

# Weekly News from United Church of Christ

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Worship 10:15am



**Sunday, September 4, 2022**  
**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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

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

	<u><b>This Sunday - September 4<sup>th</sup></b></u>	<u><b>Next Sunday - September 11<sup>th</sup></b></u>
Usher Captain	Beth M.	Geri G.
Usher Co-Captain	Marianne K.	Elsa W.
Usher/Greeter	Linda E.	George M.
Usher/Greeter	Diane M.	Dottie M.
Usher/Greeter: Downstairs	John E.	Cory P.
Acolyte	Jon H.	Geri G.
Welcome/Announcements	Terry P.	Dale M.
Layreader	Pastor Bob	Connie K.
Cantor	Wanda M.	Sheri R.
Children's Message	Wanda M.	Akira P.
AV Tech	Kirk A.	Kirk A.
G3 Group Helper	Denise U.	Elsa W.
Koffee Klatch	Zion	St. Paul's
St. Paul's Counter	Jon H.	Jon H.
St. Paul's Counter	Carl U.	Carl U.
Bulletin Sponsor	Sue H.	-
Altar Flowers Sponsor	-	-

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## ††† **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](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.

### **Continue to Pray**

Please pray 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.*

Psalm 37:23 (CEV)

If you do what the Lord wants, each step you take is sure.

### **Do We Have Your Email Address?**

It is extremely helpful to us if we can communicate with you by email! Please consider sharing your email address with us.

### New Toy Drive Collection

Thank you to everyone who donated towards the New Toy Drive. **A total of \$180 was collected.** That's wonderful! This money will allow us to buy a good assortment of toys for the nursery for the various age levels that will use it. Thank you!

### Singing Choir Rehearsal

The choir will begin their weekly practice beginning on **Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm** in the Upper Room. The first worship service that they will be singing for will be on Sunday, September 11. All are welcome.

### Tuesday Morning Bible Study

The Tuesday morning Zoom Bible study based on the scripture passages for the coming Sunday will resume on **September 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am**. The same Zoom numbers will be used each week. They are:

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

Meeting ID: 874 5212 4156 Passcode: 783249

For those joining with telephone, choose one of the following toll free numbers:

+1 301 715 8592 (Washington, DC) or +1 646 558 8656 (New York)

### Wednesday Evening Bible Study

The Bible study of the Book of Acts will resume on Wednesdays, beginning **September 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:20pm**. It is a hybrid study. Those who would like to participate from home should use the Zoom information found above. Those who would like to participate in-person should come to the church. The only thing needed is a Bible. We will be starting at Chapter 7, verse 51.

### Women's Lunch

The next Women's Lunch will be on **Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm** at Country Fare Restaurant, Myerstown. All women of the church and friends are invited. Please let Pastor Mary Etta know by **Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>** if you plan to attend.

### Youth Group Leader Meeting

The leaders for Youth Group will meet to plan upcoming events on **Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-6:00pm**.

### Youth Group Meeting

The next Youth Group meeting will be on **Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:00pm**. All youth in Grade 5 to Grade 12 are welcome at our meetings. They need not be a member of St. Paul's Church. Please encourage the youth that you know to consider coming. Our monthly meetings consist of fellowship, prayer, learning, fun, and the youth planning for their own upcoming activities.

### Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Bell Choir rehearsals will begin on **Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**. We are always looking for new ringers. If you have an interest, but are unsure, please speak with any of our bell choir members. We would be happy to answer your questions.

### Men's Group Meeting

The Men of the church will have their monthly meeting on **Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am at the Heidelberg Restaurant**. Please contact Brian Keppley if you have any questions.

### Sunday School

We will resume Sunday school on **September 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am**. Classes are for toddlers up to adult. We hope you will join us. **If you would like to help teach or serve as a substitute teacher, please let the church office know.**

### Nursery and Junior Church Volunteers

Beginning on **September 11<sup>th</sup>** we would like to resume some of the Sunday programs that were in existence before Covid occurred. Two such activities are a supervised nursery for children 0-8 years old (offered every Sunday during worship), and Junior Worship. Junior Worship is offered after the Children's Message on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. It is for elementary age children and is offered so that they may learn a little more about that Sunday's scripture lesson. Usually the time is spent with a craft project that reinforces the message.

Volunteers are needed for both the nursery and for the Junior Worship program. Please sign up on the clipboards located on the table in the vestibule. Contact the church office if you have any questions.

### Ukraine Emergency Appeal

Uniting in prayer, action, and giving, we stand as a people of faith in love and compassion with the people of Ukraine and all who are affected, and with our global partners who are welcoming those driven from their homes.

Please contribute by: (1) putting a donation in an envelope and marking it "Ukraine Relief"; (2) sending a check to St. Paul's UCC, 301 West Penn Ave, Robesonia, PA 19551 with "Ukraine Relief" 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. Type "Ukraine Relief" in the "Note" box.

### **Ketchup Sunday**

After worship on **Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>** we will be celebrating in our annual “Ketchup Sunday” with hot dogs, ketchup, and other refreshments.

Ketchup Sunday gives us a chance to catch-up with each other after our summer vacations. To help catch-up with each other we encourage you to email to the church, pictures from your summer vacation (multiple pictures are welcome). Then during the fellowship time we will include them in a picture slide show.

