



Welcome to Spruce Street United Methodist Church
"A Church at the Heart of Morgantown
with a Heart for Morgantown"

October 24th, 2021
22nd Sunday after Pentecost



The Asbury Crossing:
Responding to Call

(** indicates to stand if able)

Prelude
Announcements

****GATHERING CALL TO WORSHIP:** Liturgist
O Jesus Christ, teacher and healer, you heard the cry of the blind beggar when others would have silenced him.
Teach us to be persistent in prayer and give us courage to ask plainly what we need from you.
Teach us to go because our faith has healed us and now we respond in your name to love and serve.
Send us. Move us. Push us to go and send us out to do ministry and mission!!!

Music Ministry

OPENING PRAYER: Liturgist
Open our eyes, Lord. Help us to see Jesus as he reaches out to heal our blindness. Help us to let go of all those things that keep us in darkness. This day, as your word is proclaimed, let our hearts and souls respond with joy. Transform our lives to do your will. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

****GOSPEL READING MARK 10:46-52** Pastor
10:46 They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. 10:47 When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" 10:48 Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" 10:49 Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." 10:50 So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. 10:51 Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." 10:52 Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Children's moment: Pastor

Choir Anthem: "Sweet Hour of Prayer" by Bradbury

The Sermon: "Responding to Call: GO" Pastor

PRAYER TO REMEMBER BISHOP ASBURY: David/Kathy
Holy God, you inspired Francis Asbury with enthusiastic zeal, and he faithfully proclaimed the Gospel, changing the lives of many. Inspire us, we pray, by your Holy Spirit, that we, like him, may be eager to share your Good News and lead people to Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Music Ministry “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Special Music "My Soul Sings" piano solo by Sun Jung Lee

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD: (Prayer updates can be shared with Carolyn Carr at cdccarr@yahoo.com)

Quinn Williams

Charlotte Taylor

Becky Digman

Jean Losh

Pam Todd

Jerry Hott

John Dugan

Pastor John Welch

Art and Eileen Ford

Frances Lindamood

Dale Staley II

Dana Trent

Phyllis Glowacky

Jean Smith

Delbert and Del Hilling

Elaina McCutcheon

Bob Jones

Dorothy Moore

Debbie Davis

Sarah Davis

Debbie Summers

George Ketterman

Jane Thompson

Jimmy Neville

Michael, Patricia, Cameron and Ashton Southerly

The Family and Friends of Larry Buckman

The Family and Friends of Ginger Satterfield

Rita and David Friend

Eldon Callen

Connie Rutan

Teresa Murray

Christyn Rodeheaver

David Thompson

Sancie Smallwood

Kevin Taylor

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

We think that we want to be healed of our blindness, gracious God, but actually we have become so comfortable in our darkness that we fear the light. It is as though we are living in a cave, and rather than take a risk to face the light, we prefer to face the dark wall. Give us courage to take risks which will result in not only our own transformation, but also the transformation opportunities for others. Forgive our stubborn insistence on living in darkness. Take our hands and lead us to the light. AMEN.

WORSHIPPING THROUGH GIVING:

We give joyously to our Lord with our time, talents, gifts, service, presence, and witness.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING/DEDICATION: (Unison)

**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**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

CHORAL BENEDICTION

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP AND BLESSING

Go. Go. Go.

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.

Prayer Of Hope (All)

“All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well.” Amen. (From Mother Julian of Norwich)

Postlude

THE WORSHIP HAS CONCLUDED, THE SERVICE BEGINS

This year marks the 250th anniversary of Francis Asbury's historic Atlantic voyage from England to America in 1771. Asbury, who had been commissioned by John Wesley at the New Room in Bristol, journeyed to America to undertake a preaching ministry that led, in 1784, to the establishment of the American Methodist Church and Asbury being ordained as its first bishop.

[“Whither am I going? To the New World. What to do? To gain honor? No, if I know my own heart. To get money? No: I am going to live to God, and to bring others so to do.”](#)
[Francis Asbury](#) (on the journey to the new world)

HOW TO GIVE ONLINE

Please use our app

<https://www.givelify.com/givers/>.

CHURCH INFORMATION

Spruce Street United Methodist Church

Church Website: www.sprucestreetumc.org

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RADIO, WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE

Church Website: www.sprucestreetumc.org

Like us on Facebook: facebook.com/sprucestreetumc

Check out <http://mixlr.com/sprucestreetumc/> to connect to hear the live stream of our worship. To listen to past worship services, when on the homepage scroll down on the left-hand column and click Showreel items for past worship services.

Special Thanks to those who provide...

Our Radio Broadcast (listen on 1300 AM or 92.1 FM):

In honor and thanks for our terrific staff!

Carolyn Keach

Altar Flowers:

The Lord has blessed us with 74 years of matrimony.
Jean and Bob Losh

You are able to sponsor the radio broadcast or altar flowers by calling the church office at 304-292-3359 or emailing to secretary@sprucestreetumc.org. The cost is \$80 for the radio broadcast (and can be divided for multiple sponsors) and \$35 for the altar flowers and that can be mailed to the church or given through Givelify at <https://www.givelify.com/givers/>.

This Week:

- Monday, October 25th: 6pm Administrative Council
- Tuesday, October 26th: 9am Yoga
- Tuesday, October 26th: 6pm UMW, Zoom
- Wednesday, October 27th: 11pm Bible Study
- Wednesday, October 27th: 6pm Prayer Meeting
- Sunday, October 31st: 12 (noon) Charge Conference

Our prayer shawls, prayer squares, crosses in my pocket and masks are always available. If you desire or need them, please let us know. We will bring them to you. 😊

Gifts of Love ministry is in need of twin size bed sheets, light weight blankets, bakeware, pots and pans, new standard size pillows and fans. Thank you for your generosity.

Upcoming Activities

Mark your calendars for these activities:

- October 31st: Food Truck Lunch and Trunk or Treat at Wesley UMC.

- Nov 3-9: Pastor Bart will be out of town. Suncrest UMC should be contacted for any pastoral needs during this time.
- Sunday, November 7th: Special Offering collected for Day of Remembrance. Envelopes are available in Seeker's Hall.
- November 14th: All Saints Remembrance during services.

Wesley UMC is having a Food Truck Lunch on Sunday, October 31 from 12-2pm and Trunk or Treat for kids from 1-2pm. All are welcome to attend and/or participate. Contact Wesley UMC for more details.

Enjoy Books

Enjoy Books have arrived!

The United Methodist Men will be selling the Enjoy books through the end of December or as long as supplies last. The books contain discounts up to 50% at Morgantown, Fairmont, and Uniontown area restaurants, fast foods, pizzerias, and ice cream shoppes. They make excellent holiday or birthday gifts for relatives, friends, and service providers. Discounts are also available at florists, golf courses, plus many others.

Books may be obtained on Sunday's in Seeker's Hall, through the church office during regular hours, or from any UMM member. Payment by cash or check payable to SSUMM.

Due to increased cost of paper and printing, the price has increased to \$40. However, the new additions will make it a much better opportunity to save money. The UMM will receive an additional \$2 per book for a total of \$12 per book.

A list of participating establishments is available on our website under the Announcements.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7

Day of Remembrance



This year's special offering
is designated to support the work of the
New Vision Depot
and its mission to provide
disaster response across the WVUMC.

