



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It is good to be writing you at this time, and I am thankful for your faithfulness.

Thankfulness is something we think about around this time of year, and we can be most thankful for the startling grace of God at work in our lives.

We can be thankful for the opportunities we have to be channels of this same grace of God.

We can be thankful when we remember that God is seeking to work through us to be, as C. S. Lewis shares,

“a little Christ” to others.

I am thankful for the inspired words of gifted sisters and brothers in Christ, including the following::

“In caring, Jesus is our model and leader. Each day Jesus retreated from the demands of serving others to be prayerfully with his God. Then he was better able to come down from his mountain retreat to minister more fully to those needing and pleading for his love. He turned away no one, but he also didn’t try to do it all by himself. He enlisted others to extend God’s caring to all, especially to “the least” of God’s people. Today he invites each of us anew to be his ministers of caring in our own time and place. In the words of Sr. Helen Prejean, how will we be “the face of Christ” for others?” —James McGinnis, “Ordinary Caring Makes Extraordinary Perseverance Possible,” Weavings

How are we “the face of Christ” to others?

What decisions are we making as a faith community based on the people who are not already in our church?

How is what we are doing building the Kingdom of God?

I am truly thankful, as well, for the willingness of our church to prayerfully consider these questions as we seek to be the Body of Christ in our community.

Your good work is appreciated more than you can imagine, and it is a blessing to serve with all of you.

Thank you.

Peace,

Happy Birthday



**Children's
Ministries**

Bubble - Splash & Fun
Time

- Will take place on Saturday November 3 from 1:00pm-3:00pm
- Youth for Truth Choir will practice after 10:45 am church service.

Please contact Lena Glowacky, Our Children's Ministries Coordinator @ 304-319-4040 or childrensministry@sprucestreetumc.org

Keith Carr	11/1
David Dierkes	11/1
Neal Johnson	11/1
Evan Burton	11/2
Sue Carpenter	11/6
Becki Deem	11/6
Bob Johnson	11/06
Madison Britton	11/15
Gary Carpenter	11/15
Scott Carpenter	11/18
Emily Kennell	11/18
Pam Courtney	11/19
Paisley Hetrick	11/20
Danielle Eberhart	11/21
Jack Johns	11/24
Rachel Broskey	11/24
Robert Glowacky	11/27

Linda and Ken Shanes	11/9
Kate and Scott Schlobohm	11/11

Wishing a Happy
Anniversary to
Jean and Bob Losh
who celebrated their
70th Wedding
Anniversary on
October 17th.



Thank You:

- To the folks that have been sprucing up our landscaping around the Church, it looks terrific.
- All those who participated in the feed the student project.
- Undie Sunday was once again a success-thank you Spruce Street UMC congregation.
- Church Committee Members
- Altar Guild.
- Acolytes
- Ushers

Scott's Run Thanksgiving Baskets

Be generous and donate items for the Thanksgiving baskets. Many families in Mon County are not as fortunate as we are and can use our help. *Please consider donating a gift card for perishable items.* Be a blessing to our neighbors!

Deadline for donations is Monday, November 12th, at 2:00 p.m.

Christmas Project

Last year we decided for a variety of reasons to explore a different ministry to replace our shoeboxes. After many prayers and considerations our new adventure is about to start. This year we will be doing 'Christmas Care Bags' for the children at our Burlington Children's Home. They are very excited and thankful for our gracious outreach.

This will be a bit different because we are reaching out to teenagers as well as children 6 and older. To honor Burlington's wishes we will provide the list of gifts to be included in the bags. The bags will be provided as well. More information will be available very shortly. Thanks to your generosity these children will have an extra special Christmas.

Our upcoming Charge Conference will take place on Monday, November 12 beginning at 7:30 PM. In preparation, you are invited to read and reflect on John 17: 20-26. Also, please reflect on the following questions:

How do you as disciples strengthen your relationship with Christ?

What are the regular spiritual disciplines that you practice?

How could your congregation strengthen spiritual practices?

What might you study or learn about in the coming year?

How do you work together as a congregation to build relationships with each other?

What process do you use to handle challenging decisions?

How do you bring healing and understanding to your relationships?

How do you make Christ known in your neighborhood?

How are you working together as a congregation to reach new people and build relationships with those who are outside your church walls?

Bowl-A-Thon

Is on for January—start choosing your team members—more info next month!

A United Methodist Men event.



