

Weekly News from
St. Paul's United Church of Christ
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2ND SUNDAY OF *Advent*



Sunday, December 5, 2021
Second Sunday of Advent

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Password (for both): iamheretoserve

††† Worship Participants & Sponsorships †††

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

	<u>Today</u> December 5th	<u>Next Sunday</u> December 12th
Usher Captain	Elsa W.	Barb O.
Usher Co-Captain	Geri G.	Georgi H.
Usher/Greeter	Ray T.	Zion
Usher/Greeter	Marianne S.	Zion
Acolyte	Wynn H.	Wynn H.
Crucifer	Paul S.	Paul S.
Welcome/Lector	Elsa W.	George M.
Cantor	Sheri R.	Terry P.
Children's Message	Elsa W.	Pastor Ben
Advent Wreath Participants	Mike & Terry P.	Zion
AV Tech	Kirk A.	Kirk A.
Koffee Klatch	Sheri R.	Zion
Bulletins	Geneva A. & Family	-
Altar Flowers	Geneva A. & Family	Sheri & Tim R.

The Bulletins are given by
Geneva Aulenbach & Family
in loving memory of Geneva's mother,
Sandy Bruckart.

The Altar Flowers are given by
Marissa, Kayla and Ben Aulenbach
in loving memory of their grandmother,
Sandy Bruckart.

† 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:

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

Medical Concerns & Healing:

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

Mourning:

Family & Friends of Jon H.
Family & Friends of James L.
Family & Friends of Chick M.
Family & Friends of Bruce W.

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.

††† General Announcements †††

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. For more information, go to our "[Visitation Care Ministries](#)" page at www.sprucc.org under the "ministries" tab.

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. **No Sunday school on December 26 and January 2.**

Following Worship Service

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

Hats, Scarves, Mittens, Gloves

For the month of December, 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 or on the Christmas tree. Donations will be accepted until December 31, 2021.

Soup & Such

This Thursday, December 9th, we will have Soup & Such from 4:00-6:00pm. Notice that it is earlier in the month, due to the holidays. If you would like to help, please come to the church at 3:00pm. All are welcome to get a FREE meal. Spread the word!

If you ordered cocoa bombs (made by the youth), please pay and pick up during Soup & Such. Thanks!

Youth Group Meeting

The Youth Group will meet after Soup & Such this coming Thursday, December 9th from 6:00-7:00pm. There will be a Leader Meeting prior to the youth arriving at 5:30pm. **There will be no Youth Group meeting during the last week of December.** The Youth Group's first meeting in the New Year will be on January 13th.

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 11th at 9:00am. All men of the church are invited.

Annual Congregational Meeting

St. Paul's Annual Congregational Meeting is planned for Sunday, December 12th, 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 13th at 7:00pm. Please bring homemade cookies to share with one another and fellowship together. ALL women of the churches are invited!!

Children's Christmas Program

The children are busy preparing for their Christmas Program to be presented during the worship service on Sunday, December 19th. Please plan to attend to support the children as we all prepare for Christmas!

Homebound Bags & Caroling

After church on Sunday, December 19th we will be packing bags of goodies for the homebound members of St. Paul's and Zion. We will then go out and deliver the bags, caroling at each location. Currently we are in the process of collecting small items like toiletries, word search books, lip balm, body lotion, etc. We hope you will help us with this project, either with donations and/or helping to put everything together and delivering it. Donations may be placed in the marked bin on the stage in the Miller Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

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: **Please note that this session will be held from 6:00-7:00pm**

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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Christmas Eve Worship Services

We hope you will join us on Friday, December 24 - Christmas Eve, to celebrate the birth of baby Jesus. We will be offering three services; 5:00pm, 8:00pm, and 11:00pm. They will be offered in-person, as well as virtually. If the sanctuary fills up, the Miller Fellowship Hall will be set up to receive attendees. Come early so that you may get a seat in the sanctuary.

Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner

The Men's Group will be having their Annual Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner on Saturday, January 1st from 11:00am to 1:00pm. **It is a Take Out Only event (COVID precautions).** Tickets are \$12.00/meal. The meal includes pork & sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, apple sauce, and cake. We hope that you will stop by and pick up a meal. If you would like to help, please contact the church office at 610-621-5770.

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.