

Weekly News from United Church of Christ of Robesonia

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Christmas Eve 7:00pm & 11:00pm
Sunday Worship 10:15am



Saturday, December 24, 2022
Sunday, December 25, 2022

+++ Worship Participants & Sponsorships +++

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

	<u>Christmas Eve 7:00pm</u>	<u>Christmas Eve 11:00pm</u>	<u>This Sunday - Dec 25th</u>	<u>Next Sunday - Jan 1st</u>
Usher Captain	Robin H.	Geri G.	Barb O.	Beth M.
Usher Co-Captain	Jon H.	Elsa W.	Dale M.	Marianne K.
Usher/Greeter	John E.	-	Kim T.	John E.
Usher/Greeter	Linda E.	-	Peggy T.	Diane M.
Usher/Greeter: Downstairs	-	-	Cory P.	Cory P.
Acolyte	Arial M.	Geri G.	Ethan M.	Lily O.
Welcome/Announcements	Jon H.	Elsa W.	Terry P.	Geri G.
Layreader	Terry P.	Elsa W.	Pastor Bob	Connie K.
Cantor	Wanda M.	Geri G.	Sheri R.	Terry P.
Children's Message	Pastor Ben	Pastor Ben	Pastor Ben	Pastor Ben
Nursery	TBD	N/A	TBD	TBD
Junior Worship	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
AV Tech	-	-	-	-
G3 Group Helper	Robin H.	Robin H.	Robin H.	Sue H.
Koffee Klatch	None	None	None	None
St. Paul's Counter	Carl U.	Carl U.	Carl U.	Geri G.
St. Paul's Counter	Jon H.	Jon H.	Jon H.	Kirk A.
Bulletin Sponsor	-	-	-	-
Altar Flowers Sponsor	-	-	-	-

+++ General Announcements +++

Merry Christmas Everyone!!

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.

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.

The Fifth Advent Candle

The Fifth Advent Candle is known as "Christ's candle". It is placed in the middle of the Advent Wreath and symbolizes Light and Purity. This candle, lit during the Christmas Eve service, is pure white to symbolize triumph and pure brightness. Our Advent candle lighters during the 7:00pm service are Alberta Miller and Steve Miller. Our Advent candle lighters during the 11:00pm service are Geri Gammel and Elsa Wertz.

Angel Tree Mission Project

Thank you to everyone who donated items or money for this year's Angel Tree Mission Project. Our project this year benefits those veterans who receive help through the Lebanon Veterans Affairs. Clothing, personal care items, and assorted items such as books, games, playing cards, fleece blankets, and puzzle books were collected. This is just a small way for us to show them how much we appreciate their service.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

The weekly Tuesday morning Zoom Bible study is at 9:00am. It is based on the scripture passages for the coming Sunday. We hope you will consider joining the study group. The same Zoom numbers are 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)

Book of Acts Evening Bible Study

There will be no Tuesday evening Bible study on December 27th. Starting in January, the Bible study will return to Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm.

PLARN = Plastic Yarn

Our first PLARN mat has been delivered to Zion United Methodist Church. It is the one that was made by Yvonne Rentschler and dedicated during worship in October. Zion UMC delivers mats to Philadelphia where they are used by homeless people.

The last PLARN session for 2022 will be on **Tuesday, December 27th from 12:30 to 2:00pm**. Starting in January 2023, contact Pastor Mary Etta if you need any materials for whatever stage of the process that you are doing. Pastor Mary Etta will meet with you to give you what you need, or receive what you have done, or if you have any questions. If you are interested in helping with this mission project, there are good teaching videos available. Pastor Mary Etta's contact information is mestme@aol.com or 610-659-2775.

New Years Day Worship Service

This year New Years Day will be on a Sunday. There will be no Sunday school. **Worship will be an hour earlier at 9:15am.**

Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner

The Men's Group will be having their Annual Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner on **Sunday, January 1st from 11:00am to 2:00pm** in the fellowship hall. It will be eat in or take out. Church will start at 9:15am (no Sunday school that day) and end at 10:15am so we may prepare for the 11:00am start time. The meal includes pork & sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, apple sauce, and cake. We hope that you will stop by for a meal. If you would like to help, please contact the church office at 610-621-5770 or Brian Keppley at 610-670-2835.

Closing Worship Service

On **Saturday, January 7, 2023** at 10:15am we will have a "*Closing Worship Service*" to prayerfully lift up to God our separate identities coming to a close.

Opening Worship Service

On **Sunday, January 8, 2023** at 10:15am we will have our "*Opening Worship Service*" to joyously begin our new unified church together, pray for God's blessings upon our ministries, offer vows of membership and pastoral leadership, and enjoy in fellowship after worship.

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. Thank you for all your donations. **So far \$1,590.50 has been collected.**

You may 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, Robeson, 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.

Hurricanes 2022 Fund

Thank you for your support of disaster relief. Your generosity has aided hundreds of families in need of help to rebuild their homes and lives. We request your renewed support for the Hurricanes 2022 Fund for those in crisis in the aftermath of Hurricanes Fiona and Ian, and other significant storms that may arise in the warm Atlantic waters. Your gift to the Hurricanes 2022 Fund will help with immediate needs while basic infrastructure is repaired, and more complete assessments can be made.

You may donate through St. Paul's UCC. Please be sure to note "Hurricanes Fund 2022" in the memo section of your check. You may also donate electronically on the church's website. Go to sprucc.org, click on the green "Online Giving" button, click on the "Special Mission" donate link, and fill in the blanks. Thank you for your generosity.

*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:**

Beatrice A.
Scott B.
Linwood B.
Charlie D.
Rich D.
Dean D.
Sandie K.
Carol K.
Janice L.
Ella L.
Dale M.
Erma M.

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

Pat N.
Jim S.
Rob S.
Jodi S.
Mildred U.
Those wounded as a result of the
shooting at the Digestive Diseases
Medical Office

Social Concerns:

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

Mourning:

Family & friends of Harold “Utzer”
Gruber
Family & friends of Matthew Miller
Family & friends of Paul Y.
Family & friends of those killed as a
result of the shooting at the
Digestive Diseases Medical
Office
Family & friends of two local firemen
that died while fighting a house
fire

† **Zion’s Prayer List** †

Help & Healing:

Tina A.
Jeanette B.
Michael B.
John Endy E.
Jimmy F.
Sharon F.
Dolores H.
Betty H.
Dolly I.
Amanda K.
Kathy K.
Bill M.
Leon M.
Peg M.
Rozie M.
Michelle N.
Joyce P.
Claudia S.
Ray T.
Wendy W.
Greer Z.

College People:

Madison H.
Jack S.

All Military People Especially:

Sgt. Benjamin (Bibs)
Sr. Airman Sarah (Karen S.)
MASN Cody (Wanda M.)
PO3 Lucas (Wanda M.)
Cpl Ben (George & Dottie M.)

Thanksgiving:

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

Guidance:

Serving God well together as one congregation

New Babies and Their Families:

Fletcher P.
Felicity Sage H.

Mourning:

Nancy F. on the death of brother, Donald D.

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

*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.*

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

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Upcoming Events Link

