

CALENDAR

(see our full calendar on our website)

Weekly

- Sunday: services at 8:30 and 10:45am, Sunday School at 9:45am
- Wednesday: Bible Study at 11am (in-person or Zoom), Prayer Meeting at 6pm
- Thursday: Chair Yoga at 10am, Choir Practice at 7pm, Handbells TBD

Monthly

- **Messy Church** 3rd Sunday at 5:30PM for the whole family
- First Sunday: Holy Communion
- First Monday: Bible Study at Heritage
- Second Monday: Worship at Harmony
- Second Wednesday: United Methodist Men at 6pm at Eat N Park
- Third weekend: Circle of Friends Grab N Go meals 4-5pm
- Fourth Tuesday: United Women in Faith at 6pm
- Children's Church: Sept-May
- Campus Ministry

Yearly

- Ash Wednesday Worship outside
- First Sunday in October: Pet Blessing Service outside
- Community Awareness Walks for Alzheimer's and Special Olympics

On Going

- Headstart Partner with special Book and Towel Christmas Gifts
- United Way Support
- Scott's Run Settlement House
- Celebration of Mission Event
- United Methodist Committee on Relief
- Support CASA



Office Hours:
M-Th, 9am-1pm

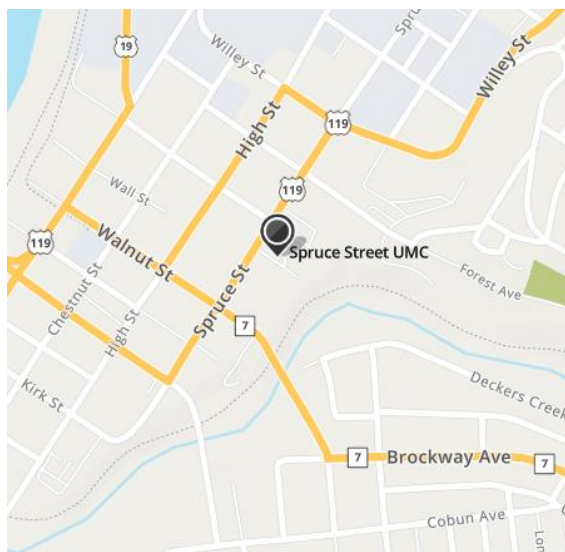
Sunday Services:

8:30am

10:45am*

Children's Church 10:45AM

10:45AM Service is on *Facebook live and radio broadcast on 92.1 FM and 1300 AM and on Mixlr



Located on the corner of Spruce Street and Fayette Street, beside the Farmer's Market Pavilion.

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SPRUCE STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

“A Church at the Heart of
Morgantown
with a Heart for Morgantown”

Welcome to our Jesus community
at Spruce Street United
Methodist Church.

We believe all are beloved
children of God.

We want to walk with you on
your journey of faith.

The Disciples @SSUMC

The **United Women in Faith** is open to women from all walks of life. The organization's purpose is: To know God, experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, develop a creative, supportive, fellowship, and expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Lent Lunch Study every lent we use the six weeks to get ready for Easter with a time of reflection and learning.

Advent Study a four week session to prepare for the coming of the Christ Child before Christmas.

Parent's Place Home we are the home for the Parents Place Pre-School.

Play Dates our church sponsors play dates for kids follow us on FACEBOOK for latest outings.

Bible Study takes a look at the liturgical scriptures for the coming Sunday. Attendance is open in-person or via Zoom and lasts about 90 minutes.

Choir and Handbells are always looking for new members that are interested in sharing their talents.

Chair Yoga is a 45-minutes class that adapts traditional yoga practice with seated and standing yoga postures with a chair. Class is free, open to all ages and abilities, and taught by Deborah Layton who has been practicing yoga since 1995 and teaching since 2004.

United Methodist Men meet the second Wednesday of the month at Eat N Park. Join us!

**Baptisms, visits, funerals, weddings, and other services available at request. Contact the church office for more info.*

The Sacraments of the Church

BAPTISM

Brief Definition of Baptism: This is Sacrament (God's pledge to be present with us) in which we are born anew by the free gift of God and placed within the family (community) called church. Also, through baptism, we become part of the unfolding story of God's grace.

We are asked in all our Baptismal services the following: *Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's Holy Church -We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price. We are asked further to be a follower of Jesus (a Disciple) with these Baptismal vows:*

1. On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?
2. Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?
3. Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church, which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

The Answer to All Three is "I-Do Or YES"

Gifts of Love

Spruce Street UMC collects gently used and new kitchen, bath, and bedding items to help our community members set up in a home for the first time or those starting over following life transitions. This ministry is open to all community members, year-round. If you are transitioning out of dorm housing or from home to a place of your own and are in need, please come see us! And please keep us in mind to donate items at the end of the semester!

Circle of Friends

Circle of Friends is a group of volunteers that provide food for those in need in Morgantown. Meals are served from 4-5PM every weekend at the following locations:

1st Weekend: 1st Presbyterian Church

2nd Weekend: Wesley UMC

3rd Weekend: Spruce St UMC

4th Weekend: Lutheran Campus Chapel

5th Weekend: Wesley UMC

Note: We practice infant baptism and offer confirmation classes to the children when they come of age. We offer adult membership classes for people who come to faith at later ages. We also practice all age baptism.

Holy Communion

The other sacrament we practice is Holy Communion. Again a sacrament is a sign and symbol of God's covenant with the Church and each of its members. It is a promise of God's self-giving love for us within the community of the Church in the world. Holy Communion is a re-presentation of God's love for the world in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. When we come to the table to receive the bread and cup we remember Jesus' breaking bread with sinners, tax collectors, prostitutes, lepers, Pharisees, Scribes, and Gentiles. We remember the feeding of the five thousand when everyone was fed. Christ invites everyone to his table where he gives himself away. He supplies the grace we need to repent of our sin and to receive the forgiveness and healing we need to live and serve with Christ in the world. This is the sacrament of nourishment that sustains us in our mission to be disciples of Christ in the community and world. In our Church, everyone is welcome to the table. All are invited to come and be a part of the hope and peace found through this grand channel of divine grace in the Holy Meal of bread and wine.

HOW TO JOIN THE CHURCH

- Becoming a United Methodist begins with a desire to grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ as part of a local congregation. For United Methodists, being baptized and committing to active participation in a church community are the first steps to becoming a member.
- Baptism marks the beginning of our lifelong journey as disciples of Jesus Christ. In baptism, we are initiated into the Christian church and incorporated into the community of God's people, the body of Christ. Those who have never been baptized will receive the sacrament of baptism before becoming members. Those previously baptized will reaffirm the Baptismal Covenant as part of their membership vows.
- In those vows, we promise to faithfully live out the call to serve Christ through our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.
- Talk with a pastor about what it means to be a member and how to begin your faith journey as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Do Justly. Love Kindness. Walk Humbly.