

Weekly News from  
**St. Paul's United Church of Christ**  
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# ADVENT



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**Sunday, November 28, 2021**  
**First Sunday of Advent**

## ††† Worship Participants & Sponsorships †††

Thank you to all who have made this worship experience possible.

	<u>Today</u> <b>November 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<u>Next Sunday</u> <b>December 5<sup>th</sup></b>
Usher Captain	Dale M.	Elsa W.
Usher Co-Captain	Sue H.	Geri G.
Usher/Greeter	Connie K.	Ray T.
Usher/Greeter	Cory P.	Marianne S.
Acolyte	Wynn H.	Wynn H.
Crucifer	Paul S.	Paul S.
Welcome/Lector	Ray T.	Brian K.
Cantor	Brian K.	Sheri R.
Children's Message	Wanda M.	Elsa W.
AV Tech	Kirk A.	Kirk A.
Koffee Klatch	Zion UCC	Sheri R.
Bulletins	Richard & Sue Hiester	Geneva A. & Family
Altar Flowers	-	Geneva A. & Family

### The Bulletins are given by

*Richard & Sue Hiester  
in memory of their parents,  
Earl & Anna Hiester and Lee & Lillian Spangler.*

### † Prayer List †

*Please lift up those listed here in your prayers this week.*

*"Pray for one another, so that you may be healed.*

*The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective." ~ James 5:16b*

#### **Medical Concerns & Healing:**

Terry B.  
Sam B.  
Norm B.  
Lori & Ryan B.  
Deb D.  
Rich D.  
Bridget E.  
Jacob E.  
Andy G.  
Jaden G.  
Ann H.  
Barry H.  
Leigh H.  
Richard H.  
Jim & Donna K.  
Donald L.  
Janice L.

#### **Medical Concerns & Healing:**

Ella L.  
Edmund L.  
Amy M.  
George M.  
Gary N.  
Terry P.  
Paul P.  
Fred R.  
Earl S.  
Jim S.  
Rob & Jodi S.  
Spencer Family  
Martha W.  
Austin W's grandfather

#### **Celebration:**

Baptism of Millie S., Lenna H., Jason H.  
New members - Michael S. & Jason H.

#### **Mourning:**

Family & Friends of Robert G. Jr.  
Family & Friends of R. Lynn H.  
Family & Friends of Jon H.  
Family & Friends of James L.  
Family & Friends of Starr M.  
Family & Friends of Chick M.  
Family & Friends of Sharon R.  
Family & Friends of Bruce W.  
Stephanie W. & Family with the  
passing of her father

#### **Social Concerns:**

Those impacted by COVID-19  
Those working on a vaccine for  
COVID-19  
Those who serve in the armed  
forces

*Please let us know if we can be in prayer with you.*

*All are welcome to add names to the prayer list.*

*Names are generally left on the list for about four weeks.*

*Please let us know if you would like a name to remain longer or shorter.*

*If you would like someone's name added to the prayer list,  
please contact the church office at 610-621-5770 or [office@sprucc.org](mailto:office@sprucc.org).*

#### **Visitation Care Team**

Our Visitation Care Team (VCT) is composed of lay members who have been trained for visitation. If you are in need of prayer, a visit, or just a listening ear, they are here to be of support to you. To contact the Visitation Care Team with a visitation request or to share information about a potential care need email the VCT at [CareTeam@sprucc.org](mailto:CareTeam@sprucc.org). For more information, go to our "[Visitation Care Ministries](#)" page at [www.sprucc.org](http://www.sprucc.org) under the "ministries" tab.

## ††† General Announcements †††

### Sunday School

Sunday school for adults and youth takes place each Sunday morning from 9:00 - 9:45am. Both adult and youth classes will be shared with Zion UCC. Please join us to learn more about God's Word.

### Following Worship Service

After worship, there will be a fellowship time in the Miller Fellowship Hall. Please join us!

### Hats, Scarves, Mittens, Gloves

Beginning today, we will be collecting donations of new hats, scarves, mittens, and gloves for Opportunity House in Reading and for St. Paul's Clothing Closet. Opportunity House is a homeless shelter that changes lives by educating, housing, feeding and empowering people to stand on their own feet. St. Paul's Clothing Closet is a mission outreach program that provides families with free gently used children's clothing (1 bag per child). Please help us keep others warm this winter. Bring donations upstairs at church and place near Christmas tree. Donations will be accepted until December 31, 2021.

### Breakfast with Santa!

Please join the Girl Scouts from the Conrad Weiser Service Unit for an **All-You-Can-Eat Pancake & Sausage Breakfast** with Santa & his elves on this coming Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am - 12:00noon in the Miller Fellowship Hall. There will be free pictures with Santa and coloring pages for kids. Juice and coffee will be served. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children; children aged 3 and under are free. Please purchase your tickets from your local Girl Scout or order via email by contacting [erintowle@yahoo.com](mailto:erintowle@yahoo.com). The funds raised will be used for the girls' annual Service Unit camping trip.

### Weekly Morning Bible Study - Tuesdays

Every Tuesday morning at 9:00am, Zion UCC offers a Zoom Bible Study based on the scripture passages for the coming Sunday. The study goes from 9:00-9:45am. All are invited! The same Zoom numbers are used each week.

To join the Zoom meeting use the following:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87452124156?pwd=RzI3dTI4Uy8vWGpBQnRzOGV2bnlrdz09>

Meeting ID: 874 5212 4156

Passcode: 783249

For people joining with telephone, choose one of these numbers:

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

### Men's Group Meeting

The men will be meeting on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. All men of the church are invited.

### Annual Congregational Meeting

St. Paul's Annual Congregational Meeting is planned for Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, following the worship service. Topics of business will be to vote on next year's leadership and to vote on the 2022 budget, spending plan, and revenue projections.

### Women's Group Meeting

The women of the church will be meeting on Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Please bring homemade cookies to share with one another and fellowship together.

### **Evening Bible Study - Book of Acts**

A Wednesday evening Bible Study is being held from 6:30-7:30pm. It is a hybrid study. Those who would like to participate from home should use the Zoom information found below. Those who would like to participate in person should come to the church. A large screen will be set up in the Miller Fellowship Hall. The schedule is as follows:

December 15

January 19

January 26

February 16

February 23

We will be studying the first twelve chapters of the Book of Acts. This study teaches about the beginning of the Christian Church after Jesus ascended into heaven. It was a time when the disciples needed to begin making decisions and providing leadership without Jesus being physically there with them to lead the church. Our study guide is entitled, *Acts 1-12: God Moves in the Early Church*, written by Chuck and Winnie Christensen. The study guide is not necessary to participate. However, a Bible will be needed (any version). If you do not have a Bible, come to the church and a Bible will be supplied. Pastor Mary Etta will be our study leader. All are invited! The same Zoom numbers will be used each week.

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### **Telephone Live Streaming & Playback Worship**

This feature is offered to those who do not have internet access. You may call us at our toll free number **1-888-649-5770** and listen to the worship service live using a landline or cell phone. (No internet, smartphone, tablet, or computer is necessary - this works with a standard corded phone, cell phone, or even with a rotary phone). You also have the option for the church to automatically call you when the live stream worship begins (rather than you calling the church); which you can sign up for at the above toll free number, or you can call the church office, and we can add you to the call list. If you have any questions, difficulties, or issues, please let us know by calling the office at 610-621-5770. There is no charge to you for this service. If you know of someone who does not have internet access, please let them know of this feature.

**Free WiFi:** StPaulsUCC-Guest & StPaulsUCC-5G-Guest  
**Password (for both):** iamheretoserve