

Weekly News from
**St. Paul's United Church of Christ
and
Zion United Church of Christ**

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Worship 10:15am



**Sunday, March 20, 2022
Third Sunday in Lent**

††† **Worship Participants & Sponsorships** †††

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

| | <u>Today - Mar 20th</u> | <u>Next Sunday - Mar 27th</u> |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Usher Captain | Michael P. | Barb O. |
| Usher Co-Captain | Terry P. | Dale M. |
| Usher/Greeter | Sharon B. | Joel P. |
| Usher/Greeter | Karen S. | Akira P. |
| Usher/Greeter: Downstairs | Cory P. | Cory P. |
| Acolyte | Jon H. | Michael M. |
| Crucifer | Paul S. | Paul S. |
| Welcome/Layreader | Akira P. | Ray T. |
| St. Paul's Messenger | Elsa W. | Sheri R. |
| Cantor | Wanda M. | Brian K. |
| Children's Message | Wanda M. | Michael M. |
| AV Tech | Kirk A. | Kirk A. |
| Koffee Klatch | Zion | Sheri R. |
| St. Paul's Counters | Jon H. & Carl U. | Jon H. & Carl U. |
| Bulletins | Sue H. | - |
| Altar Flowers | - | - |

**The bulletins
are placed in memory of
Capt. Scott R. Hiester
by *Sue Hiester***

††† **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](http://www.sprucc.org)" 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 are shared with Zion UCC. Please join us to learn more about God's Word.

Interested in Gardening?

The small garden spot at the parsonage is available to anyone who would like to plant and tend it. If interested, please speak with Michael Pastor.

Matching Fund Grant

We are excited to share with you that we are being granted up to \$5,000.00 for a "Matching Fund Campaign." Every dollar that individuals give to the Matching Fund (above their usual contributions), from the month of February through May 1, 2022, will give us an additional dollar in grant money, up to \$5,000.00.

This is a great opportunity to financially support the ministries of St. Paul's UCC. Please prayerfully consider how much God might be leading you to contribute to this matching fund to support the mission and ministries of His church. The only way that we can receive any money from this grant is through your donations; the only way that we can receive the full \$5,000 is by individuals contributing a total of \$5,000. Thank you for your donations and your efforts to help us receive the full amount possible through this grant.

Please contribute by: (1) putting a donation in an envelope and marking it "Matching Fund"; (2) sending a check to St. Paul's UCC, 301 West Penn Ave, Robeson, PA 19551 with "Matching Fund" written in the memo line; or (3) click on this "[online giving](#)" link, select the "Other 1" or "Other 2" box, and fill in the necessary fields. Make sure to type "Matching Fund" in the "Note" box.

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. Contact Pastor Mary Etta. She will send you an email with a link to the Zoom numbers.

Five Lenten Wednesdays

For the Wednesdays during Lent (3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6), we will have a short evening prayer service beginning at 6:30pm. These services will be offered in-person, and via live stream, phone stream and Facebook Live. A special dialogue will be offered for each of these services. Those to be featured are Caiaphas, Peter, Mary Magdalene, John, and the Centurion.

Wednesday, March 23 at 6:30pm

This week at the Lenten Evening Service, hear a reporter question Mary Magdalene. Mary was considered one of Jesus' most loyal follower. Our modern day reporter will be Geri G., and Mary Magdalene will be portrayed by Alberta M. Scripture will be read by Cory P.

Sponsorships

Please consider sponsoring altar flowers, the bulletin, or even the newsletter, in honor or memory of a loved one, or a special event in your life. Sign up papers are located on a table in the upstairs hallway. Questions? Please contact Geri: 610-621-5770 or office@spruce.org.

We Are Looking For Acolytes - Any Age

Please let Pastor Mary Etta or Elsa W. know if you are interested.

Do We Have Your Email Address?

It is extremely helpful to us if we can communicate with you by email! Please pass that along to us if you have one!

Are We Still Praying?

YES! Please do, each day at noon and anytime to thank God in unison for our blessings as congregations.

God, we pray for your guidance. Reveal your plan to us. Guide us every step of your plan.

Amen.

James 1:5 - If any of you need wisdom, you should ask God, and it will be given to you.

God is generous and won't correct you for asking.

But when you ask for something, you must have faith and not doubt.

Egg Carton Drive

The Youth Group is still collecting empty egg cartons until March 31. Place cartons within the designated bins. Thanks!

Collection of Plastic Bags

Please continue to bring plastic grocery bags to church. Clean, good condition grocery store plastic bags. Please place them on the stage in Miller Fellowship Hall. St. Paul's and Zion will be making mats for homeless people from these plastic bags. **The next date to work together at church is this Tuesday, March 22 from 12:30-2:00pm.** Once you learn what to do, you may work from home. If you are interested in helping with this service project, please tell Rev. M. **If you could take bags home to flatten them and return them to church, it would be a big help!**

A Witness Talk

Did God say hello to you in a big way one day? Would you have the courage to share the experience with us? Like up front, with a microphone? **A Witness Talk!** Tell Pastor Mary Etta or Sheri R.

