

# Weekly News from United Church of Christ of Robesonia

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Worship 10:15am



**Sunday, December 4, 2022**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

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

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

|                           | <u><b>This Sunday - Dec 4<sup>th</sup></b></u> | <u><b>Next Sunday - Dec 11<sup>th</sup></b></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                   | Jon H.   | Ayden M.  |
| Welcome/Announcements     | Terry P.                                       | Geri G.   |
| Layreader                 | Ray T.   | Geri G.   |
| Cantor                    | Sheri R.                                       | Terry P.  |
| Children's Message        | Wanda M.                                       | Elsa W.   |
| Nursery                   | TBD  | TBD   |
| Junior Worship            | N/A  | Geri G.   |
| AV Tech                   | Kirk A.  | Kirk A.   |
| G3 Group Helper           | Elsa W.  | Donna K.  |
| Koffee Klatch             | Elsa W. & Geri G.                              | Zion  |
| St. Paul's Counter        | Carl U.  | Carl U.   |
| St. Paul's Counter        | Jon H.   | Jon H.  |
| Bulletin Sponsor          | -  | -   |
| Altar Flowers Sponsor     | Diane & Bob M.                                 | Geneva A.                                       |

**The altar flowers are sponsored by**  
***Diane & Bob McAllister***  
***in honor of their***  
***45<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary!***

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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](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.

### **Helpers**

Today's sermon, *The Saga of Injustice*, has several helpers. They are Pastor Bob Masenheimer, Jon Henning, Kamryn Ulrich, and Lily Ostimchuk. Thank you for your help and assistance with the sermon.

### **Second Advent Candle: Peace**

The second candle of Advent is the peace candle. It reminds us of the peace we can have when we live a Christ-centered life. Today lighting the candles are Mary Ann Schwartz and Ray Trone.

### **Military Care Packages**

Recently we collected funds to put together care packages for those family members currently serving in the military. Wanda Moore sent out 6 packages that included healthcare items, snacks, candies, cookies, candy canes, a wooden Christmas ornament, a thanksgiving card, and a beautiful gold compass inscribed with wording from Joshua 1:9. **If anyone still wants to contribute to the Military packages, we are still accepting donations.** A basket is set out on the hallway table, or you may donate using your offering envelope. Please indicate *Military Care Package* in the memo area of your check. Thank you!

### **Angel Tree Mission Project**

This year's Angel Tree Mission Project will benefit Lebanon Veterans Affairs. We have been provided with a list of items needed by veterans that we can collect and donate. These items include clothing, personal care items, and assorted things such as books, games, playing cards, fleece blankets, and puzzle books.

The Christmas tree on the upper level (across from the elevator) will hold tags that have a specific item listed on them. Choose one or more tags from the tree, purchase the item(s), and return them to the church placing them under the tree. No need to gift wrap. *If you would rather give a monetary donation that would be fine. We have a few people willing to shop. They will take the collected money and purchase the needed items.* **The collection will begin the first Sunday in Advent, November 27<sup>th</sup> and continue through December 18<sup>th</sup>.**

Please help us provide our Veterans with gifts this holiday season. They have sacrificed so much for our country and this will be a wonderful way 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 - Now on Tuesdays**

The night on which the Book of Acts Bible study takes place has been changed to **Tuesdays at 6:30pm**. The next session will be Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Women's Lunch - Change in Time**

The next Women's Luncheon will take place on **Thursday, December 8<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, December 5<sup>th</sup>**. Her contact information is [mestme@aol.com](mailto:mestme@aol.com) or 610-659-2775.

### **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.

### **Soup & Such and Clothing Closet**

The next Soup & Such and Children's Clothing Closet will be on **December 8<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:00pm**. Please note that the date has been changed, but only for the month of December due to the Christmas/New Year holiday. You may schedule an appointment time in December to select Children's Clothing Closet if you cannot come on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Robin Henning at 610-693-6475.