Finance Info for October:

Needed to support our mission as the Body of Christ \$20,000.00

Received \$18,500.00

Radio Broadcast

Listen to our 10:45 am Sunday Worship Services on WCLG **1300 AM** and **92.1 FM**

The Pantry Plus More Program operates within four elementary schools and two middle schools in the Morgantown area. Pantries, stocked with non-perishable kid-friendly foods, hygiene products including feminine hygiene items, school supplies and clothing, are located inside schools. To use its services, students merely have to let a teacher, counselor, or administrator know that they would like to “shop” at the pantry. (All the items are free.) Students could help themselves to whatever they needed – and, because they could visit the pantry privately, their dignity would be preserved. **There is a free and easy way to support this program.** Go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com. Sign in or create an account, add your Kroger Plus Card No. and select CHARITY #93129. **There is no cost to you,** and Kroger will give the program up to \$1200 a year from each participant. Thank you for helping hunger children in our community!

United Methodist Women

Calendar

Spruce Up Spruce St Kitchen - Saturday, November 3rd at 8 am the UMW will meet to spruce up our kitchen. A little cleaning of the kitchen with great fellowship.

December 2nd is the UM Women and Men's Annual Christmas Lunch to be held at the Green Turtle. We will need a count on who is planning to attending, so please contact Teresa at 681-209-3961 or teresa81265@hotmail.com.

Turkey Dinner by the UMW will be held on Sunday, November 4th beginning at noon. Adult meals are \$10 and child meals are \$8. Take outs will be available. (Pastor Neil - can you please announce this in church on Sunday so that the congregation can plan to attend? Thank you)

Thank you to all who has contributed in some way to helping our UMW become a success!!!

SPRUCE STREET UNITED METHODIST MEN REMINDER:

The Spruce Street United Methodist Men will meet on Wednesday, November 14 at 6:00 p.m. at Shoney's in Sabraton.

David Helms and his dog, Hunter, will present a program and an update on the narcotics program at the Morgantown Police Department.

Please make a special effort to attend.

Enjoy Books will be for sale November 4

Ken Shanes, Program Chair

Volunteers Needed as counters: We need help on Monday mornings with counting Sunday's collection and assisting with a bank deposit. No experience necessary and you may sign up for only 1 Monday a year or as many as you have time for! Please contact the office, Judy Kennell- finance secretary, or drop a note in offering plate.

Ladies and Gentlemen—Once again the church is counting on you to step forward and help was with the 2019 Altar Guild. The following months are available: August, September and November. There is a list of things to do and we will gladly share them with you if you want before committing. It's takes 2 people approximately 1 hours each week to prepare the sanctuary. Thank you so much for your consideration.

Music Notes

Chancel Choir is working hard on a new Christmas Cantata, and Handbells are enjoying being back in the old choir loft. It sounds better for us, so we'll ring better. Anyone who wishes to learn handbells can have beginner sessions. Chancel Choir is learn as you go, and the fellowship is wonderful.

Youth For Truth had a successful anthem at Children's Sabbath, with four soloists. What a wonderful job and a wonderful message of God's love! Their next song will be joining in with Chancel choir. Thanks to soloists Antonio Smyth, Caleb Britton, Maddie Britton, and Paige Hetrick.

The Organ Scholar program is still in play, and while there has been some interest in how a pipe organ works, I'm waiting for a student who wants to play. Lessons are free. Many thanks to all choir members for their work and faithfulness, and for Pastor Neil for stopping in and praying with us.

"Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things." Psalm 98:1

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November Lectionary

November 4

Ruth 1:1-18
Psalm 146:1-10
Hebrews 9:11-14
Mark 12:28-34

November 11

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17
Psalm 127
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

November 18

1 Samuel 1:4-20
1 Samuel 2:1-10
Hebrews 10:11-14
(15-18)19-25
Mark 13:1-8

November 22

Joel 2:21-27
Psalm 126(UM847)
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Matthew 6:25-33

November 25

2 Samuel 23:1-7
Psalm 132:1-12
(UM849)
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

Enjoy Books

The United Methodist Men's Enjoy Book Project is ongoing. The cost remains at \$30.00, and books are available after the 10:45 a.m. service each week. Contact Roger Britton at 304-292-8832 or any member of the United Methodist Men if you have questions.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 3 UMW clean the kitchen (anyone may help)
Bubble n' Splash
- November 4 Turkey Dinner—following 10:45 am service (UMW)
- November 5 Staff Parish 6:00 pm
- November 6 Prayer Shawl-crochet and every Tuesday @ 10:00 am
- November 7 Learn to Love your Computer and every Wednesday @ 9:30 am
Bible Study 2:00 pm (Panera) and every Wednesday @ 2:00 pm
- November 12 Last day for Scott's Run Thanksgiving Baskets
Charge Conference 7:00 pm
- November 14 UMM Meeting 6:00 pm
- November 19 Finance 6:00 pm
Trustees 7:00 pm
- November 22 Thanksgiving Day (office is Closed)
- November 25 Decorate the Church (after 10:45 am service)
- November 26 Church Council 6:00 pm
- November 27 UMW Meeting 6:30pm

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