

# Welcome to Spruce Street United Methodist Church

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



Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

June 23, 2024

Worship 8:30AM and 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

Beloved, when sorrow and hardship abound and events across an ocean and down the block shake our resolve and make us question what good the good news is evening doing, God calls to us...

**Open your heart.**

When fear and misinformation infiltrate our relationships, and we don't know who to trust or how to do the next right thing, God calls to us...

**Open your heart.**

When joy overflows, and we witness the fruit of grace all around us, transforming our lives and our communities into places of connection and flourishing, God calls to us...

**Open your heart.**

May this time of worship be for each of us a time to listen to God's call to open our hearts and accept the divine invitation to say yes to the work of grace in us, among us, and all around us.

**God, we open our hearts to receive Your gift of grace, knowing You hold us securely in the palm of Your hands that we might have the courage to live in vulnerable community with You and one another. Amen.**

*(Discipleship Ministries)*

**\*\*HYMN**

*Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me*

UM #509

1. Je-sus, Sav-ior, p-ilot me  
o-ver life's tem-pe-stuous sea;  
un-known waves be-fore me roll,  
hid-ing rock and treach-erous shoal.  
Chart and com-pass came from thee;  
Je-sus, Sav-ior, pi-lot me.

2. As a moth-er stills her child,  
 thou canst hush the o-cean wild;  
 bois-terous waves o-bey thy will,  
 when thou sayest to them, "Be still!"  
 Won-drous sov-ereign of the sea,  
 Je-sus, Savior, pilot me.
  
3. When at last I near the shore,  
 and the fear-ful break-ers roar  
 'twixt me and the peace-ful rest,  
 then, while lean-ing on thy breast,  
 may I hear thee say to me,  
 "Fear not, I will pi-lot thee."

FIRST PRAYER

LITURGIST

Holy God, we extol and honor You for who You are. We praise You for Your faithfulness and for Your tender mercies that are renewed every morning. We exalt You, Sovereign One, for every blessing of yesterday, the gift of this day, and the promises of our tomorrows. Grant us an enduring faith as we strive against oppression and despair. Endow us with contagious joy that uplifts the downtrodden and inspires hope in you. Increase in us the faith and courage of the prophets, the love of Jesus, and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. In your majestic name we pray, Amen. *(Discipleship Ministries)*

PROCLAMATION

FIRST READING

**2 Corinthians 6:1-13**

LITURGIST

6 <sup>1</sup> As we work together with Him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup> For He says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! <sup>3</sup> We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are

true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see--we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. <sup>11</sup> We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. <sup>12</sup> There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. <sup>13</sup> In return--I speak as to children--open wide your hearts also.

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Fantasy Negre in B Minor*  
by Florence B. Price

*Piano solo by*  
Ashley Lewis

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Carolyn Carr

\*\*GOSPEL READING

**Mark 4:35-41**

LAY MINISTER

<sup>35</sup> On that day, when evening had come, He said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' <sup>36</sup> And leaving the crowd behind, they took Him with them in the boat, just as He was. Other boats were with Him. <sup>37</sup> A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. <sup>38</sup> But He was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke Him up and said to Him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' <sup>39</sup> He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup> He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' <sup>41</sup> And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?'

SERMON

FAITH, THE WORD, THE WAY

LAY MINISTER

\*\*HYMN

*Through It All*  
(sing twice)

UM #507

Through it all,  
Through it all,  
I've learned to trust in Je-sus,  
I've learned to trust in God.

Through it all,  
Through it all,  
I've learned to de-pend upon God's word.

(sing again)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTOR

UNITED METHODIST MEN PRESENTATION

PASTOR/Don Davis

10:45 AM

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from 1 JOHN 5:1-6

(On Screen)

(Responsive Reading)

LAY MINISTER

**We believe that Jesus is the Christ.**

We believe that Jesus is the Christ who was born of God and that everyone who loves the parent loves the child.

**If anybody asks you who I am, tell'em I'm a child of God.**

As children of God, we love God and obey God's commandments. It is not burdensome for us to love ourselves. It is not burdensome for us to love our neighbors. Whatever is born of God conquers the world.

**Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?**

We believe in God the Father.

**If anybody asks you who I am, tell'em I'm a child of God.**

As children of God, who are born of God, we can conquer the systems of this world. Our faith will give us the victory over inadequate schools, drug trafficking in our neighborhoods, drive-by shootings, the criminal justice system, a materialistic culture, and a media that portrays us as being less than children of God. Whoever is born of God conquers the world.

**Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?**

We believe in the Holy Spirit. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

**If anybody asks you who I am, tell'em I'm a child of God.**

**We testify . . .**

. . . About those who came by the waters of the Atlantic Ocean, about those who crossed the Delaware and the Ohio Rivers, about those who lived in the swamp waters of Florida and Louisiana, seeking the truth of God's freedom.

**We testify . . .**

. . . About those who came through the waters of Katrina and about the systemic poverty and political racism that caused the humiliation and dispersion of our people.

**We testify . . .**

. . . About the blood of those who were lynched, about Emmett Till, about the blood of those who lost their lives so that we might have a right to the tree of life.

**We testify . . .**

. . . About the one who came by water, blood, and Spirit, Jesus Christ. Whoever is born of God conquers the world.

**Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?**

**We believe. Amen.**

*(Discipleship Ministries)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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**Lord, examine our hearts with honesty. Find any impure way in us. Help us to find Your search of us to be kind and forgiving as You tell us the ways we've disobeyed You.** *(Charles Teixeira)*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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Jesus knows our every weakness and loves us still. Awaken to the promise of Christ's amazing grace.

**We believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

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

**Gracious God, as we bring our offerings before You in this Pentecost season, we acknowledge the gift of your grace, freely given and yet calling us to respond. Help us not to accept Your grace in vain, but to let it bear fruit in our lives and in our communities. May our actions reflect the transforming power**

of Your grace as we open our hearts to love, to vulnerability, and to relationships. Help our faith to guide us to You and Your purposes always seeking Your will as we pray in the Name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, 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.

(THE LORD'S PRAYER UM #895)

(2 Corinthians 6:1-13)

*(Discipleship Ministries)*

**\*\*HYMN**

*Stand By Me*

UM #512

1. When the storms of life are rag-ing,  
stand by me; (stand by me)  
when the storms of life are rag-ing,  
stand by me. (stand by me)  
When the world is tos-sing me,  
like a ship up-on the sea,  
thou who rul-est wind and wa-ter,  
stand by me. (stand by me)
2. In the midst of trib-u-la-tion,  
stand by me; (stand by me)  
in the midst of trib-u-la-tion,  
stand by me. (stand by me)  
When the host of hell as-sail,  
and my strength be-gins to fail,  
thou who ne-ver lost a bat-tle,  
stand by me. (stand by me)
3. In the midst of faults and fail-ures,  
stand by me; (stand by me)  
in the midst of faults and fail-ures  
stand by me; (stand by me)  
when I've done the best I can,  
and my friends mis-un-der-stand,  
thou who know-est all a-bout me,  
stand by me. (stand by me)
4. In the midst of per-se-cu-tion,

stand by me; (stand by me)  
in the midst of per-se-cu-tion,  
stand by me. (stand by me)  
when my foes in war ar-ray  
un-der-take to stop my way,  
thou who sav-ed Paul and Si-las  
stand by me. (stand by me)

5. When I'm grow-ing old and fee-ble,  
stand by me; (stand by me)  
when I'm grow-ing old and fee-ble,  
stand by me. (stand by me)  
When my life be-comes a bur-den,  
and I'm near-ing chil-ly Jor-dan,  
O thou Lil-y of the Val-ley  
stand by me. (stand by me)

#### SENDING FORTH

#### CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

LAY MINISTER

This week may you remember that it is by grace that you're saved, through faith. It's not of your own doing—it's a gift of God through the work of the Holy Spirit. May the same power that raised Christ from the dead be at work within you and flow out from you, today and every day.

#### BLESSING

LAY MINISTER

May Peace, Joy, Love be the fruit of our faith, so that we are "Happy the souls who first believed, To Jesus and each other cleaved, Joined by the unction from above, In mystic fellowship of love!" Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

*(Ch. Wesley, Hymns [1780], 16) (Romans 15:13)*

#### POSTLUDE

**THE WORSHIP HAS CONCLUDED, OUR SERVICE BEGINS**



## 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.

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

Post-Service Refreshments 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Birthday Party

Altar Flowers *Please Remember to sign up in Seekers Hall.*

Radio Broadcast *Please Remember to sign up in Seekers Hall.*

How to Give Online: [www.givelify.com/givers/](http://www.givelify.com/givers/)

### The Staff at Spruce Street UMC

- Pastor Rev. Bart R. Thompson
- Lay Minister Eldon A. Callen
- Organist Dr. Marguerite Bostonia
- Choir Director Ashley Lewis