### **Youth Group Meetings**

The next Youth Group meetings will take place **Thursday, December 8<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. **Please note that there will only be one meeting in December.**

### **Men's Group Meeting**

The next Men's Group meeting will be this **Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am at the Heidelberg Restaurant**. All men of the church are invited. Please contact Brian Keppley if you have any questions.

### **Congregational Meeting**

Following the worship service next Sunday, **December 11<sup>th</sup>**, we will have our Annual Congregational Meeting in the sanctuary. We will be electing our leadership for 2023, and the 2023 church budget will be discussed and voted upon.

### **Christmas Vesper Service**

On Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> St. Daniel's Lutheran Church will be sponsoring the Reading Pops Orchestra & Vocal Soloists at the Conrad Weiser High School Auditorium for their 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Christmas Vesper Service. Pre-service music by Brass Ensemble will be at 3:30pm. The Vesper Service will begin at 4:00pm. A free will offering will be received. For more information call 610-693-5145 or go to St. Daniel's website at [www.stdaniels.com](http://www.stdaniels.com).

### **Children's Christmas Program**

The children are preparing for their Christmas Program to be presented during the worship service on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. We hope you will attend to support the children as we all prepare for Christmas!

### **Women's Christmas Party**

ALL the women of the church (St. Paul's & Zion) are invited to the Women's Annual Christmas Party to be held on Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00pm in the Miller Fellowship Hall. Please bring your favorite appetizer to share with everyone. In lieu of exchange gifts, we will be accepting donations to benefit the parsonage furnace replacement fund. Please RSVP by December 16<sup>th</sup> by calling the church office (610-621-5770) or by speaking with Sue Hiester or Geri Gammel. ALL are welcome!

### **Christmas Eve Worship Services**

We hope you will join us on Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Eve, to celebrate the birth of baby Jesus. We will be offering two services: 7:00pm and 11:00pm. They will be offered in-person, as well as virtually. There will be plenty of music and candlelight.

### **Christmas Day**

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

### **PLARN = Plastic Yarn**

The next Session will take place on Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 to 2:00pm. Please contact Pastor Mary Etta if you have any questions. Her contact information is [mestme@aol.com](mailto:mestme@aol.com) or 610-659-2775.

### **Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner**

The Men's Group will be having their Annual Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner on Sunday, 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.

### **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, 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.

### **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.

### **Cashews For Sale!**

Every year St. Daniel's volunteers roast cashews which are packaged in one pound boxes and are available for sale. They make fantastic Christmas gifts. This year a large order of 50 boxes fell through and they have many of those left for resale. The cost is \$13/box and St. Daniel's will deliver to our church if we put together an order. A basket and order forms are set out on the hallway table. Please place your order form and payment in the envelope labeled "Roasted Cashews". Checks should be made payable to St. Daniel's Church. **Orders will be taken until inventory is sold out.** Thank you!

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.  
Rich D.  
Dean D.  
Janice L.  
Ella L.

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

Dale M.  
Erma M.  
Jim S.  
Rob S.  
Jodi S.  
Claudia S.  
Mildred U.

**Social Concerns:**

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

**Mourning:**

Family & friends of Harold "Utzer"  
Gruber  
Family & friends of Terry Kleinhans  
Family & friends of Matthew Miller  
Family & friends of Logan Unger

† **Zion's Prayer List** †

**Help & Healing:**

Tina A.  
Jeanette B.  
Michael B.  
Jimmy F.  
Sharon F.  
Steven F.  
Betty H.  
Dolores H.  
Tyler H.  
Dolly I.  
Amanda K.  
Kathy K.  
Bill M.  
Leon M.  
Peg M.  
Rozie M.  
Sharon M.  
Michelle N.  
Joyce P.  
Mary Ann S.  
Claudia S.

**Help & Healing:**

Ray T.  
Evie 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

**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

**Celebration:**

Birth of Felicity Sage H., great granddaughter  
of Wanda M.  
Birth of Fletcher, son of Akira & Joel P.

*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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