

Weekly News from United Church of Christ of Robesonia

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Worship 10:15am



Sunday, December 18, 2022
4th Sunday of Advent

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

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

	<u>This Sunday - Dec 18th</u>	<u>Christmas Eve 7:00pm - Dec 24th</u>	<u>Christmas Eve 11:00pm - Dec 24th</u>	<u>Next Sunday - Dec 25th</u>
Usher Captain	Michael P.	Robin H.	Geri G.	Barb O.
Usher Co-Captain	Terry P.	Jon H.	Elsa W.	Dale M.
Usher/Greeter	Mary Ann S.	John E.	-	Kim T.
Usher/Greeter	Ray T.	Linda E.	-	Peggy T.
Usher/Greeter: Downstairs	Cory P.	-	-	Cory P.
Acolyte	Vaughn U.	Arial M.	Geri G.	Ethan M.
Welcome/Announcements	Dale M.	Jon H.	Elsa W.	Terry P.
Layreader	Jon H.	Terry P.	Elsa W.	Pastor Bob
Cantor	Brian K.	Wanda M.	Geri G.	Sheri R.
Children's Message	Children's Program	Pastor Ben	Pastor Ben	Pastor Ben
Nursery	TBD	TBD	N/A	TBD
Junior Worship	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
AV Tech	Steven M.	-	-	-
G3 Group Helper	Sheri R.	Robin H.	Robin H.	Robin H.
Koffee Klatch	Kirk & Geneva A.	None	None	None
St. Paul's Counter	Carl U.	Carl U.	Carl U.	Carl U.
St. Paul's Counter	Jon H.	Jon H.	Jon H.	Jon H.
Bulletin Sponsor	-	-	-	-
Altar Flowers Sponsor	Brenda C.	-	-	-

The altar flowers are sponsored by
Brenda Conlon
in memory of
Michael Conlon'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.

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.

Fourth Advent Candle: Peace

The fourth candle of Advent is known as the Angel's candle; it signifies PEACE. It is purple and it reminds us of the angels' message, "Peace on earth, good will toward men" (Luke 2:14). We are reminded that Jesus came to bring peace to our hearts and to our world. Our Advent candle lighters today are Akira, Joel, Garrett, Baylor and Fletcher Palmer.

Children's Christmas Program - Today

The children have been preparing for their Christmas Program which will be presented during today's worship service. We hope you enjoy the production. May it help to prepare your heart for the arrival of Jesus.

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 white plastic container found on the hallway table.

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 27th and continue through December 18th. Donations are needed as soon as possible.**

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.

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 19th (tomorrow) 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.

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

The next evening of study will be on **Tuesday, December 20th at 6:30pm.** There will be no Tuesday evening Bible study on December 27th. Starting in January, the Bible study will return to Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm.

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.

Christmas Eve Worship Services

We hope you will join us on Saturday, December 24th - 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 communion, 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

Our first PLARN mat has been delivered to Zion United Methodist Church. It is the one that was made by Yvonne Rentschler and dedicated during worship in October. Zion UMC delivers mats to Philadelphia where they are used by homeless people.

There will be one more PLARN session for 2022 on **Tuesday, December 27th from 12:30 to 2:00pm.** Starting in January 2023, contact Pastor Mary Etta if you need any materials for whatever stage of the process that you are doing. Pastor Mary Etta will meet with you to give you what you need, or receive what you have done, or if you have any questions. If you are interested in helping with this mission project, there are good teaching videos available. Pastor Mary Etta's contact information is 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 1st 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, click on the green "Online Giving" button, click on the "Special Mission" donate link, and fill in the blanks.

Thank you for your generosity.

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.
Sandie K.
Carol K.

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

Janice L.
Ella L.
Dale M.
Erma M.
Jim S.
Rob S.
Jodi 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 Matthew Miller
Family & friends of Paul Y.

† **Zion's Prayer List** †

Help & Healing:

Tina A.
Jeanette B.
Michael B.
John Endy Evie
Jimmy F.
Sharon F.
Dolores H.
Betty H.
Dolly I.
Amanda K.
Kathy K.
Bill M.
Leon M.
Peg M.
Rozie M.
Michelle N.
Joyce P.
Claudia S.
Ray 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

New Babies and Their Families:

Fletcher P.
Felicity Sage H.

Mourning:

Nancy F. on the death of brother, Donald
Dissinger

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

