

# Weekly News from United Church of Christ of Robesonia

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Worship 10:15am



Sunday, December 11, 2022  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

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

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

	<u>This Sunday - Dec 11<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Next Sunday - Dec 18<sup>th</sup></u>
Usher Captain	Geri G.	Michael P.
Usher Co-Captain	Elsa W.	Terry P.
Usher/Greeter	George M.	Mary Ann S.
Usher/Greeter	Dottie M.	Ray T.
Usher/Greeter: Downstairs	Cory P.	Cory P.
Acolyte	Ayden M.	Vaughn U.
Welcome/Announcements	Geri G.	Dale M.
Layreader	Geri G.	Jon H.
Cantor	Terry P.	Brian K.
Children's Message	Elsa W.	Children's Program
Nursery	TBD	TBD
Junior Worship	Geri G.	Children's Program
AV Tech	Kirk A.	Steven M.
G3 Group Helper	Donna K.	Sheri R.
Koffee Klatch	Zion	Kirk & Geneva A.
St. Paul's Counter	Carl U.	Carl U.
St. Paul's Counter	Jon H.	Jon H.
Bulletin Sponsor	-	-
Altar Flowers Sponsor	Geneva A.	Brenda C.

The altar flowers are sponsored by  
*Geneva Aulenbach*  
in loving memory of her mother,  
*Sandy Ann Bruckart.*

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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.

### Third Advent Candle: Peace

The third candle of Advent is known as the Shepherd candle or the candle of JOY. It is pink and it reflects the joy that comes through the arrival of Jesus, and through the salvation that he has gifted us.

### Christmas Vesper Service - This Afternoon

Today 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).

### Congregational Meeting

Following the worship service today 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.

### Parsonage Furnace

Recently the furnace in the church parsonage was replaced. This was a large expense that the church had to absorb (~\$10,000). If you are able to help with this expense, please donate by using your offering envelope or placing money in the container marked

### Military Care Packages

Prior to Thanksgiving care packages were sent to 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 would still like to contribute to the Military Care packages, please place your donation in the basket set on the hallway table. You may also donate by 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=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 - 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 13<sup>th</sup>.

### 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.

### 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 Friday, 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.

### New Years Day Worship Service

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

### 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 or Brian Keppley at 610-670-2835.

### 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 sale. The cost is \$13/box. 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 next Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> or until their inventory is sold out.** Thank you!

### We Need Your Help!

Do you know someone in the Womelsdorf Area with children that are going through a rough time? We want to hear your stories. Please Facebook message the Womelsdorf Volunteer Fire Company to nominate a deserving family. Koziar Christmas Village has been wonderful and donated a pass for the entire family to get in and winner will also receive \$50 cash to get picture with Santa and some hot Chocolate.

There will also been a few extra surprises included for the winner.

So please message the Womelsdorf Volunteer Fire Company's Facebook page **by Monday December 12<sup>th</sup>**. A winner will be picked on Tuesday December 13<sup>th</sup>! 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.  
Carol K.  
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  
Family & friends of Paul Y.

† **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

*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

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