THE FISH ARE HERE!

“ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING” (OGHS)

If you are thankful for the home in which you live,
If you are thankful for the food you are able to grow or buy,
If you are thankful for the medicine you have,
If you are thankful for electricity and water,
If you are thankful that God just took care of a serious problem,
Please consider transferring your thankfulness into giving toward “One Great Hour of Sharing.”

Beginning on Sunday, March 6, coin banks will be handed out. Each day when you find yourself saying “Thank you, God” for any big or little object or happening, **“Put Your Thanks Into The Bank”** in the form of money. There are people who are waiting to say, “Thank you, God” for your gift. Please return the banks on OGHS Sunday, **March 27**.

Redner’s Tapes

If you would like to help the local Meals on Wheels (Berks Encore/Wernersville), an easy way to do it is with Redner’s Tapes. Please place your Redner’s receipts in the brown paper bag on the table in the upstairs hallway. The bag is labeled “Redner’s Tapes”. There are some stipulations:

- You must use your reward card when you checkout your groceries.
- The tape must say: “Today’s 1% Save-A-Tape Total \$ _____.”
- Please Do Not Make Any Marks On Your Tape.
- Tapes cannot be more than 3 years old.
- We need the whole tape. **Thanks!!**

Home Care Help Wanted

Individual needed who is willing to help with home care for elderly female for a few hours, 2-3 days a week. No need for medical experience. Ideal person would be willing to visit and provide mental stimulation and companionship, along with some light food preparation and personal care assistance. An occasional ride for doctor’s appointments may be helpful, but not necessary. Residence 4 miles north of Womelsdorf off of Route 419. Call Wanda K. At 484-400-0124 if interested.

Where Are Your Seeds?

Remember the seeds you received on Hanging of the Greens Sunday? Now is the time to find them and be ready to plant them so they become “greens.” They are sacred gifts from God. Think bees, butterflies, birds - the three B’s!

A Hunting We Will Go!

We are in need of wrapped candy donations for our St Paul’s/Zion’s Easter egg hunt on April 10th at 9:00am during Sunday school. Please place your bags of wrapped candy to fill the plastic eggs in the bin in the hallway by **Sunday, April 3rd** to give us time to fill all of the eggs. Thank you so much for your help!!

All children and grandchildren ages 1-12 are invited to participate. Bring your baskets or bags and come join us for a fun morning of songs, story and egg hunting!!

The Beauty of Easter

Let’s celebrate Easter with beautiful flowers to decorate our sanctuary and commemorate someone special in your life. The Easter flower order form is included in the March newsletter. There are also forms on the welcome table in the hallway. Please place your order form and payment in the Flower Order basket in the hallway. The order form will also be available online at www.sprucc.org. The deadline for flower orders is **Sunday, March 27th**. Thank you for your orders!

It’s Candy Time Again!

The Women’s Group will soon be making candy. If you would like to place an order, please grab an order form on the hallway table or check our website for an online order form. The deadline will be **Sunday, March 27th**. If you would like to help make candy, please contact Sue Hiester for specifics, but the first week of candy making will be as follows:

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|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Sat. Mar. 26 - 12:00pm | Sun. Mar. 27 - 2:00pm | Mon. Mar. 28 - 8:30am |
| Tues. Mar. 29 - 8:30am | Wed. Mar. 30 - 9:30am | |

Zoom Social Gathering

Friendly conversation via Zoom is planned between Zion and St. Paul’s members for next Sunday, March 27 at 7:00pm. We hope you will join us. All are invited! The Zoom numbers used are the same ones used for the weekly Tuesday morning Bible Study. If you contact Pastor Mary Etta at mestme@aol.com or 610-659-2775 she will send or give you the needed information.

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.

*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*

† St. Paul's Prayer List †

Medical Concerns, Healing & Help:

Tina B. & Family
Krissy D. & Family
Rich D.
Lorelei G.
Jim & Donna K.
Ella L.

Medical Concerns, Healing & Help:

Jim S.
Rob & Jodi S.
Kirstin S.
Justin V.
Angel Z.

Social Concerns:

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

Mourning:

Family & Friends of George E.
Family & Friends of Nevin K.

† Zion's Prayer List †

Help & Healing:

Tom C.
Barbara G.
Greer Z.
Thomas

College People:

Madison H.
Jack S.
Shane M.

All Military People Especially:

Sgt. Benjamin (Bibs)
Senior Airman Sarah (Karen)
MASN Cody (Wanda)
LanCpl Ben (George & Dottie)

Mourning:

Family & Friends of Earl A.
(Wanda's stepfather)
Family & Friends of Geraldine K.
(Ray's aunt)
Family & Friends of Clarrie
(cousin of Greer Z. and Connie K.)

In Thankfulness:

For God's Provision for Zion UCC
For the church's prayers for Sharon & Jimmy's dental work

Guidance:

For decisions which Zion & St. Paul's will be making

Protection & Support:

People of Ukraine

Peace:

For ALL people everywhere

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 or Pastor Mary Etta.

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Password (for both): iamheretosome

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Upcoming Events Link

