

Weekly News from
**St. Paul's United Church of Christ
and
Zion United Church of Christ**

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Worship 10:15am

LOVE
your enemies
DO GOOD
to those who hate you
BLESS
those who curse you
PRAY
for those who mistreat you

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**Sunday, February 20, 2022
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany**

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

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

	Today - Feb 20th	Next Sunday - Feb 27th
Usher Captain	Michael P.	Barb O.
Usher Co-Captain	Terry P.	Dale M.
Usher/Greeter	Sharon B.	Connie K.
Usher/Greeter	Karen S.	Cory P.
Acolyte	Geri G.	Arial M.
Crucifer	Paul S.	Paul S.
Welcome/Layreader	Sheri R.	Paul S.
St. Paul's Messenger	-	Geri G.
Cantor	Wanda M.	Brian K.
Children's Message	Akira P.	Wanda M.
AV Tech	Eric O.	Kirk A.
Koffee Klatch	Zion	Kirk & Geneva A.
St. Paul's Counters	Geri G. & Jon H.	Geri G. & Kirk A.
Bulletins	-	-
Altar Flowers	-	Scott & Sue M.

**The Rosebud on the Altar
is placed in honor of the birth of**

Margaret Quinn,

infant daughter of Brandon and Caitlin (Rowe) L'Esperance.

"Maggie" the little sister to Hagan and Callan, was born on February 9, 2022.

We pray God's blessings on Maggie, her parents and family.

††† 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.

Sunday School

Sunday school for adults and youth takes place each Sunday morning from 9:00-9:45am. Both adult and youth classes are shared with Zion UCC. Please join us to learn more about God's Word.

Weekly Morning Bible Study - Tuesdays

Every Tuesday morning at 9:00am, Zion UCC offers a Zoom Bible Study based on the scripture passages for the coming Sunday. The study goes from 9:00-9:45am. All are invited! The same Zoom numbers are used each week.

To join the Zoom meeting use the following:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87452124156?pwd=RzI3dTl4Uy8vWGpBQnRzOGV2bnlrdz09>

Meeting ID: 874 5212 4156

Passcode: 783249

For people joining with telephone, choose one of these numbers:

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

The Book of Acts Bible Study - This Wednesday

The next session of the Book of Acts Bible Study will take place on Wednesday, **February 23rd** from **6:00-7:00pm**. Pastor Mary Etta is our teacher and guide. We hope you will join us in-person or remotely via Zoom.

To join the Zoom meeting use the same information found above and used for the weekly Tuesday morning Bible Study.

Church Choir Rehearsals - Thursdays

Once a week on Thursdays from 6:00-7:00pm in the Upper Room on the second floor of the church. Contact Pastor Bob if you have any questions. His phone number is 610-927-8741.

Handbell Choir Rehearsals - Thursdays

Practice is on Thursdays from 7:00-8:00pm. The Handbell Choir usually performs once a month during the Worship Service. If you would like additional information, please contact the church office. All are welcome!

Sponsorships

Please consider sponsoring altar flowers, the bulletin, or even the newsletter, in honor or memory of a loved one, or a special event in your life. Zion people are welcome to sponsor flowers and bulletins. Sign up papers and envelopes are located on a table in the upstairs hallway. Also, please write your name with the correct date on the flower chart on the easel. The minimum amount to sponsor artificial flowers is \$25.00. Royer's Flowers is the designated shop if ordering real flowers - \$40.00 plus \$9.00 delivery charge.

Set Your Cell Phone Alarm for Noon Every Day

Why would we do that? To thank God in unison for our blessings as a congregation.

God, we pray for your guidance. Reveal your plan to us. Guide us every step of your plan.

Amen.

James 1:5 - *If any of you need wisdom, you should ask God, and it will be given to you.*

God is generous and won't correct you for asking.

But when you ask for something, you must have faith and not doubt.

Wanted: Acolytes

Please let Pastor Mary Etta or Pastor Ben know if you would be willing to acolyte. All ages are welcome!

Egg Carton Drive

The Youth Group is collecting empty egg cartons. A family that donates eggs (3,600 eggs/year) to a food pantry is in need of the cartons. Please place your cartons within the bins placed inside & outside the fellowship hall doors (along Pearl Street). Your donation helps us help others in the larger community. **Thank you!**

Change Concerning the Collection of Plastic Bags

We are changing gears. Please continue to bring plastic grocery bags to church. Clean, good condition grocery store plastic bags. Please place them on the stage in Miller Fellowship Hall.

