

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

Let's take a moment to thank and encourage our pastors 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.



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.)

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

There are breast cancer ribbons in Seekers Hall for anyone that would like one.



Quarterly Contribution Statements

If you did not receive your statement by email, please check you mailbox in the social hall. We appreciate all you do for and through our church.

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

Thank You!

An anonymous donor's gift has helped us reach - and exceed- our \$10,000 goal! We are deeply thankful to everyone who has donated and contributed to this project. We are still accepting donations, as unexpected expenses often arise in construction projects. If you plan to give, please do so with a loving heart.



God bless you all, and many thanks,

Spruce Street UMC - Trustees and Pastor Bart

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. Aind if you happen to forget your items, a contribution towards postage is greatly appreciated - just label it "WVNG." Let's remind him and our service members that they are loved, appreciated, and in our prayers!



Lectionary Readings
Sunday, October 25th

Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
Acts 10:44-48
Matthew 22:34-46



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 am Service on WCLG-AM 1300 or Morgan 92.1FM

Like us on Facebook: facebook.com/sprucestreetumc/

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



21st Sunday after Pentecost October 18, 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 11, 2026
82 In Person / 116 Online / Radio Est. 300 / Offering \$8,629.36 Budget \$4,879.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Radio Broadcast: In Honor of Brian Hoskinson from the Circle of Friends Crew
- Altar Flowers: In honor of the loving community of Spruce Street UMC
- Refreshments: Carolyn Carr (8:30) & Vivan & Devan (10:45)
- Liturgist: Bonnie Johnson (8:30) & Dan Erenrich (10:45)

Prayers for the People of God

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| Tia Biro | Fred Smith |
| Mary Brand | Nancy Smith |
| Lori Britton | Ed Wilkinson |
| Wanda Brosky | Sally Collins |
| Jeff Carr | Dolly Cale |
| Rhonda Croston | Tom Mersing |
| Doug Harman | Tammy Harvey |
| Roy Lawson | Family of Diane Walker |
| Carolyn Johnson | Dawna Johnson |
| Teresa Johnson | Ruth Stokwell |
| Rubyann Downes | Slyvia Elmore |
| Bill Kennell | Connie Gaspar |
| Charlotte Murphy | |

THIS WEEK AT SPRUCE STREET UMC	
Sunday, October 18	
8:30 AM	Worship Service (In Person)
9:45 AM	Sunday School
10:45 AM	Worship Service (In Person & Radio Broadcast)
5:30 PM	Messy Church
Monday, October 19	
7:00 PM	Trustee Meeting
Tuesday, October 20	
6:00 PM	Pragmatic Mindfulness Course
Wednesday, October 21	
6:00 PM	Finance Committee Meeting/Budget Planning
Thursday, October 22	
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		
Vision Prayer (on screen)		
† Call to Worship		Liturgist
Celebrate God’s love, which has been poured into your life!		
<i>In God we live and move and have our being.</i>		
God requires our faithfulness and our service.		
<i>We reach out to others with the same kind of love with which God has touched our lives.</i>		
Come, let us worship the Lord who is always with us.		
<i>Let us praise God who walks daily by our side. AMEN.</i>		
† Hymn No. 103 (UMH)	"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"	
First Prayer		Liturgist
<i>Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.</i>		
<u>PROCLAMATION</u>		
First Reading	Psalm 99	Liturgist
1 The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earthquake! 2 The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.3 Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he! 4 Mighty King, * lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. 5 Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he! 6 Moses and Aaron were among his priests; Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.7 He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.8 O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.9 Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy.		
Children's Moment		Pastor Bart
Choral Anthem	"Standin' in the Need of Prayers"	by Eilers
Gospel Reading	Matthew 22:15-22	Pastor Bart
15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said.16So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, ‘Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. 17Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?’ 18But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, ‘Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? 19Show me the coin used for the tax.’		

And they brought him a denarius. 20Then he said to them, ‘Whose head is this, and whose title?’ 21They answered, ‘The emperor’s.’ Then he said to them, ‘Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’22When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Sermon	"Entrapment and Lawful -Pagideusosin kai Egsestin"	Pastor Bart
† Hymn No. 641 (UMH)	"Fill My Cup, Lord"	
<u>RESPONSE TO THE WORD</u>		
Prayers of the People		
Prayer of Confession		
† Hymn No. 2176	"Make Me a Servant"	
Affirmation of Faith	Hymnal No. 885	
<u>WORSHIPPING THROUGH GIVING</u>		
Invitation to Give		
Offertory		
†Doxology Hymnal No. 95 (Unison)	"Praise God, From Whom all Blessings Flow"	
Prayer of Thanksgiving		
The Lord's Prayer	Hymnal No. 895	
† Hymn No. 529 (UMH)	"How Firm a Foundation"	
<u>SENDING FORTH</u>		
Blessing	Go forth in peace; the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.	
Postlude		