Ketchup Sunday is also about catching up with our missed offerings. If you look through your offering envelope packet, you may find a few from the summer that you haven’t yet used. If so, you are invited and encouraged to bring those with you on September 18 (with an offering in them) and place them in the offering plate to be blessed and uplifted to God, and in doing so “Catch-Up” in your support of Christ’s ministries through his church. If you cannot attend, your offering may also be mailed in or contributed electronically.

Whether you submit pictures or not, and whether you bring your envelopes or not, we hope you will come, join in the refreshments, and catch up with your church family as we begin the fall.

### **21<sup>st</sup> Century Christian Women’s Group**

The Women’s Group will be meeting on **Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Miller Fellowship Hall**. All of the women of both churches are invited and welcome to attend. Contact Sue Hiester if you have any questions.

### **Western Berks Shepherding Ministry (WBSM)**

Western Berks Shepherding Ministry will be having a **fund-raiser on September 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>** at Austin’s Restaurant & Bar and at Coastal Grille. To help raise funds, take an invite card (located on a table in the vestibule) and present it to your server if dining in, or at time of pick up when getting take-outs. It may be used for lunch or dinner. WBSM will receive 20% of your food purchase.

If you would like to volunteer at the WBSM and help transport individuals to medical appointments, testing, and therapy, or help with grocery shopping and some errands, please contact the Ministry at 484-294-7394 or [WesternBerksShepherding@gmail.com](mailto:WesternBerksShepherding@gmail.com). Helpers are only asked to help one morning or afternoon a month, although some do additional appointments.

### **PLARN: Plastic Bag Yarn**

Thank you very much for bringing plastic bags for our service project for homeless people. At the moment we have enough bags to keep us busy for a long time. We will announce when we need more bags. Thank you!

We hope to have a finished mat soon so you can see what our mission project is producing for homeless people.

**The next PLARN session will be Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-2:00pm, in the Miller Fellowship Hall.**

### **Soup & Such and Clothing Closet**

The next Soup & Such and Clothing Closet will take place on **Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:00pm**. Soup & Such servers and helpers should come at 3:00pm. If you would like to help with the Clothing Closet, please speak with Robin Henning. Help is always needed to sort clothes.

### **Redner Tapes**

We are collecting Redner receipts for the local *Meals on Wheels* (Berks Encore/ Wernersville) and/or *Bethany Children's Home*. Please place your tapes in the respective envelopes that may be found on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs (near the elevator). The following must be adhered to in order to use the Redner’s receipts:

- Your reward card must be used when you check-out your groceries
- The tape must say: "Today's 1% Save-A-Tape Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_"
- Please Do Not Make Any Marks On Your Tape
- Please Do Not Tear the Tape; the Whole Tape is needed
- Tapes cannot be more than 3 years old

**Thank you for your receipts. Thank you to Geneva Aulenbach for coordinating this project.**

### **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? Or would you be willing to write out something and have someone read it for you? A Witness Talk! If so, please tell Sheri Rowe or Rev. Mary Etta.

### **Volunteer Reading Tutors needed for Ready. Set. READ! Program**

Help make a difference in a child's life! Volunteers are needed to tutor 2nd grade students who need extra support with reading at Conrad Weiser East Elementary on Wednesdays from 3:15 - 4:00pm and West Elementary on Tuesdays from 2:00-3:00pm. No previous teaching experience is required. This opportunity is for anyone interested in volunteering weekly for one hour during the 2022-2023 school year. Current background clearances are required prior to assignment. Please contact Darby Wiekrykas at United Way 610-685-4574 or [darbyw@uwberks.org](mailto:darbyw@uwberks.org).

**Conrad Weiser Food Pantry**

The Pantry is asking for donations of clean used plastic bags and egg cartons. If you can help, please bring them to Trinity Lutheran Church on Robeson Street in Robeson.

*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 & God’s Assuring Presence:**

Ruth A.  
Terry B.  
Marlane C.  
Rich D.  
Dean D.  
Mike G.  
Sue H.

**Medical Concerns, Healing, Help & God’s Assuring Presence:**

Steve K.  
Sandie K.  
Eloise L.  
Ella L.  
George M.  
Carman R.  
Karen S.

**Medical Concerns, Healing, Help & God’s Assuring Presence:**

Jim S.  
Rob S.  
Jodi S.  
Lisa S.

**Social Concerns:**

Those who serve in the armed forces  
Peaceful outcome in the Ukraine

† **Zion’s Prayer List** †

**Help & Healing:**

Jeanette B.  
Sharon F.  
Steven F.  
David H.  
Dolly I.  
Peg M.  
Michelle N.  
Joyce P.  
Karen S.  
Rob S.  
Paul S.  
Ray T.  
Wendy W.

**All Military People Especially:**

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

**Thanksgiving:**

For All the People who serve faithfully in  
Worship and on Consistories & Committees

**Guidance:**

For decisions which Zion & St. Paul’s are making

**Prayers for One Who Has Died and for the Family:**

Kevin H., grandson of Betty W.

**Protection & Support:**

People of Ukraine  
People traveling

**Peace:**

For ALL people everywhere

**To Cease:**

Violence by guns

**Cooperation:**

Governments working together for the greater good  
Governments working together to help our environment & climate

**College People:**

Madison H.  
Jack S.

*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) or Pastor Mary Etta.*

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