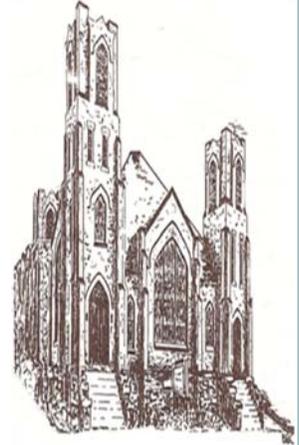


SPRUCE STREET UMC RADIO BROADCAST

**OUR ROOTS GO DEEP**

The beginning of the local radio service in Morgantown began in 1940 with WAJR. It was located on the corner of Spruce Street and Forest Ave. The Youth Choir of Spruce St Methodist Church sang Fairest Lord Jesus under the direction of Joe Bertalan as he was beginning his music studies at WVU. There was a religious show that consisted of scripture readings and meditations by one boy and one girl and sacred music. John Winters was the organist. Charles Fullmer, minister of the Wiles Hill Disciples of Christ, Violet Petso and Bob Maiolo also participated. Southern Methodists, Baptists and Catholics were involved. The scripts have been lost and since the broadcasts were live, there was no taping of the weekly offerings. Mr. Bertalan was drafted into the U S Army in 1943 where he wrote scripts and sent them home to his sister, Rose. He carried a small King James Version of the Holy Bible with a Concordance and a small Army-Navy Hymnal in his gas mask case. On our periodic inspections He was “gigged” (punished with KP duty) for having the supplies in his case. This was a real blessing. When on KP he received more food and a greater choice of foods.



When he returned to Morgantown on January 3, 1946 he returned to the youth choir and weekly radio programs. Several members went into the ministry or Christian Education. When he left town, he continued to direct the same type of services in Princeton, WV and Ashland, Ky.

WCLG, located on the third floor of the former Farmers and Merchants Bank Building on High St, came on the air in 1954. Part of their commitment to their mission was to offer community service programs. Spruce Street Methodist Church had the first Sunday services carried on a live basis with a dedicated line at 10:45 a m. To ensure that the program coming to the station was “ready to go”, Rev. Rowland Aspinall, after he turned on the equipment, would call WCLG each Sunday morning to make sure that the announcer could hear the Church’s background sounds. He would usually ask the station for its exact time to synchronize watches.

Then promptly at 10:45, the announcer on duty would fade in the church’s organ prelude and would intone over it ,“We now take you to the Spruce Street Methodist Church here in Morgantown where you will here the regular 10:45 service conducted by Reverend Rowland Aspinall ...usually the announcer on duty would “ride the level” on the service, assuring that when someone or something couldn’t quite be heard, the volume was adjusted. The ministers in those early days were conscious of the time constraints of a live broadcast and made every effort to conclude the services around 11:45. If the service did last slightly longer, the station was ready to handle it as the program following our service was called “Organ Gems”, a short program of recorded organ music sponsored by City Pharmacy. In the early days , the live broadcast was presented by the Spruce Street Church’s Home Mission Society.

Two of our parishioners worked for WCLG. Garry Bowers became an announcer in 1958 as a WVU student, then the General Manager in 1979 and the owner in 1983. Jack Johns was an announcer and News Director from 1958 to 1969. These radio broadcasts have had a wide reach to many listeners during the last 78 eight years. **Praise the Lord!**

**Children's  
Ministries**

Bubble -Splash & Fun  
Time

Back to school project

Collecting solid colored  
towels, bath soap, hair  
brush/combs, toothpaste  
& brush, kid friendly  
shampoo.

\* Choir for all under the  
age of 18 to begin Sept.  
after 10:45 am church  
service.

Please contact Lena  
Glowacky, Our Chil-  
dren's Ministries Coordi-  
nator @ 304-319-4040 or  
lglowack@k12.wv.us, for  
more information.

