday- Observed on the first Sunday in October, this day calls the Church to be the universal, inclusive, visible, Church of Christ. The day was first observed by Presbyterians in 1936, adopted by the Federal Council of Churches in 1940, and shortly thereafter observed in Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren churches. The United Methodist Church has faithfully observed it since its creation in 1968. We pray that all may be one under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.