

Messy Church News

Remembering to Say “Thank You”

Bible Story: Luke 17:11–19

At Messy Church, we are learning how important it is to remember to say “Thank you!”

We are collecting individually wrapped candy to fill candy bowls for community helpers in our area. The bowls will be given to police officers, firefighters, 911 dispatchers, postal workers, city bus drivers, and others as a special way of saying “Thank you for all you do!”

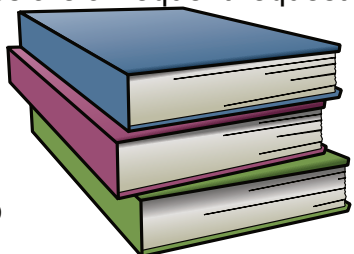
Please help by donating leftover Halloween candy or any other individually wrapped candy by November 15.

“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.” Psalm 107:1

Thank you for your continued devotion and support of Messy Church!

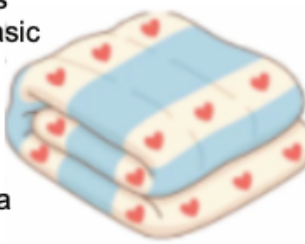
November Study Bible Donation Drive

For the month of November, the United Methodist Students are asking for donations of study Bibles for the Appalachian Prison Book Project (APBP), a non-profit that sends free books to people imprisoned in six Appalachian states (WV, VA, TN, KY, OH, MD). Study Bibles are a frequent request from prisoners, so APBP’s inventory is consistently low. Please note that we are only accepting new, softcover books – most facilities do not allow hardbacks and have strict rules on the condition of used books. We are encouraging donations of the Common English Bible (CEB) translation; however, the King James Version (KJV) is a frequent request, also. Please consider donating to help spread the good news of God’s love, grace, and mercy with all. Thank you!



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.



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 from Our Hearts

Martha and I want to express our heartfelt gratitude to each of you for the kindness, prayers, thoughtful gifts, notes, cards, and love each of you shared with us during Pastor Appreciation Month. Your encouragement and generosity touched us deeply and reminded us once again how blessed we are to serve such a caring church community.

Please know that we cherish your encouragement and hold each of you close in our hearts and prayers. Thank you for making this season so meaningful and for allowing us the privilege of walking alongside you in faith.

With heartfelt gratitude and love,

Bart and Martha

With Gratitude from the Clergy and CLM Staff

Thank you, Spruce Street, for the compassion, encouragement, and steadfast support you show us as your clergy and certified lay minister. We are deeply grateful for the privilege of sharing in ministry with you—serving our neighbors in Morgantown and extending Christ’s love through our blessed connection.

Please continue to hold us in your thoughts, hearts, and prayers, just as we hold each of you in ours. May God richly bless you for the many ways you care, serve, and walk alongside us.

With every blessing,

Bart and Eldon

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





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/>





All Saints Day

November 1, 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

82 In Person / 113 Online / Radio Est. 1440 / Offering \$ 4864.45 Budget \$4,879.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Radio Broadcast: To The Glory of God

Altar Flowers: In Loving Memory of Donald M Davis, by Rebecca, DL, Carol, Jessica, Daniel & Leon

Refreshments: Robyn Lindamood (8:30 & 10:45)

Liturgist: Robyn Lindamood (8:30 & 10:45)

Prayers for the People of God

Tia Biro	Dolly Cale
Jeff Carr	Tom Mersing
Doug Harman	Tammy Harvey
Teresa Johnson	Ruth Stokwell
Rubyann Downes	Slyvia Elmore
Bill Kennell	Connie Gaspar
Charlotte Murphy	Cheryl Poling
Fred Smith	Dawn Yost
Nancy Smith	Michael Hubbard

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, November 1	
8:30 AM	Worship Service (In Person)
9:45 AM	Sunday School
10:45 AM	Worship Service (In Person & Radio Broadcast)
Monday, November 2	
1:30 PM	Heritage Bible Study
Wednesday, November 4	
11:00 AM	Bible Study
6:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
Thursday, November 5	
9:00 AM	Chair Yoga
6:00 PM	Bell Choir
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir

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
Grace to you and peace from God who is, and was, and is to come. Amen. And from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and ruler of kings on earth. Amen. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen. <i>(Book of Worship)</i>		
† Hymn No. 708 (UMH)	"Rejoice in God's Saints"	
First Prayer		Liturgist
<i>We bless Your holy name, O God, for all Your servants who, having finished their course, now rest from their labors. Give us grace to follow the example of their steadfastness and faithfulness, to Your honor and glory, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.</i> <i>(Book of Worship)</i>		

PROCLAMATION

First Reading (insert)	1 John 3:1-3	Liturgist
Children's Moment		Lena Glowacky
Choral Anthem	"Jesus Is Coming Soon"	by Winsett
Gospel Reading (insert)	Matthew 5:1-12	Pastor Bart
Sermon	"Happy and Blessed"	Pastor Bart
† Hymn No. 2283 (TFWS)	"For All The Saints"	

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith Through Remembrance (on screen)

2026 All Saints
~In Memoriam~ There will be a ringing of a bell and a lighting of a candle

Don Davis	David Turley	Vonda Tharp
Don Hoskinson	Brian Hoskinson	Ray Hubbard
Donna Shogren	Brad Minton	Mark Calson
Francis Dalton	Bill Truman	Marie Kidd
Jerry Holt	Betty Jo Glendenig	Calvin Capicola
Lucy Labin	Anna "Bonnie" Yvonne Hawk	Bernice Nichols
Diane W. Walker	Layton	George Woffter

Litany of Memorials
Ever-living God, this day revives in us memories of loved ones who are no more. What happiness we shared when they walked among us. What joy, when, loving and being loved, we lived our lives together. Their memory is a blessing forever. Months or years may have passed, and still, we feel near to them. Our hearts yearn for them. Though the bitter grief has softened, a duller pain abides, for the place where once they stood is empty now. The links of life are broken, but the links of love and longing cannot break.

Their souls are bound up in ours forever.
We see them now with the eye of memory, their faults forgiven, their virtues grown larger. So does goodness live, and weakness fade from sight. We remember them with gratitude and bless their names.
Their memory is a blessing forever.
And we remember, as well, the members who, but yesterday, were part of our congregation and community. To all who cared for us and labored for all people, we pay tribute. May we prove worthy of carrying on the tradition of our faith, for now the task is ours.
Pray with me...
Their souls are bound up in ours forever. We give You thanks that they now live and reign with You. As a great crowd of witnesses, they surround us with their blessings, and offer You hymns of praise and thanksgiving. They are alive forever more. Amen. (Based on Jewish Memorial Prayer, U.S.A. 20th Cent.)

SERVICE OF TABLE

Invitation	
Prayer of Confession (on screen)	UMH #12
WORSHIPPING THROUGH GIVING	
Invitation to Give	
Offertory	
†Doxology Hymnal No. 95 (Unison)	"Praise God, From Whom all Blessings Flow"
Prayer of Thanksgiving (on screen)	
Great Thanksgiving Prayer (on screen)	
Great Thanksgiving for World Communion Sunday	
The Lord's Prayer	Hymnal No. 895
Sharing of the Sacrament	
† Hymn No. 712 (UMH)	"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

SENDING FORTH

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.

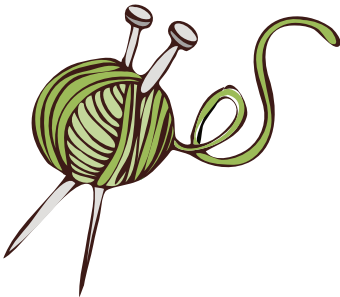
Postlude

All Saints

All Saints (November 1 or the first Sunday in November) is a day of remembrance for the saints, with the New Testament meaning of all Christian people of every time and place. We celebrate the communion of saints as we remember the dead, both of the Church universal and of our local congregations. For this reason, the names of persons in the congregation who have died during the past year may be solemnly read as a Response to the Word.

Yarn Ministry

A friendly reminder that crochet items and lap throws are available as needed. They are on display in Seeker's Hall. If you have a special request, please contact Carolyn Carr.



Lectionary Readings Sunday, November 8th

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Psalms 78:1-7

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