# Happy Birthday



David Helms	9/1
Cindy Goodwin	9/4
Judy Mayer	9/6
Dewey Hastings	9/10
Gale Truman	9/12
Jay DeFabio	9/15
Brabdn Eddy	9/15
Lauren Webster	9/15
Abby Erenrich	9/17
Dale Hetrick	9/18
Tia Biro	9/19
Jean Losh	9/19
Courtney Hetrick	9/21
Gerri DeFabio	9/22
Jeanette Stanger	9/22
John Broskey	9/24
Katie Glowacky	9/27
Art Hahn Jr.	9/27
Francis Dalton	9/28

Doug & Judy Harman 9/2

**Thank You:**

- Everyone who donated and participated in the fund raiser for Pew Cushions.
- Food donation's to Scott's Run Settlement House.
- Church Committee Members
- Altar Guild.
- Acolytes
- Ushers

**FREE  
STUDENT  
LUNCHEON**

Every Wednesday from  
11:00AM -1:00PM

Spruce Street United  
Methodist Church



Hang out and grab a bite to eat.  
Get to know other students.



## Learn to Love Your Computer!

**FREE** Technology Workshops



Want to get to know  
your computer,  
smartphone, or iPad?  
Stop by our workshops  
on Wednesdays 9:30—  
10:30 AM.

For additional info  
contact Piedad  
(Samantha) Goulet  
psgolet88@gmail.com

**Church Picnic-Sunday, September 23 -4:00 p.m. Dorsey Knob**

Everyone is invited to share in fellowship, food, games and catch up with old friends! Hot dogs and hamburgers, water and table service will be provided by the church. Bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Also please bring a neighbor, friend or relative that may be looking for a church family. Plan on a sing-a-long, if you play an instrument you would want to share bring it as well as your voice!

**Choir and Bell Choir Picnic-Tuesday, September 11-5:00 pm-7:00 pm**

All choir and bell ringing members are invited to a covered dish picnic at the home of Connie Erenrich , 4135 Earl C. Atkins Drive, Westover off Dupont Road. Bring your best dish, hotdogs and drinks provided. If you are considering joining choir or bells you are more than welcome to attend this event.

**Craft Fair**

The UMW will be hosting a craft fair, bake sale and luncheon on Saturday, October 13th here at the church. We are looking for crafters! Tables are available for rent at \$25.00 per table. Please contact Teresa Johnson 304-209-3961 or [teresa81265@hotmail.com](mailto:teresa81265@hotmail.com) for additional info.

Dear friends

Just a word of thanks to all who have donated to support our Crochet-Knitting Ministry.

This ministry, which to date has created over 900 prayer shawls and begun distribution of prayer crosses, would not be possible without the loving support of so many, including all of you.

Through the generous donation of yarn and the extraordinary talent of our crochet team, so many folks understand that they are not alone on this journey and that God loves them more than they can imagine.

And, there is always room for you around the tables as we meet every Tuesday at 10 AM at Spruce St. UMC.

Again, thank you for your support of our collaborative ministry done in the name of Jesus Christ.  
(Philippians 1:3)  
Carolyn Carr

**Finance Info for August:**

Needed to support our mission as the Body of Christ \$20,000 Received \$20,082

Pew Cushion Fund to date \$4,814,00

Penny Challenge for Youth \$29.51

**Radio Broadcast**

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

## *Help Needed in our Church*

- Altar guild for 2019
- Bring a refreshments after Sunday Service.
- Sponsor worship flowers or a radio broadcast.

### **Givelify:**

You can support our Spruce St. Ministries directly from your smart phone through **Givelify**, and it's easy to do. Simply:

Download the FREE **Givelify** app

Locate our Place of Worship

Tap My Place of Worship

Tap the Give Button

Tap an Amount

Select an Envelope

Tap Give Now

Create your Account

Enter your Payment Information

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The following prayer blessed me, and I hope it speaks grace and encouragement into your journey, as well:

“My God, in these quiet moments I caught a glimpse of your vision for me. Inspire me, my God, to carry into the everydayness of my life all to which I aspire at such a moment as this. May my faith have feet and hands, a voice and a heart, that it may minister to others—that the gospel I profess may be seen in my life.

