

Weekly News from United Church of Christ

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Worship 10:15am



Sunday, September 25, 2022
16th Sunday after Pentecost

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

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

	<u>This Sunday - September 25th</u>	<u>Next Sunday - October 2nd</u>
Usher Captain	Barb O.	Beth M.
Usher Co-Captain	Dale M.	Marianne K.
Usher/Greeter	Kim T.	John E.
Usher/Greeter	Peg T.	Karen S.
Usher/Greeter: Downstairs	Cory P.	Cory P.
Acolyte	Michael P.	Lily O.
Welcome/Announcements	Elsa W.	Terry P.
Layreader	Wanda M.	Akira P.
Cantor	Brian K.	Wanda M.
Children's Message	Elsa W.	Geri G.
AV Tech	Kirk A.	Kirk A.
G3 Group Helper	Sheri R.	Robin H.
Koffee Klatch	St. Paul's: Sue H.	Zion
St. Paul's Counter	Jon H.	Sue H.
St. Paul's Counter	Carl U.	Georgi H.
Bulletin Sponsor	Robin & Jon H.	-
Altar Flowers Sponsor	Wanda M.	-

The bulletins are sponsored by
Jon & Robin Henning
in honor of their
44th Wedding Anniversary.

The altar flowers are sponsored by
Wanda Moore
in honor of her grand daughter,
Madison Harvey's birthday!

††† **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 40:1 (CEV)

(We) waited patiently, Lord, for you to hear our prayer.

You let (us) stand on a rock with our feet firm,
and you give (us) a new song, a song of praise to you.

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.

Sunday School

Sunday school has resumed. Classes go from 9:00 - 9:45am and are for all ages: 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

A supervised nursery for children 0-8 years old is offered every Sunday during worship for those who need it. A nice assortment of new toys has been purchased for the nursery to help keep the children entertained. The nursery is located on the first floor.

Junior Worship

On the 2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month, following the mini message, the option of "Junior Worship" is offered downstairs for elementary age children to learn more about today's scripture lessons with fellow youth.

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

Confirmation Class

Confirmation helps youth and young adults learn some basics of the Christian faith and helps them to decide for themselves if they would like to be a part of the Christian faith. The recommended age to begin confirmation is 8th grade, but teens and young adults from 7th grade through college are also welcome. Currently the confirmation class program is on alternate Sunday evenings from 6:00 - 7:30pm. Please contact the church office to register. Please speak with Pastor Ben if you have questions.

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)

PLARN = Plastic Yarn

We utilize used but clean plastic grocery bags. We flatten them. We cut them in strips that are circles. We tie the circles together in a chain. We crochet this PLARN into sleeping mats for homeless people. They are lightweight to carry, easy to clean, and serve as insulation from the cold ground. You could help with any step of this process without crocheting. You could also learn to crochet. We have good videos to teach you.

Next Session: Tuesday, September 27th - 12:30 to 2:00pm.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

The Bible study of the Book of Acts has resumed. It takes place on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:20pm. It is a hybrid study. Those who would like to participate from home should use the same Zoom information used for the Tuesday morning Bible study (found above). Those who would like to participate in-person should come to the church. The only thing needed is a Bible.

Soup & Such and Clothing Closet

The next Soup & Such and Clothing Closet will take place on **Thursday, September 29th 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 **Thursday, September 29th 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.

Singing Choir Rehearsal

The choir practices weekly on Thursday evening starting at 6:00pm in the Upper Room. All are welcome.

Handbell Choir Rehearsal

The Bell Choir rehearses each Thursday evening 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.

Versammling Dinner

Help is needed for the Versammling Dinner to be held in Miller Fellowship Hall on **Saturday, October 1st**. This dinner is hosted by St. Paul's for the Western Berks County Pennsylvania Dutch organization. A variety of kitchen help is needed. For more information please contact Steve Miller at 717-933-5097.

New Processional Cross & World Communion Sunday

On **October 2nd** we will be dedicating and using a new processional cross. Come to see it in person! We will sing "*Lift High the Cross*". The choir and pastors will process following the cross.

We will also celebrate *World Communion Sunday*, when Christians throughout the world gather united through Holy Communion. Being together in person is especially good on this Sunday. It will be great to see you!

Duncan's Corn Maze

The church is planning on going to Duncan's Corn Maze on **Sunday, October 2nd**. We plan to meet near the registration table at 3:45pm. **This is open to everyone - youth, families, friends.** The cost is \$9.00/person for ages 6 and up. Those 5 and under are free. We hope you will join us. Please sign the Corn Maze clipboard so that we know you're coming. Thanks!

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.

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.

Opioid Overdose Response

Narcan Nasal Spray is used for known or suspected opioid overdose in adults or children. This product is available at two places in the church building for the prevention of death from a narcotic overdose.

One of the places is in Miller Fellowship Hall in the set of Zion mailboxes in the far right corner when entering the room from the hallway. There is also a medical kit at that location.

The second box is in the church office (first door next to upstairs mailboxes behind the bell tables) on a small shelf behind the computer monitor. In an emergency, please use either of these sets.

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.

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.

Neighbors in Need Offering

The Neighbors in Need offering, which we will receive on **October 2**, supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. **Two-thirds** of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. **One-third** of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). With your assistance, we together can help our Neighbors in Need. Please give generously. Donation envelopes may be found on the hallway table.

*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:

Jean B.
Terry B.
Rich D.
Dean D.
Mike G.
Sue H.
Steve K.

Medical Concerns, Healing, Help & God's Assuring Presence:

Donald L.
Ella L.
Karen S.
Jim S.
Rob S.
Jodi S.
Shirley 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.
Dolores H.
Tyler H.
Dolly I.
Leon
Peg M.
Rozie M.
Michelle N.
Joyce P.
Rob S.
Ray T.
Wendy W.
Greer Z.

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

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

*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

www.sprucc.org

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[Upcoming Events Link](#)

