

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.



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

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



Holiday Dinner Fundraiser

Join us Sunday, November 15th after the 10:45 a.m. service for our Holiday Dinner Fundraiser! Enjoy turkey and ham, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, rolls, cranberry salad, drinks, and desserts.

Dine-in: Freewill offering | Takeout: \$10
We look forward to seeing everyone there! -SSUWIF



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.



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. And 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!



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.

Lectionary Readings
Sunday, November 1st

Revelation 7:9-17
Psalm 34:1-10, 22
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12



Welcome to
Spruce Street
United Methodist Church



"A Church at the Heart of Morgantown with a Heart for Morgantown"

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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/>



22nd Sunday after Pentecost October 25, 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 18, 2026

92 In Person / 107 Online / Radio Est. 300 / Offering \$20,223.37 Budget \$4,879.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Radio Broadcast: In Honor of our pastors - Bart & Eldon, from Gale Truman

Altar Flowers: please sponsor

Refreshments: please sponsor

Liturgist: Martha Ognibene (8:30) & Tara Cook (10:45)

Prayers for the People of God

Tia Biro

Fred Smith

Mary Brand

Nancy Smith

Wanda Brosky

Dolly Cale

Jeff Carr

Tom Mersing

Doug Harman

Tammy Harvey

Roy Lawson

Dawna Johnson

Carolyn Johnson

Ruth Stokwell

Teresa Johnson

Slyvia Elmore

Rubyann Downes

Connie Gaspar

Bill Kennell

Cheryl Poling

Charlotte Murphy

Dawn Yost

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, October 25	
8:30 AM	Worship Service (In Person)
9:45 AM	Sunday School
10:45 AM	Worship Service (In Person & Radio Broadcast)
WVU Student Lunch after 2nd Service	
Monday, October 26	
6:00 PM	AD Council
Tuesday, October 27	
6:00 PM	Pragmatic Mindfulness Course
Wednesday, October 28	
11:00 AM	Bible Study
6:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
Thursday, October 29	
9:00 AM	Chair Yoga
6:00 PM	Bell Choir
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir

All notices for the bulletin are due on Mondays each week and for the newsletter they are due by the 24 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		
Vision Prayer (on screen)		
† Call to Worship		Liturgist
L: They asked Jesus, “What is the greatest commandment?”		
<i>P: He said that each one should love the Lord their God with all their hearts and with all their souls and with all their minds.</i>		
<i>All: Open our hearts, Lord, today that we might truly follow these commandments. AMEN.</i>		
† Hymn No. 110 (UMH)	"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"	
First Prayer		Liturgist
<i>Almighty God, through your holy Word you created all things and sent your Son, the living Word, to bring us salvation through his death and resurrection. By your Word, you call us to live in grace and hope as the church to love and serve others. Write your Word upon our hearts, that we may answer your call of grace and compassion to be in holy service with you. Amen.</i>		
<u>PROCLAMATION</u>		
First Reading	Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18	Liturgist
“Love Your Neighbor”		
19:1 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:		
19:2 "Speak to all the congregation of the Israelites and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.		
19:15 "You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor.		
19:16 You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand idly by when the blood of your neighbor is at stake: I am the LORD.		
19:17 "You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself.		
19:18 You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.		
Children's Moment		Pastor Bart
Choral Anthem	"My Jesus, I Love Thee"	by Collett
Gospel Reading	Matthew 22:34-46	Pastor Bart
34 When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, 35 and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. 36 "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" 37 He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' 38 This is the greatest and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."		

41 Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 42 “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son, is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." 43 He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 44' The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet""? 45" If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" 46 No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Sermon	"The Greatest Commandment"	Pastor Bart
† Hymn No. 603 (UMH)	"Come Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire"	
<u>RESPONSE TO THE WORD</u>		
Prayers of the People (on screen)		
Affirmation of Faith (on screen)		Hymnal No. 881
<u>WORSHIPPING THROUGH GIVING</u>		
Invitation to Give		
Offertory		
†Doxology Hymnal No. 95 (Unison)	"Praise God, From Whom all Blessings Flow"	
Prayer of Thanksgiving (on screen)		
The Lord's Prayer	Hymnal No. 895	
† Hymn No. 117 (UMH)	"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"	
<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

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Reformation Sunday is an interesting event. In one sense, it has become an opportunity for all non-Catholic churches to celebrate their history that Luther and then others led in a break from the Roman influence in Europe. Some historians claim that it was on October 31 that Luther nailed the 95 Theses to the Wittenberg church door. So, this is the Sunday closest to that event.

It is important to note that The United Methodist Church is not a part of the Reform Church. Our origin is different, coming from the Church of England, which broke from the Roman Catholic Church for completely different reasons, having to do with a king who didn’t like pesky rules of marriage that the popes laid down. Technically, The United Methodist Church isn’t a Protestant Church. It is part of what is more properly called the Anglo-Catholic Tradition.

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/pressing-on/reformation-sunday-year-a-lectionary-planning-notes>