Love ♡ God, Love ♡ Neighbor, Love ♡ Self

A FAMILY VBS FOR ALL AGES

July 22, 23 @ Wesley UMC  
and July 24 @ Spruce St UMC for a cookout!  
6pm-7:30pm

A MEAL, A MOMENT OF WORSHIP, ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD:

(Prayer updates can be shared with Carolyn Carr at

[cdccarr@yahoo.com](mailto:cdccarr@yahoo.com)

- David Martinelli
- Eva Faulkner
- Stanley Dahmer
- Dolly Cale
- Gloria Medina
- Eileen Ford
- Fred Smith
- Kelsey Stancliff
- Susan Eddy
- Linda Sweetman
- Sharon Richman
- Traci Ashcroft
- Art Ford
- Pam & Chris James
- Perry Barr
- Debbie Patton
- Linda Bowers
- Jeannette Stanger
- Dottie Harman
- Connie Erenrich
- Stephen Grant
- Teresa Johnson
- Jeannie LeMasters
- Sandra Britton
- Bob Beach
- Ray & Carolyn Hubbard
- Nathan Drumheller
- Mildred McCracken
- Michael Hubbard

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

### THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 23	Worship & Christian Formation	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Birthday Parties after services	
Tuesday, June 25	UWF	6PM
Thursday June 27	Yoga	10AM

### Goodbye Gift for Bishop Sandra

Our Bishop has completed 12 years of service in the West Virginia Area. We do not know if she will return. We can only hope and pray that the Jurisdictional Conference will send her back to us. Nonetheless, if you would like to give her an appreciation gift for her years of service; we are, once again, sponsoring a hole in the *Bishop's Chalice Challenge*. The proceeds go towards the endowment for campus ministry at West Virginia Wesleyan College. Our goal is to raise \$250 for the hole and maybe a little extra to thank Bishop for her leadership, kindness, love, witness, faith, and service. You can use the givelify app, or place your donation in the offering plate with the golf club located in the sanctuary.



## SSUMC ANNOUNCEMENTS



June 30, 2024

NEXT WEEK

**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. Drinks will be provided. 😊

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. Messy Church will be combined with VBS in July. There will be no Messy Church in August.

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.

**CIRCLE OF FRIENDS** 🕊️ Thank you to all who support this ministry. We served about 95 meals last weekend. Our next weekend is July 20-21. If you would like to serve, please contact Carolyn Carr at [cdccarr@yahoo.com](mailto:cdccarr@yahoo.com)

**GIFTS OF LOVE** ❤️

Thank you for your prayers & support. Besides our basic list we currently need cookware, pots & pans, bath towels, glasses, & insect repellent. 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](mailto:cdccarr@yahoo.com)

**YARN MINISTRIES** 🧶 Prayer shawls, squares, cozies, angels, & crosses in my pocket are available to you as desire. The Crochet Ministry will not meet on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

**“School Coverage:** I am going to go to school the next two weeks in Pittsburgh. I am attending the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, and I will be here next Sunday and the Sunday after. But, while I am out of the office, our CLM Eldon Callen is in charge. Please call him at 304-292-3359 or 304-290-7142 if you need any pastoral care. Thanks, Pastor Bart”

## 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.

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

## NEWS

- **Welcome Ashley Lewis as our new Choir Director.**
- **Welcome back Pastor Bart for year 4 starting July 1.**
- **The Crochet Group with not meet on June 25<sup>th</sup>.**

We have one (1) scholarship for anyone who wishes to train for the (ERT) Early Response Team. Remember the **Early Response Teams** (ERTs) are specially trained to respond during the relief period following disasters by performing specific tasks that address families' immediate needs in order to ready homes for long-term recovery. If you are interested in the Scholarship, please contact Pastor Bart at 304-813-7213. We want to thank Dr. Marguerite Bostonia for her gift of the Scholarship.

**July 4, 2024 Independence Day: community meal with Suncrest UMC.** Thank you to everybody who participated in our community meal from Memorial Day. The community meal began several years ago because meals were not available to the homeless on holidays. It became a wonderful way to interact with not only our homeless community, but also with our friends at Suncrest United Methodist Church. Our next meal will be on July 4. We will set up at 11. The meal will be from 11:30 to 1:30 and we then we will clean up. SSUMC will take care of the desserts and the drinks and provide the chairs and tables for the meal. If you are interested in helping, sign-up in Seekers Hall or contact Carolyn Carr.