

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

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 Worship 10:15am



Sunday, January 23, 2022
Third Sunday after Epiphany

+++ **Worship Participants & Sponsorships** +++

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

	<u>Today - Jan 23rd</u>	<u>Next Sunday - Jan 30th</u>
Usher Captain	Barb O.	Robin H.
Usher Co-Captain	Dale M.	Jon H.
Usher/Greeter	Connie K.	John E.
Usher/Greeter	Cory P.	Linda E.
Acolyte	Geri G.	Arial M.
Crucifer	Paul S.	Paul S.
Welcome/Lector	Linda E.	Joel P.
St. Paul's Announcer	Geri G.	Jon H.
Cantor	Wanda M.	Brian K.
Children's Message	Akira P.	Michael M.
AV Tech	Kirk A.	Kirk A.
Koffee Klatch	Zion	Georgi H.
Liturgical Dance	Becky B.	-
Bulletins	-	Wanda M.
Altar Flowers	-	Wanda M.

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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. 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 are shared with Zion UCC. Please join us to learn more about God's Word.

Liturgical Dance - TODAY

We are very excited to have a new worship experience at St. Paul's Church to take place today during worship. Liturgical dance is a Christian form of prayer and worship through bodily movement. It is a tool that God may use to deliver His message of love, salvation, healing, encouragement and/or deliverance through dance and music. Becky Boone, a friend of Zion UCC who is gifted in Liturgical Dance, will be dancing during this worship service. Sit back and experience this wonderful form of worship.

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)

Church Choir Rehearsals - Thursdays

Please consider joining the church choir. They meet once a week on Thursdays from 6:00-7:00pm in the Upper Room on the second floor of the church. Please contact Pastor Bob if you have any questions. His phone number is 610-927-8741.

Handbell Choir Rehearsals - Thursdays

The Handbell Choir meets once a week for practice, and usually performs once a month during the Worship Service. They are a fun bunch, always on the lookout for additional ringers. Practice is on Thursdays at 7:00pm. If you would like additional information, please contact the church office.

Set Your Cell Phone Alarm for Noon Every Day

Why? To thank God in unison for our blessings as congregations worshipping together. To ask for God's guidance as we begin serious discussions about the possibility of becoming a new congregation with a new name.

Pray: God, we pray for your guidance. Is this your will or is this not your will? Reveal your plan to us. Guide us through every step of your plan, whatever that is. Amen.

Psalms 119:105 - Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Wanted: Clean, Used Plastic Grocery Bags

St. John's Hain's UCC is making blankets for homeless people by crocheting strips of plastic bags. If you do not already have a good place for your bags, please bring them to the stage in Miller Fellowship Hall and place them in the labeled green bin. If you would be interested in helping to make these blankets, please contact Pat Roberts at PatRoberts@stjhains.org.

Attention All Instrumental Musicians

In the new year, Pastor Bob would like to try to incorporate instrumental musicians during our worship's musical ministry. He would like to utilize school musicians, as well as adults who still remember how to read music. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please contact Pastor Bob and let him know your interest and what instrument you play. Any and all instruments are welcome - clarinets, flutes, saxophones, trumpets, tubas, bass drums, guitars, pianists, recorders, flutophones, boombas, accordions, waxpaper on a comb, or something never heard of. Contact Pastor Bob at 610-927-8741 or 484-769-4076.

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. A Flower Chart has been posted on the bulletin board in the narthex, and up-to-date sponsor sheets have been placed on clipboards nearby. Detailed information may be found on the poster display by the clipboards.

Valentine's Day Care Package

It is the plan of both Zion and St. Paul's to put together a Valentine's Day care package for our youth members that are in college. We would like to send them fun things like coloring pages, crayons, cookies, and other food items (these help to relieve stress), as well as useful items like thumb drives, highlighters, facial tissues, cleaning wipes, hand sanitizers, sanitizing wipes, masks, forever stamps, etc. We are planning on assembling these items after church on **January 30**. Every thing will need to be in the mail by February 4 so that it is received in time for Valentine's Day.

We would like your help. We have 7 youth from both congregations that are taking college courses. If you would like to donate some items for this project, please bring them to the church and place them in the collection bin in the upstairs hallway. If you would like to donate money which will be used to purchase items as well as help pay for the postage to mail everything, please indicate on your check that it is for the Valentine's Day Project, or if donating online indicate "Valentine Project" on the Fund Raiser or Special Mission line. There will also be a container at the back of the church where you may drop in your loose change. Thank you for your help with this project!

The Book of Acts Bible Study

The next session of the Book of Acts Bible Study will take place this Wednesday, **January 26th** from **6:30-7:30pm**. Pastor Mary Etta is our teacher and guide. There are a total of 3 sessions left in our study: January 26, February 16 & February 23. We hope you will join us in-person or remotely via Zoom. The necessary Zoom info is as follows:

Meeting ID: 874 5212 4156 Passcode: 783249

For people joining with telephone: 1-301-715-8592

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87452124156?pwd=RzI3dTl4Uy8vWGpBQnRzOGV2bnlrdz09>

Clearances Workshop - TODAY

St. Paul's UCC is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all youth and volunteers who participate in ministries and activities sponsored by the church. Staff, teachers, and helpers in the church are required to have certain clearances on file. Today, Sunday, **January 23rd**, after worship there will be a Clearances Workshop that will enable participants to begin the process of obtaining or renewing their clearances. Contact Pastor Ben or Elsa Wertz for more info.

Usher/Greeter Training

There will be Usher/Greeter training on Sunday, **January 30** at 9:15am (before the worship service). This is an important position in the church. We're always looking for friendly faces, so if you want to help welcome and greet visitors and members, please attend the training session. The duties of a greeter have somewhat broadened, so it's a good idea to attend, even if you're not new to being a greeter. Coffee and pastries will be served.

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.

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:

Sam B.
Rich D.
Leigh H.
Nevin K.
Jim & Donna K.
Janice L.
Donald L.
Donna L.
Ella L.
Owen M.

Medical Concerns & Healing:

George M.
Gary N.
Terry P.
John R.
Jim S.
Rob & Jodi S.
Bryce S.
Robert S.
Bailey U.
Nancy & Lee V.
Elsa W.

Mourning:

Family & Friends of Anna Mae B.
Family & Friends of Jed C.
Family & Friends of Chris E.
Family & Friends of Richard H.

Social Concerns:

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

† Zion’s Prayer List †

Help & Healing:

Lester B.
Candace H.
Kathy K.
Bill M.
McLain relative with Covid
The Palmer Family
The Sensenig Family: Jared, Landon,
Kasen
Sharon & Jimmy
All people dealing with catastrophes

Military People:

Sgt. Benjamin
Senior Airman Sarah
MASN Cody
LanCpl Ben

College People:

Madison H.
Jack S.
Shane M.

In Thankfulness:

For God’s Provision for Zion UCC

Guidance:

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

Mourning:

Family & Friends of Helen H.

*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): iamheretoserve



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Upcoming Events Link