

Welcome to Spruce Street United Methodist Church

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



Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

July 28, 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

Trust in the Lord and do good.

May the Lord give strength to the people!

O taste and see that the Lord is good!

God is our refuge and strength.

(Discipleship Ministries)

****HYMN**

Be Thou My Vision

UMH 451

1. Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

2. Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart
Great God of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.

3. Great God of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

FIRST PRAYER

LITURGIST

Almighty God, in a world of change You placed eternity in our
hearts and gave us power to discern good from evil. Grant us
sincerity, that we may persistently seek the things that
endure, refusing those which perish, and that, amid things

vanishing and deceptive, we may see the truth steadily, follow the light faithfully, and grow ever richer in that love which is the life of all people; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen. (*Book of Worship, 510*)

PROCLAMATION

FIRST READING 2 Samuel 11:1-15

LITURGIST

11In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. ²It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. ³David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." ⁴So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period). Then she returned to her house. ⁵The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant." ⁶So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. ⁷When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. ⁸Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. ⁹But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord and did not go down to his house. ¹⁰When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" ¹¹Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." ¹²Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So, Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, ¹³David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

¹⁴In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah. ¹⁵In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the

forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die.”

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Church in the Wildwood

Dawna Johnson

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

PASTOR

**GOSPEL READING

John 6:1-21

PASTOR

6After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following Him, because they saw the signs that He was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with His disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When He looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward Him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” ⁶He said this to test him, for He, Himself, knew what He was going to do. ⁷Philip answered Him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” ⁸One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to Him, ⁹“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” ¹⁰Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks, He distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, He told His disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that He had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.” ¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He withdrew again to the mountain by Himself. ¹⁶When evening came, His disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But He said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” ²¹Then they wanted to take Him into the boat,

and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

SERMON

“The Cover Up”

PASTOR

**HYMN

Break Thou the Bread of Life

UMH 599

1. Break Thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
as Thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;
beyond the sacred page I seek Thee, Lord;
my spirit pants for Thee, O Living Word!

2. Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,
as Thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;
then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;
and I shall find my peace, my all in all.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (on screen) UMH 481

Eldon Callen, CLM

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (on screen)

Eldon Callen, CLM

Merciful God, we hear the story of David and wonder how he could so abuse his power—serving his own interests in such a selfish way. How different from the way Jesus used His power—serving, healing, and nurturing others.

Forgive us when our actions reflect those of David more than those of Jesus.

The account of David shows someone yielding to temptation by feeding His own particular hunger with disastrous results, whilst Jesus took time to feed the crowds with miraculous results.

Forgive us the times when we have yielded to the temptation of feeding our own interests to the detriment of others around us.

David demonstrated how things can get out of control when God’s rules are not followed, while Jesus demonstrates how God’s power can bring peace even into the stormiest situations. We confess that the way of the world does reflect more the way of David than the way of Jesus, and we pray that we may be powerfully strengthened by the Holy Spirit to witness to Jesus’

love and compassion in and through all we do and say. This we pray in Jesus' name. **Amen**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Through the power of the Holy Spirit within us, God is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine. So, hear and believe the good news that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. (*Discipleship Ministries*)

WORSHIPPING THROUGH GIVING

INVITATION TO GIVE

Eldon Callen, CLM

OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (on screen)

Loving God, in this sacred moment of offering, we come before You with humble hearts, recognizing Your unwavering mercy and boundless compassion. As we present our gifts, may we also lay bare our shortcomings and seek Your forgiveness and guidance. Grant us the courage to confront our humanity and the strength to strive for righteousness in all our endeavors. Amen. (*Discipleship Ministries*)

DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 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

Depth of Mercy

UMH 355

1. Depth of mercy! Can there be mercy still reserved for me?
Can my God His wrath forbear, me, the chief of sinners,
spare?

2. I have long withstood His grace, long provoked Him to His face,
would not hearken to His calls, grieved Him by a thousand falls.

3. I my Master have denied, I afresh have crucified,
oft profaned His hallowed name, put Him to an open shame.

4. There for me the Savior stands, shows His wounds and
spreads His hands. God is love! I know, I feel; Jesus weeps and
loves me still.

5. Now incline me to repent, let me now my sins lament,
now my foul revolt deplore, weep, believe, and sin no more.

SENDING FORTH

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

PASTOR

*God forgives our sins. Be honest with God. Share with God your life.
Seek forgiveness. Repent, return, be renewed by God's grace and love
this week and always. Do not participate in a cover up!*

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

THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 28	Worship & Christian Formation	
	UWF Social	12:00PM
Monday, July 29	Admin Council	6:00PM
Wednes. July 30	Bible Study	11:00AM
Thurs. Aug. 1	Yoga	10:00AM

Today, after church, the United Women In Faith will be having a potato bar/ice cream social. The cost is a free will donation. See you there.

VOLUNTEERS

We need a few volunteers to help with the bulletins on Wednesdays & Thursdays from 11Am-1PM. If you're like to help, please contact Pastor Bart or Cathy. Thank you.

There's a new thing going on

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

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: We are collecting school supplies for Scott's Run through August 15th.

RADIO, WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE

Listen on 1300am and 92.1FM

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Like us on Facebook: [facebook.com/sprucestreetumc](https://www.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 Bonnie!

Altar Flowers *In memory of Davina Robinson -Bonnie and Dawna.*

Radio Broadcast *Please remember to sign up in Seeker's Hall.*

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

SSUMC Offering & Attendance	June 21th, 2024
Offering \$3917.95	Weekly Budget \$5067.31
Attendance both services 86	on-line 226 Radio: est. 300
Offering YTD \$145,574.83	Budget YTD \$149,869.19

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD:

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

- Eileen Ford
- Art Ford
- Dottie Harman
- Connie Erenrich
- Stephen Grant
- Nathan Drumheller's Family
- Ray & Carolyn Hubbard
- Sandra Britton
- Teresa Johnson
- Edith Gibson
- Carol McCarney
- Peggy Brookes
- Michael Hubbard
- Vic Zannotti
- Lacey Lewis
- Jacob Morgan & Family
- Debbie Patton
- Mildred McCracken
- Becky Sadler
- Mary Townsend
- Judi McCracken

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

OUTREACH AND NURTURE MINISTRY

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS 🍷 Thank you to all who support this ministry. Last weekend we served 80-85 meals. If you would like to serve, please contact Carolyn Carr at cdccarr@yahoo.com.

GIFTS OF LOVE ❤️ Thank you for your prayers & support. We are collecting household & baby items for the Morgan family who lost everything in a fire. 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

In September, a church picnic will be held under the pavilion. There are more details to come.