BUT THERE IS MORE TO KNOW!

St. Paul's and Zion would like to make the mats for homeless people from these plastic bags. When cut and tied, the plastic is rolled into balls like we do with yarn. Then it is crocheted with a big crochet hook to form 6' x 3' mats (could be 2.5' or 3'). If you are interested in helping with this service project, please tell Rev. M.

We need people to:

FLATTEN the bags, **CUT** the bags into strips, **TIE** the strips into PLARN balls, **CROCHET** the PLARN mats.

If any of these tasks appeal to you, please come forward. Work may be done either at home or at church. The mats will be taken to Philadelphia. A blanket will be added to each mat.

You are Invited - A Conversation by Zoom

Please join Zion UCC Womelsdorf and St. Paul's UCC via Zoom on Sunday evening, February 27 at 7:00pm, to say hello and chat with each other. It's a great way to catch up with others during these Covid-times especially if you have not yet returned to church in person. The necessary Zoom information is below. Please note that you may join this gathering by phone (landline or cell phone) if you do not have access to a computer or tablet.

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A Witness Talk

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? Let Pastor Mary Etta or Pastor Ben know if you think you would be willing, or just want to discuss the possibility.

Redner's Tapes

If you would like to help the local Meals on Wheels (Berks Encore/Wernersville), an easy way to do it is with Redner's Tapes. Please place your Redner's receipts in the brown paper bag on the table in the upstairs hallway. The bag is labeled "Redner's Tapes". There are some stipulations:

- You must use your reward card when you checkout your groceries.
- The tape must say: "Today's 1% Save-A-Tape Total \$_____."
- Please Do Not Make Any Marks On Your Tape.
- Tapes cannot be more than 3 years old.
- We need the whole tape.

Telephone Live Streaming & Playback Worship

This feature is offered to those who do not have internet access. You may call us at our toll free number **1-888-649-5770** and listen to the worship service live using a landline or cell phone. (No internet, smartphone, tablet, or computer is necessary - this works with a standard corded phone, cell phone, or even with a rotary phone). You also have the option for the church to automatically call you when the live stream worship begins (rather than you calling the church); which you can sign up for at the above toll free number, or you can call the church office, and we can add you to the call list. If you have any questions, difficulties, or issues, please let us know by calling the office at 610-621-5770. There is no charge to you for this service. If you know of someone who does not have internet access, please let them know of this feature.

It is Time for "ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING" (OGHS)

If you are thankful for the home in which you live,

if you are thankful for the food you are able to grow or buy,

if you are thankful for the medicine you have,

if you are thankful for electricity and water,

if you are thankful that God just took care of a serious problem,

please consider transferring your thankfulness into giving toward "One Great Hour of Sharing."

We expect to have banks for everyone who will take one. Each day when you find yourself saying "Thank you, God" for any big or little object or happening, "**Put Your Thanks Into The Bank**" in the form of money. There are people who are waiting to say, "Thank you, God" for your gift.

We hope you will return the filled banks on March 27.

*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:

Rich D.
Nevin K.
Jim & Donna K.
Ella L.
George M.
Jim S.
Rob & Jodi S.
Bailey U.
Nancy & Lee V.
Justin V.

Celebration:

Birth of Maggie L. born on
Feb 9, 2022

Mourning:

Family & Friends of Anna Mae B.
Family & Friends of Chris E.
Family & Friends of John R.

Social Concerns:

Those impacted by COVID-19
Those working on a vaccine for
COVID-19
Those who serve in the armed forces
Peaceful outcome in the Ukraine

† Zion’s Prayer List †

Help & Healing:

Loretta G.
Nettie G.
Herbert H.
Kevin H.
Candace H.
Carolyn M.
Zayden
Family of Akira on mother's side
All people dealing with catastrophes

Military People:

Sgt. Benjamin
Senior Airman Sarah
MASN Cody
LanCpl Ben

College People:

Madison H.
Jack S.
Shane M.

In Thankfulness:

For God’s Provision for Zion UCC

Guidance:

For decisions which Zion & St. Paul’s
will be making

Mourning:

Family & Friends of Lester B.
Family & Friends of Heather G.
Family & Friends of Linda K.
Family & Friends of Duane K.

*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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