

Welcome to Spruce Street United Methodist Church

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



Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

June 16, 2024

Worship 8:30AM and 10:45AM
Sunday School 9:40AM

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Office Hours: Mon-Thur, 9am-1pm

(**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

In a day when so many men are absent, we cherish the love of our good men and good fathers.

Thank God for good fathers and good men who comfort and encourage.

Thank God for fathers and good men who build character and inspire us to greatness.

Thank God for fathers and good men who teach morality and model decency.

Thank God for fathers and good men who lovingly teach boys to become good men and through love inspire their girls to become good women.

Thank God for brave fathers and good men who have the courage to resist being absent. Lord, on this Father's Day, may we encourage more men in our community to be involved with their families at home, in the church, and in the society.

****HYMN**

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

UM #540

FIRST PRAYER

LITURGIST

O Lord Our Heavenly Father: You, who adopt orphan children and care for the widows; You stand at the door staring at the horizon, desiring that your prodigal children come home. Bless fathers and men everywhere this day that the orphans may have role models, that the widows may be provided what they need, that the future men may see Christ reflected in the love of piggy-back rides and hard-learned lessons, Through Christ and the Spirit to the Father, Amen.

PROCLAMATION

FIRST READING

PSALM 20

LITURGIST

SPECIAL MUSIC

You Will Always Be a Child in His Eyes

Jenny Smith
Boltz & Millikan

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PASTOR

**GOSPEL READING

MARK 4:26-34

PASTOR

SERMON

“Good Soil”

PASTOR

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord God, friend of those in need,
your Son Jesus has untied our burdens
and healed our spirits.

We lift up the prayers of our hearts for those still burdened,
those seeking healing,
those in need within the church and the world.

Prayers of the People, concluding with:

Hear our prayers, Lord, that we may love you with our whole being and
willingly share the concerns of our neighbors. Amen.

FATHER'S DAY LITANY (on screen)

PASTOR

For our fathers, who have given us life and love, that we may show
them respect and love, **we pray to the Lord...**

For fathers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may
give them hope, and their family and friends support and console
them, **we pray to the Lord...**

For men, though without children of their own, who, like fathers, have
nurtured and cared for us, **we pray to the Lord...**

For fathers who have been unable to be a source of strength, who have
not responded to their children, and have not sustained their families,
we pray to the Lord...

God our Father, in your wisdom and love You made all things.

**Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian
fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant
that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a
spirit of profound respect. Grant this through
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**HYMN _____ *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

UM #404

AFFIRMATION OF UNITED METHODIST BELIEF

(On Screen)

As children of God, brothers, and sisters of Christ and of one
another, and part of the Spirit-led family of God called United
Methodists, we pledge to do no harm to our community, our
neighbor, or ourselves, and to avoid evil of every kind. We promise

to do as much good as we can on behalf of all persons and creation. We strive to stay in love with God throughout our lives, by participating in worship and following the example of Christ. Through these means of grace, we renew our covenant to be friends, followers, and disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (on screen) UM #881 PASTOR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (on screen) UM #890 PASTOR

WORSHIPPING THROUGH GIVING

INVITATION TO GIVE

OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (On Screen)

Eternal God, the Source of all blessings, we come before You with hearts full of gratitude and reverence. Bless our gifts and help us be stewards of your blessings. Strengthen our commitment to love and serve others, as we strive to fulfill your divine purpose in the world. Amen. (*Discipleship Ministries*)

DOXOLOGY (Unison) UM #95

THE LORD'S PRAYER UM #895 PASTOR

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 *Faith of Our Fathers* UM #710

SENDING FORTH

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP PASTOR

May our souls be the soils in which the seed of the Gospel grows this week and always. Happy Father's Day!

BLESSING PASTOR

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

THE WORSHIP HAS CONCLUDED, OUR SERVICE BEGINS

RADIO, WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE

Listen on 1300am and 92.1FM

Church Website: www.sprucestreetumc.org

Like us on Facebook: facebook.com/sprucestreetumc

<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 Dianne & Robyn*

Altar Flowers *In Memory of Henry Lee*

Radio Broadcast *In Memory of Kenneth Lindamood~ Robyn & Family*

How to Give Online: 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



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD:

(Prayer updates can be shared with Carolyn Carr at

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- 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
- Luella Schlobohm's family
- Teresa Johnson
- Jeannie LeMasters

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

THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 16	Worship & Christian Formation	
	Circle of Friends	4PM
	Messy Church	5:30PM
Monday, June 17	Finance Meeting	6PM
	Trustees Meeting	7PM
Tuesday, June 18	Crochet Ministry	10AM
Thursday June 20	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 envelope provided in the bulletin, givelify app, or place your donation in the offering plate with the golf club located in the sanctuary.



SSUMC ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

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.

June 23, 2024

3rd Quarter Sheepdog Birthday Party

Join the celebration in fellowship and refreshments after both services with those who have had birthdays in the third quarter on this special day.

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. 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.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS 🕒

June -16

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

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

YARN MINISTRIES 🧶 Prayer shawls, squares, cozies, angels, & crosses in my pocket are available to you as desire. The Crochet Ministry will meet on Tuesday.

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 will meet on Tuesday, June 18.

