

Welcome to Spruce Street United Methodist Church

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



Pentecost Sunday
Aldersgate Sunday
Heritage Sunday

May 19, 2024

Worship 8:30AM and 10:45AM
Children's Church 10:45AM
Sunday School 9:40AM



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(**indicates to stand if able)

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

Our Loving, Learning, Leading Prayer

God, as You lead us on this journey, may we faithfully follow the pathway of love and kindness built on Jesus Christ, the solid rock. Open our hearts to love everyone always. Open our minds to slow down and focus on Your will. Open our doors to welcome and share Christ's great commission, while making disciples of each of us. May we be led by You, putting You first in our lives and in all our endeavors. Amen.

****CALL TO WORSHIP**

LITURGIST

I feel something in this place! It feels like fire burning within!
It feels fresh and exciting! It feels like fire burning within!
It feels like uncontainable joy! It feels like fire burning within!
It is fire burning within! We are on fire and the world can't
put it out!

by The Rev. B. Kevin Smalls

****HYMN**

Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire

UM #603

1. Come, Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire, let us thine influence prove; source of the old prophetic fire, fountain of life and love.
2. Come, Holy Ghost (for moved by thee the prophets wrote and spoke), unlock the truth, thyself the key, unseal the sacred book.
3. Expand thy wings, celestial Dove, brood o'er our nature's night; on our disordered spirits move and let there now be light.
4. God, through the Spirit we shall know if thou within us shine, and sound, with all thy saints below, the depths of love divine.

FIRST PRAYER

LITURGIST

O God, who plucked as a brand from the burning Your servant John Wesley that he might kindle the flame of love in our hearts and illuminate our minds: Grant us such a warming of

our hearts that we, being set afire by holy love, may spread its flame to the uttermost parts of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (GCAH)

PROCLAMATION

FIRST READING John 15:26-27 and 16:4b-15 LITURGIST

26 'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, He will testify on My behalf. 27 You also are to testify because you have been with Me from the beginning.

John 16:4b-15

4 But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes, you may remember that I told you about them.

5 'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. 6 But now I am going to Him who sent Me; yet none of you asks Me, "Where are you going?" 7 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. 8 Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. 9 And when He comes, He will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: 10 about sin, because they do not believe in Me; 11 about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see Me no longer; 12 about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

13 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 14 When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own, but will speak whatever He hears, and He will declare to you the things that are to come. 15 He will glorify Me because He will take what is Mine and declare it to you. 16 All that the Father has is Mine. For this reason, I said that He will take what is Mine and declare it to you.

ANTHEM Gentle, Gentle Spirit Mengel

CHILDREN'S MOMENT PASTOR

PRAYER FOR ALDERSGATE-HERITAGE SUNDAY David Weaver

Almighty God, in a time of apathy and great need, You raised up Your servants Susanna, Charles, and John Wesley. Your Spirit kindled a flame of holy love that leaped, ran, and

detonated as an inextinguishable blaze that warmed the hearts of faithful people all over the world.

Grant that all whose hearts have been warmed at these altar fires, lit this morning, may continue to be refreshed by Your grace. May the flames of God's love engulf our hearts so much that we become devoted to the mission of spreading scriptural holiness and making disciples of Jesus Christ in this time of need and cultural religious apathy in our communities, lands, and homes, Amen.

SECOND READING **Ephesians 3:14-21** **David Weaver**

14 For this reason, I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in Heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of His glory, He may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through His Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

20 Now to Him, who, by the power at work within us, is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

PENTECOST READING **Acts 2:1-21** **PASTOR**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and

the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’ ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’ ¹³But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ “In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon My slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out My Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

SERMON

FIRE!!! FIRE!!!

PASTOR

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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UMH #s 14, 15, 16

**HYMN

There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in this Place UM # 334

Refrain

**Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet Heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, Filling us with Your love,
And for these blessings We lift our hearts in praise,
Without a doubt we’ll know That we have been revived
When we shall leave this place.**

**1 There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the spirit of the Lord; (REFRAIN)**

**2 There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord. (REFRAIN)**

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

David Weaver

Almighty God, You have raised up servants to proclaim the gift of redemption and a life of holiness. You called our spiritual forebears, Susanna, John, and Charles Wesley; Barbara Heck, Francis Asbury, Jacob Albright, Philip William Otterbein, and Martin Boehm, to do ministry inspired by Your Spirit. We give thanks for their ministry that through their difficulties, and despite their human weaknesses; Lord, You were their hope and their salvation.

