

# Weekly News from United Church of Christ of Robesonia

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Sunday Worship 10:15am



**Sunday, January 1, 2023**

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

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

	<u>This Sunday - Jan 1<sup>st</sup></u>	<u>Next Sunday - Jan 8<sup>th</sup></u>
Usher Captain	Beth M.	Geri G.
Usher Co-Captain	Marianne K.	Elsa W.
Usher/Greeter	John E.	George M.
Usher/Greeter	Diane M.	Dottie M.
Usher/Greeter: Downstairs	Cory P.	Cory P.
Acolyte	Lily O.	Preslie U.
Welcome/Announcements	Geri G.	Dale M.
Layreader	Connie K.	George M.
Cantor	Terry P.	Brian K.
Children's Message	Pastor Ben	Pastor Mary Etta
Nursery	TBD	TBD
Junior Worship	N/A	TBD
AV Tech	-	-
G3 Group Helper	Sue H.	Denise U.
Koffee Klatch	None	Group B (Zion)
St. Paul's Counter	Geri G.	Geri G.
St. Paul's Counter	Kirk A.	Kirk A.
Bulletin Sponsor	-	-
Altar Flowers Sponsor	-	-

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## ††† **General Announcements** †††

### **Happy New Year!!**

#### **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](http://www.sprucc.org)" page at [www.sprucc.org](http://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.

#### **Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner**

The Men's Group will be having their Annual Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner on **today, January 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### **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=RzI3dTl4Uy8vWGpBQnRzOGV2bnlrdz09>

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**

The Bible study of the Book of Acts will be on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm. If you have not yet joined this study, please consider doing so. Nothing is needed other than a Bible. You may join by Zoom (using numbers above) or in person.

### **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.

Starting in January 2023, contact Pastor Mary Etta if you need any PLARN 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](mailto:mestme@aol.com) or 610-659-2775.

### **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.

### **Women's Lunch**

The next Women's Luncheon will take place on **Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am** at Country Fare Restaurant, Myerstown. All women are invited to attend. Please let Pastor Mary Etta know if you can come by the Monday of that week; that would be **Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**. Her contact information is [mestme@aol.com](mailto:mestme@aol.com) or 610-659-2775.

### **Youth Group Meetings**

The next Youth Group meetings will take place **Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**. The Leader meeting will take place at 5:30pm. The Youth Group meeting will be at 6:00pm. Youth Group is open to all students in Grade 5 through Grade 12.

### **Singing Choir Rehearsal**

The choir will practice on Thursday evening at 6:00pm.

### **Handbell Choir Rehearsal**

The handbells will practice on Thursday evening at 7:00pm.

### **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](http://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*

† **United’s Prayer List** †

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

Tina A.  
Beatrice A.  
Jeanette B.  
Michael B.  
Scott B.  
Linwood B  
Audra B.  
Charlie D.  
Rich D.  
John E.  
Eloise  
Evie  
Jimmy F.  
Sharon F.  
Dolores H.  
Betty H.  
Dolly I.  
Sandie K.  
Carol K.  
Lelyna L.  
Ella L.  
Peg M.  
Leon M.  
Rozy M.  
Bill M.  
Pat N.  
Michelle N.

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

Joyce P.  
Claudia S.  
Jim S.  
Rob S.  
Jodi S.  
Ronnie S.  
Ray T.  
Mildred U.  
Wendy W.

**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.)

**College People:**

Madison H.  
Jack S.

**Thanksgiving:**

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

**Guidance:**

Serving God well together as one  
congregation

**Mourning:**

Family & friends of Helene E.,  
wife of John E.  
Family& friends of Lawerance S.  
Family & friends of Paul Y.

**Protection & Support:**

People of Ukraine  
People traveling

**Peace:**

Peaceful outcome in the Ukraine  
For ALL people everywhere

**To Cease:**

Violence by guns

**Prayers for Love and Support of:**

Children and young adults who don’t  
get it from their own families and  
struggle as they try to make it on  
their own.  
Families with newborns and infants  
struggling to start off in this world.

**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](mailto:office@sprucc.org) or Pastor Mary Etta.*

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**Password (for both):** iamheretoserve

[www.sprucc.org](http://www.sprucc.org)

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[Upcoming Events Link](#)

