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!"

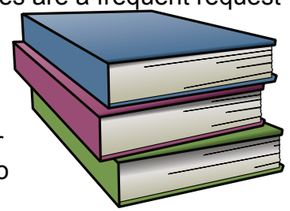
Please help by donating leftover Halloween candy or any other individually wrapped candy by November 15.

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

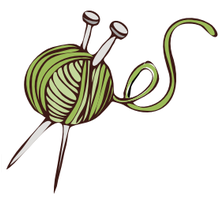
Thank you for your continued devotion and support of Messy Church!

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!



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.

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.

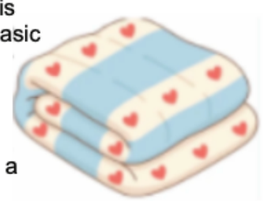
Dine-in: Freewill offering | Takeout: $10

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

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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.



UMM MEETING NOTICE

November 11, 2026

The Spruce Street UMM will meet this Wednesday at 6:00 at Eat n Park. Our guest will be Tara Cook, our newly appointed Administrative Assistant. Since 2023, Tara and her family have been supporting Roots of Mercy International, a Christian nonprofit ministry serving vulnerable children in Uganda. During that time, they have helped support the development of the ministry's first school and had the opportunity to travel to Uganda in February of 2026 to serve alongside the ministry and see its work first hand. Tara now serves on the organization's Board of Directors as Secretary, helping raise awareness and support for its mission to empower children through education, holistic care, and sharing the love of Jesus Christ. Through this work, Roots of Mercy International seeks to break the cycle of poverty and give children hope for a brighter future.

Please join us this Wednesday to listen in as Tara shares more about her family's inspiring work in Uganda. You do not want to miss this inspiring meeting.

Don't hesitate to reach out to Dan Erenrich for transportation if needed.

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 **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/

24th Sunday after Pentecost **November 8, 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 - November 1, 2026

81 In Person / 127 Online / Radio Est. 1440 / Offering $5,462.98 Budget $4,879.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Radio Broadcast: To The Glory of God

Altar Flowers: please sponsor

Refreshments: Judi McCracken (8:30)

Liturgist: Greg McCracken (8:30) & Dan Erenrich (10:45)

Prayers for the People of God

Tia Biro
Jeff Carr
Doug Harman
Teresa Johnson
Rubyann Downes
Bill Kennell
Charlotte Murphy
Fred Smith
Nancy Smith
Dolly Cale
Tom Mersing
Tammy Harvey
Ruth Stokwell
Slyvia Elmore
Connie Gaspar
Cheryl Poling
Dawn Yost
Michael Hubbard
Ernie Carlson
Tim Moats
Chasity Goodwin
Penny Turley
Susan Presley
Terry Lee Price
Charlytte Rodeheaver

THIS WEEK AT SPRUCE STREET UMC	
Sunday, November 8	
8:30 AM	Worship Service (In Person)
9:45 AM	Sunday School
10:45 AM	Worship Service (In Person & Radio Broadcast)
Monday, November 9	
6:00 PM	SPPRC
Tuesday, November 10	
6:00 PM	UWIF
Wednesday, November 11	
11:00 AM	Bible Study
6:00 PM	UMM
Thursday, November 12	
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

Family of God, rejoice! The kingdom of God is all around us!
We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand.
Sometimes we grow weary in the waiting, and we wonder if we are watching and working for nothing.
We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand.
Sometimes God surprises, and we are overwhelmed by joy and wonder at all God is doing among us.
We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand.
Family of God, whether you are weary or energized, worried or wonder-filled, rejoice! The kingdom of God is all around us!
We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

† Hymn No. 662 (UMH) — "Stand up and Bless the Lord"

First Prayer — Liturgist

Prayer for a New Heart,
You who are over us, You who are one of us, You who are: Give me a pure heart, that I may see You; a humble heart, that I may hear You; a heart of love, that I may serve You; a heart of faith, that I may abide in You. Amen. *(Book of Worship)*

PROCLAMATION

First Reading — Psalm 78:1-7 — Liturgist

1 Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2 I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,
3 things that we have heard and known,
that our ancestors have told us.
4 We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord and his might
and the wonders that he has done.
5 He established a decree in Jacob
and appointed a law in Israel,
which he commanded our ancestors
to teach to their children,
6 that the next generation might know them,
the children yet unborn,
and rise up and tell them to their children,
7 so that they should set their hope in God,
and not forget the works of God,
but keep his commandments;

Children's Moment — Carolyn Carr

Choral Anthem — "His Eye Is On the Sparrow" — by Manuel

Second Reading — Romans 12: 9-21 — Rev. Devan Voight

9 Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; 10 love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. 11 Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. 12 Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. 13 Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. 14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. 16 Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly;[a] do not claim to be wiser than you are. 17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. 18 If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. 19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God,[b] for it is written, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord.” 20 Instead, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Sermon — "Love In Action" — Rev. Devan Voight

† Hymn No. 405 (UMH) — "Seek Ye First"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith UCC Creed (on screen) — Hymnal No. 883 — CLM

Prayer of Confession (on screen) — CLM

WORSHIPPING THROUGH GIVING

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. 369 (UMH) — "Blessed Assurance"

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

Welcome Guest Pastor Devan Voight!

Devan Voight serves as a board certified chaplain with Ruby Memorial Hospital's Cancer Institute. Devan has worked as a chaplain for eight years, caring for a variety of patients, including behavioral health and substance use disorder. He and his Wife, Vivian, moved to Morgantown six years ago from Wilmington, North Carolina.

Lectionary Readings Sunday, November 15th

Judges 4:1-7

Psalm 123

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30



Advent Study

Mark your calendars! Join us for a special Advent Study on December 1, 8, 15, and 22 from 12:00–12:50 PM. Lunch will be provided! We hope to see you there!

Thank You!

A heartfelt thank you to Gale Truman for dedicating the radio broadcast to the pastors. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated by both of us.
With sincere gratitude,
Pastor Bart and Eldon

Pastor Bart’s D.Min. Project Team Meetings

Meetings will take place on December 5th and 12th from 10:00 AM–12:00 PM.

If you want to come learn about spiritual formation practices the time will be open to those who are prayerfully curious.