You led them and those who followed to create the heritage that is ours. We praise You for the women and men, young and old, who came after them, who gave themselves unselfishly for the welfare of the Church and world, whose commitment and vision encouraged and supported the ministry of the Church.

We thank You for their talents, enthusiasm, idealism, and dedication, which infused the Church with energy and flame. Their outstanding gifts and witness shape our thought and lives. And we praise You for these countless members of Your Church, whose names we now remember... Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Eldon Callen, CLM

Sisters and brothers, be mindful of the three general rules of the people called Methodist which are Do No Harm - Do Good - and Stay in Love with God. The first rule asks us to do no harm, by avoiding evil of every kind; the second rule asks us to do as much good as we can to all people, and the third rule asks us to participate in all the sacraments and ordinances of God, which are the means of grace and how we stay in love with God. Thus, by accepting God's grace and following the general rules, we renew our covenant to be friends, followers, and disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eldon Callen, CLM

You, O Lord, have called us to watch and pray. Therefore, whatever may be the sin against which we pray, make us careful to watch against it, and so have reason to expect that our prayers will be answered. In order to perform this duty aright, grant us grace to preserve a sober, equal temper, and sincerity to pray for Your assistance. Amen. (SUSANNA WESLEY, ENGLAND, 18TH CENT., ALT.)

WORSHIPPING THROUGH GIVING

INVITATION TO GIVE

Eldon Callen, CLM

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

UM #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(On Screen)

Eldon Callen, CLM

May our offerings today be a testament to our faith in Your promise of Pentecost fire and its renewal and restoration. Amen. (Discipleship Ministries)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UM #895

Eldon Callen, CLM

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

**HYMN

Spirit of the Living God

UM # 539

1 O Spirit of the living God, Thou light and fire divine,
descend upon thy church once more, and make it truly Thine.
Fill it with love and joy and power, with righteousness and peace;
till Christ shall dwell in human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease.

2 Blow, wind of God! With wisdom blow until our minds are free from mists of error, clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to thee. Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips with flaming love and zeal, to preach to all thy great good news, God's glorious commonweal.

3 Teach us to utter living words of truth which all may hear, the language all may understand when love speaks loud and clear; till every age and race and clime shall blend their creeds in one, and earth shall form one family by whom thy will is done.

4 So shall we know the power of Christ who came this world to save; so shall we rise with him to life which soars beyond the grave; and earth shall win true holiness, which makes Thy children whole; till, perfected by Thee, we reach creation's glorious goal!

SENDING FORTH

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

PASTOR

May the fire of Pentecost change you today and every day with a true passion to let the Holy Spirit enable each of us to be more like Jesus with our hearts continually and strangely warmed.

BLESSING

PASTOR

When the Holy Spirit touches us, we can never be the same. God comes to us in the presence of the Holy Spirit that we might be enabled to do God's will in the world.

Change us, Lord, so that we might feel the presence of the Holy Spirit. Set our hearts on fire for You, not just today, but every day!!!! Amen.

POSTLUDE

THE WORSHIP HAS CONCLUDED, OUR SERVICE BEGINS

PENTECOST EXPERIENCE

The Day of Pentecost is the fiftieth and last day of the Easter Season, when the Church received the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2). This is the Birthday of the Church.

ALDRSGATE EXPERIENCE

On Wednesday, May 24, 1738, John Wesley experienced his “heart strangely warmed.” This Aldersgate experience was crucial for his own life and became a touchstone for the Wesleyan movement.

RADIO, WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE

Listen on **1300am** and **92.1FM**

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<http://mixlr.com/sprucestreetumc/> to connect to hear the live stream of our worship.

Please remember to sign up in Seeker’s Hall for radio and altar flowers, refreshment sponsors, and for liturgists!

Post-Service Refreshments Thank you Bart!