I go this hour to encounter the routine of the duty with a new vision. Equip me for my common tasks, that I may this day apply myself to them with fidelity and devotion. And not for myself alone do I pray:

Bless homemakers, mothers, and servants, who minister in the home and who maintain sacred sanctuaries to which tired persons return at the end of the day. Bless doctors and nurses. May their work reflect God's love and pity on those who leave this earth today. Bless the teachers, the school administrators, and those who labor to keep school buildings clean and pleasant for those who study and learn there. Bless coal miners and all who toil in grime and darkness, that we may enjoy clean and pleasant lives. May your blessing rest upon all men and women who minister to others. May each one come to know the joy of partnership with you. I give this prayer to you who inflames my soul with vision and desire, that I may be a faithful laborer in the fields you have assigned to my stewardship. Help me to be a good and faithful steward.” —(Norman Shawchuck -- A Guide to Prayer for All Who Walk with God)

Thank you all for your good and faith-filled work done in the name of Jesus Christ. Your work and efforts are appreciated more than you can imagine.

It is good to be partners in ministry with you!

Peace,  
Pastor Neil

Spruce Street UMC

*'Connections'*

*"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God." 1 John 4:7*

*We are updating our "Connections" to stay 'connected' as a congregation. This year we will offer several opportunities for you to participate. Please indicate with a check mark those that interest you. Blessings to you and thanks for your support.*

\_\_\_ Phone Pals – you will be given a 'pal' to call every week or two. If you are already participating, please indicate that you wish to continue.

\_\_\_ I'd like to receive a call from a Phone Pal.

\_\_\_ Helping Hands – This is if you're willing to give a "helping" hand when needed for dinners, receptions, etc.

\_\_\_ Prayer Chain – if you'd like to participate in this, I need your e-mail or phone number for a text.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ (cell or land?)

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

*Prayer Shawl Ministry*

*As we continue our commitment to stay 'connected', we are continuing to give you the opportunity to crochet a prayer shawl again this fall. We will continue to offer instruction for beginners, but we will also work on new patterns and new projects.*

*The shawl might be for someone that you think needs some extra love, it might be for yourself to use during your devotions, or it might be to give to someone unknown to you right now.*

*We also have made dishcloths, baby blankets, baby beanies for the hospitals, and baby booties. We are working on chemo caps for cancer patients. Another new project is prayer squares – small squares that a person can hold while in the hospital or to carry in a pocket.*

*We are letting the Lord guide us in this adventure. If you are interested, please complete the form below and return it. We meet on Tuesdays at 10:00. If you have any questions, please see Carolyn Carr.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**September Lectionary**

**September 2**

**Song of Solomon 2:8-13  
Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9  
James 1:17-27  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

**September 9**

**Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23  
Psalm 125  
James 2:1-10 (11-13), 14-17  
Mark 7:24-37**

**September 16**

**Proverbs 1:20-33  
Psalm 19  
James 3:1-12  
Mark 8:27-38**

**September 23**

**Proverbs 31:10-31  
Psalm 1  
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a  
Mark 9:30-37**

**September 30**

**Ester 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22  
Psalm 124  
James 5:13-20  
Mark 9:38-50**

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# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**September 3 Closed for Labor Day**

**Tuesdays:** September 4 –11-18-25 Crochet meet– 10:00 am

September 4 S.P.R.C. 6:00 pm

**Wednesdays:** September 5-12-19-26 WVU Student support luncheon 11:00 am

**Wednesdays:** September 5-12-19-26 Lectionary Study 2:00 pm (Will be held at Panera on Willy Street)

**Thursdays:** September 6-13-20-27 Handbells - 6:15 pm; Choir 7:00 pm

September 11 Choir picnic 5:00pm

September 12 UMM 6:00 pm Shoney's in Sabraton

September 10 M.A.P. - 6:00 pm

Sept. 17 Finance 6:00 pm

September 19 Spruce Street/Suncrest UMMen Gathering 6:00 pm at Suncrest Pavilion

September 23 Church Picnic -4:00 pm Dorsey Park

September 24 Church Council -6:00 pm; Trustees 7:00 pm

September 25 UMW—6:30 p.m.

September 26—Outreach at Health Right 4:00-6:00 pm

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