

Weekly News from United Church of Christ

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Worship 10:15am



Sunday, August 21, 2022 11th Sunday after Pentecost

††† Worship Participants & Sponsorships †††

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

	<u>This Sunday - August 21st</u>	<u>Next Sunday - August 28st</u>
Usher Captain	Michael P.	Barb O.
Usher Co-Captain	Terry P.	Dale M.
Usher/Greeter	Sharon B.	Kim T.
Usher/Greeter	Karen S.	Peg T.
Usher/Greeter: Downstairs	Cory P.	Cory P.
Acolyte	John E.	Ethan M.
Welcome/Announcements	Elsa W.	Terry P.
Layreader	Geri G.	Jon H.
Cantor	Terry P.	Brian K.
Children's Message	Elsa W.	Michael M.
AV Tech	Kirk A.	Eric O.
G3 Group Helper	Robin H.	Sue H.
Koffee Klatch	Zion	Elsa W.
St. Paul's Counter	Kirk A.	Sue H.
St. Paul's Counter	Geri G.	Georgi H.
Bulletin Sponsor	-	-
Altar Flowers Sponsor	Dottie M.	Connie K.

The altar flowers are placed in memory of
Mr. and Mrs. George McLain, Sr. and
Mr. and Mrs. William McNeal
by George & Dottie McLain

††† 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.

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 37:5

Let the Lord lead you and trust him to help.

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.

Soup & Such and Clothing Closet

The next Soup & Such and Clothing Closet will take place this **Thursday, August 25 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.

Youth Group Meeting

The next Youth Group meeting will be on this **Thursday, August 25 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.

Blessing of the Backpacks

Next Sunday, **August 28**, we will be praying for students, teachers, administrators, and support staff for the beginning of the new school year. Youth (and teachers) are invited to bring their backpacks for a special blessing, and we will have a few school supplies for youth, as well.

Thank you to everyone who donated school supply items!

New Toy Drive Collection

Money is being received to buy new toys for the nursery; the toys there are rather outdated and the children using the nursery are not very interested in them. Thank you for any donations. Please make out your checks to St. Paul's UCC and write "*New Toys*" in the memo line.

Singing Choir Rehearsal

Choir rehearsals will soon begin. Rehearsals are weekly and the first one will be on **Thursday, September 1st at 6:00pm** in the Upper Room. The choir sings during the worship service. 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 6th 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 7th 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 8th 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 5th if you plan to attend.

Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Bell Choir rehearsals will begin on **Thursday, September 8th 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.

Sunday School

We will resume Sunday school on **September 11th 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 11th** 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 2nd and 3rd 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.

Two volunteers are needed to be in the nursery each Sunday, and two volunteers are needed to help with the Junior Worship program. New toys are being ordered for the nursery to help keep the little ones entertained. Geri Gammel will supply the lesson, instruction, and supplies for the Junior Worship program. To successfully run these programs, volunteers are needed. Please give this prayerful thought. The more people who volunteer for either or both programs, the better.

Ketchup Sunday

After worship on **Sunday, September 18th** 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.

HOLD THE PLASTIC BAGS!

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 27th from 12:30-2:00pm, in the Miller Fellowship Hall.

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.

Sanctuary Microphones

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the purchase of the new microphones in the sanctuary. A total of **\$910.00** was collected. We are still encouraging donations because technology is always advancing at a rapid pace. We will at some point need to update the laptop and the cameras used to stream the service. Your donations will be placed in our AV Fund, and updates made once enough money has been collected. **Again, thank you for your continued support.**

Western Berks Shepherding Ministry

Volunteers at the Western Berks Shepherding Ministry are trained to be of assistance to help transport to medical appointments, testing, and therapy those who are in need. Volunteers also help with grocery shopping and some errands. Helpers are only asked to help one morning or afternoon a month, although some do additional appointments. More volunteers are needed. If you would like to provide transportation, or if you would like more information, please contact the Ministry at 484-294-7394 or WesternBerksShepherding@gmail.com.

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.

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 Robesonia.

*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. III
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.
Kevin H.
Dolly I.
Peg M.
Michelle N.
Joyce P.
Karen S.
Rob S.
Paul S.
Ray T.
Wendy W.

College People:

Madison H.
Jack S.

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

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.*

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Password (for both): iamheretoserve

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Upcoming Events Link