Altar Flowers *Please remember to sign up in Seeker’s Hall for altar flowers.*

Radio Broadcast

In Honor of Mildred McCracken’s Birthday ~Greg and Judi McCracken

How to Give Online: www.givelify.com/givers/

THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 19	Worship & Christian Formation	
	Circle of Friends	4PM
	Messy Church	5:30PM
Monday, May 20	Finance	6PM
	Trustees	7PM
Tuesday, May 21	UWF	6PM
Wednes. May 22	Bible Study	11AM
	Prayer Mtg. ZOOM	6PM
Thursday, May 9	Chair Yoga	10AM
	Choir	7PM

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD:

(Prayer updates can be shared with Carolyn Carr at cdccarr@yahoo.com)

- Charlotte Murphy
- Rich Hilleary
- Mike Glowacky
- Ken Shanes
- Penny Turley
- Mike Grant
- Judy Harman
- David Martinelli
- Eva Faulkner
- Doug Stanger
- Linda Bowers
- Stanley Dahmer
- Dolly Cale
- Gloria Medina
- Eileen Ford
- Fred Smith
- Kelsey Stancliff
- Bill Peterjohn & family of Sue Olcott
- Susan Eddy
- Linda Sweetman
- Sharon Richman
- Traci Ashcroft

(The long-term prayer list can be found in the current Newsletter on our website under News and More)

The Staff at Spruce Street UMC

- Pastor Rev. Bart R. Thompson
- Lay Minister Eldon Callen
- Choir Director Dr. Sam Spears
- Organist Dr. Marguerite Bostonia



We need a few volunteers to help with the bulletins on Wednesdays & Thursdays. If you're like to help, please contact Pastor Bart or Cathy. Thank you.



SSUMC ANNOUNCEMENTS



We want to recognize the hard work of our graduates of High School and College on June 2nd. 🏠 If you are graduating or if you have a child who is graduating, please let us know. Write the graduate's name and the school on one of the contact cards and write Grad on the top of the card. You may place the card in the offering plate or give it to Pastor Bart. 🏠

MAY BRINGS BABY SHOWERS

At Spruce Street, traditionally, May has been our month to collect items for the Scotts Run Settlement House Baby Pantry in honor of Mother's Day. The United Women in Faith are asking everyone to bring diapers, baby formula, baby wipes, pediatric electrolyte solution, baby food, and cereal.

MUSIC GIVING

Special giving this month for the music program. Please use the envelopes found in the bulletin for this special offering.

THERE'S A NEW THING GOING ON

Consider being a greeter on Sundays to serve the church and the Lord.

- You will be the most welcoming person in the church.
- People will be happy to receive a bulletin with a smile from you.
- Greeters will need to arrive 15 minutes before the service.
- Sign up in Seekers Hall today to be a greeter for SSUMC.

CARNATION SALES - sale ends June 9th

Father's Day is on its way; It is time for us to say;

The UMM has a carnation sale that runs until June the ninth.

More information about the sale and the form to complete is in the bulletin today.

May 27, 2024

Holiday Community Meal

Before Covid, we helped Suncrest UMC to provide a meal on some holidays. The first one will be on Monday, May 27th, Memorial Day at the pavilion on Spruce Street from 11 - 3. We will provide tables and chairs and help set up. Suncrest UMC is providing the main part of the meal. If you would like to donate, please sign up on the sign-up sheets in Seekers Hall. If you're able to help on that day, please let Carolyn Carr know. Thank you for your support & love.

June 30, 2024

Church Potluck Dinner

Everyone's invited to participate in our potluck dinner. Bring your favorite dish and enjoy family time with your Church family. Sign up is optional, and The dinner will be after the second service downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

July 22, 23, and 24

Vacation Bible School

THEME: LOVE GOD- LOVE NEIGHBOR- LOVE SELF We are working with Wesley UMC for an all age and all family Messy VBS.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS 🕒 Mark your calendars for **May 18-19**

Thank you to all who support this ministry. If you'd like to serve, please contact Carolyn Carr at cdccarr@yahoo.com. **We're serving a meal today at 4.**

GIFTS OF LOVE ❤️ If you have items to donate, please bring them to the church or contact Carolyn Carr if you need help.

PRAYER CHAIN 🙏🙏 If you'd like to be a part of this, please send your email address-to Carolyn Carr cdccarr@yahoo.com

YARN MINISTRIES 🧶 Prayer shawls, squares, cozies, angels, & crosses in my pocket are available to you as desired.



TONIGHT, at 5:30PM, come to SSUMC as you are to Messy Church, and bring some friends with you.

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

Pastor Bart and Pastor Martha will be on vacation from May 21st-May 30th. Eldon, our CLM, will be providing pastoral care coverage on those days, and will preach on May 26th at SSUMC. Please call Eldon if you have an emergency on these days at these numbers: 304-290-7142 ** or 304-599-5995
** preferred phone number