SENDING FORTH

Blessing — Pastor Bart

And now may the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace, both now and forever more. Amen.

Postlude

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 $5,110.00 for the door project! We are over halfway to our goal of $10,000.00. A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to our door project!

Boscov's FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS IN-STORE & ONLINE

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.)

There will be an SPPRC meeting after 2nd service today.

Care Package for Our Deployed Chaplain

Chaplain Christopher Bennett, a Conference member serving with the WV National Guard in the Middle East, is currently deployed. Let's send a little love from home! We're collecting snacks, coffee, tea, candy, drink mixes, encouraging notes, WV fall photos, WVU items, and Thanksgiving/ Christmas cards or decorations. Please bring donations by Monday, October 26. Let's remind him and our service members that they are loved, appreciated, and in our prayers!

Lectionary Readings
Sunday, October 18th

Exodus 33:12-23

Psalm 99

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 22:15-22

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"

386 Spruce Street, Morgantown, WV 26505 **304.292.3359**

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

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/

20th Sunday after Pentecost October 11, 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 - October 4, 2026
99 In Person / 94 Online / Radio Est. 300 / Offering $7,395.74 Budget $4,879.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Radio Broadcast: To The Glory of God

Altar Flowers: Happy Birthday Reba R. Thompson

Refreshments: Sue Johnson

Liturgist: Keith Carr (8:30) & Sue Johnson (10:45)

Prayers for the People of God

David Barnes
Tia Biro
Mary Brand
Lori Britton
Wanda Brosky
Jeff Carr
Rhonda Croston
Doug Harman
Roy Lawson
Carolyn Johnson
Teresa Johnson
Rubyann Downes
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
Family of Diane Walker
March Walker

THIS WEEK AT SPRUCE STREET UMC	
Sunday, October 11	
8:30 AM	Worship Service (In Person)
9:45 AM	Sunday School
10:45 AM	Worship Service (In Person & Radio Broadcast)
Tuesday, October 13	
6:00 PM	PP Board Meeting
6:00 PM	Pragmatic Mindfulness Course
6:30PM	Quota Meeting
Wednesday, October 14	
11:00 AM	Bible Study
6:00 PM	UM Men
Thursday, October 15	
9:00 AM	Chair Yoga
6:00 PM	Bell Choir
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
WVU Campus Ministry @ Fairmont State	
Friday, October 16	
WVU Campus Ministry @ WVU Homecoming Parade	

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

Vision Prayer (on screen)

† Call to Worship — Liturgist

As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,

so God seeks and saves the lost.

Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found,

so God rejoices over one soul restored to wholeness.

As a father receives a returning wayward son,

so God welcomes us, and lets the past be the past.

Therefore let us praise God in thanksgiving that we are received.

Let us receive and welcome and rejoice over one another

in the name of Jesus Christ.

† Hymn No. 539 (UMH) "O Spirit of the Living God"

First Prayer — Liturgist

O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives,
bringing new life out of destruction,
hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty.
We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole. Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives, and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit, that we may know the joy you give your people.
Amen.

PROCLAMATION

First Reading — Exodus 32:1-14 — Liturgist

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, 'Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' 2Aaron said to them, 'Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.' 3So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. 4He took the gold from them, formed it in a mould,* and cast an image of a calf; and they said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' 5When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, 'Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.' 6They rose early the next day, and offered burnt-offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. 7 The Lord said to Moses, 'Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; 8they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" '
9The Lord said to Moses, 'I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. 10Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.' 11 But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, 'O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? 12Why should the Egyptians say, "It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth"? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. 13Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, "I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever." ' 14And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Children's Moment — Pastor Bart

Choral Anthem — "I Will Joyfully Sing" — by McDonald

Gospel Reading — Matthew 21:33-46 — Pastor Bart

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 2'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. 3He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. 4Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." 5But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, 6while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. 7The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. 8Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. 9Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." 10Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.11 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, 12and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless.13Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." 14For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Sermon — "Angry God?" — Pastor Bart

† Hymn No. 339 vs. 1&2(UMH) "Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People — Eldon Callen, CLM

Affirmation of Faith — Apostles' Creed — Eldon Callen, CLM

Prayer of Confession — 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 — Pastor Bart

The Lord's Prayer — Hymnal No. 895 — Pastor Bart

† Hymn No. 398 (UMH) "Jesus Calls Us"