

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

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Worship 10:15am



**Sunday, March 6, 2022  
First Sunday in Lent**

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

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

	<u>Today - Mar 6<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Next Sunday - Mar 13<sup>th</sup></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	Ethan M.	John E.
Crucifer	Paul S.	Paul S.
Welcome/Layreader	Terry P.	Connie K.
St. Paul's Messenger	-	Jon H.
Cantor	Sheri R.	Terry P.
Children's Message	Elsa W.	Akira P.
AV Tech	Kirk A.	Kirk A.
Koffee Klatch	Zion	Geneva & Kirk A.
St. Paul's Counters	Jon H. & Carl U.	Jon H. & Carl U.
Bulletins	-	-
Altar Flowers	-	-

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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](#)" page at [www.sprucc.org](http://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.

**Social Time after Church Service**

See you there! Thank you to all who bring food to share on Sundays.

**Time Change - Next Sunday**

Spring ahead one hour; lose an hour. Be at church an hour earlier!

### **Matching Fund Grant**

We are excited to share with you that we are being granted up to \$5,000.00 for a "Matching Fund Campaign." Every dollar that individuals give to the Matching Fund (above their usual contributions), from the month of February through May 1, 2022, will give us an additional dollar in grant money, up to \$5,000.00.

This is a great opportunity to financially support the ministries of St. Paul's UCC. Please prayerfully consider how much God might be leading you to contribute to this matching fund to support the mission and ministries of His church. The only way that we can receive any money from this grant is through your donations; the only way that we can receive the full \$5,000 is by individuals contributing a total of \$5,000. Thank you for your donations and your efforts to help us receive the full amount possible through this grant.

You can contribute by: (1) putting a donation in an envelope and marking it "Matching Fund"; (2) sending a check to St. Paul's UCC, 301 West Penn Ave, Robesonia, PA 19551 with "Matching Fund" written in the memo line; or (3) click on this "[online giving](#)" link to make a secure donation by entering "Matching Fund" and your amount in the "Other 1" or "Other 2" donation line.

### **Women's Lunch - Reservations needed by tomorrow, Monday, March 7**

The next Women's Lunch will be on Thursday, **March 10** at noon at the Country Fare Restaurant in Myerstown. All women are invited. Please let Rev. M know by March 7: [mestme@aol.com](mailto:mestme@aol.com) or 610-659-2775.

### **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 information found above under "**You are Invited - A Conversation by Zoom**".

### **Five Lenten Wednesdays - This Wednesday at 6:30pm**

For the Wednesdays during Lent (3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6), we will have a short evening prayer service beginning at 6:30pm. These services will be offered in-person, and via live stream, phone stream and Facebook Live. A special dialogue will be offered for each of these services.

This Wednesday a reporter will question Caiaphas, the ruling Jewish High Priest during Jesus' ministry. Our reporter will be Linda E., and Caiaphas will be John E.

### **Youth Group Advisor's Meeting & Youth Group Meeting - Thursday**

The advisors will meet this Thursday at 5:30pm. The youth will meet in the fellowship hall at 6:00pm.

### **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!

### **Men's Group Meeting - Saturday**

The men will meet on Saturday at 9:00am in the fellowship hall. All men of the church are invited. Questions? Contact Brian K. at 610-670-2835.

### **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. Sign up papers and envelopes are located on a table in the upstairs hallway.

When sponsoring flowers, please write your name and the designated date on the flower chart on the easel, as well as on the clipboard on the table. The minimum amount to sponsor artificial flowers is \$25.00. Royers is the designated flower shop if ordering real flowers: \$40.00 plus a \$9.00 delivery charge. Questions? Please contact Geri: 610-621-5770 or [office@sprucc.org](mailto:office@sprucc.org).

### **Wanted: Acolytes**

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

### **Do We Have Your Email Address?**

It is extremely helpful to us if we can communicate with you by email! Please pass that along to us if you have one!

### Please Continue to 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.*

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.*

### 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 community. Donations will be received until March 31. **Thank you!**

### Collection of Plastic Bags

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. St. Paul's and Zion will be making 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 2.5' mats. **The next date to work together at church is Tuesday, March 22 from 12:30-2:00pm.** Once you learn what to do, you may work from home. If you are interested in helping with this service project, please tell Rev. M.

### 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? **A Witness Talk!** Tell Pastor Mary Etta or Pastor Ben.

### THE FISH ARE HERE!

#### **“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.”

Beginning on Sunday, March 6, coin banks will be handed out. 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. Please return the banks on OGHS Sunday, **March 27.**

### 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. **Thanks!!**

### Liturgical Dance Lessons

Becky Boone who danced for us during the January 23 worship service, will provide rehearsals/lessons to anyone of any age who would like to try doing Liturgical Dance. This will probably happen in June. If interested please tell Rev. M or Denise U.

### Home Care Help Wanted

Individual needed who is willing to help with home care for elderly female for a few hours, 2-3 days a week. No need for medical experience. Ideal person would be willing to visit and provide mental stimulation and companionship, along with some light food preparation and personal care assistance. An occasional ride for doctor's appointments may be helpful, but not necessary. Residence 4 miles north of Womelsdorf off of Route 419. Call Wanda K. At 484-400-0124 if interested.

## **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.

*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:**

Krissy D. & Family  
Rich D.  
Jim & Donna K.  
Ella L.  
Jim S.  
Rob & Jodi S.  
Justin V.  
Angel Z.

#### **Mourning:**

Family & Friends George 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:**

Tom C.  
Barbara G.  
Greer  
Nettie G.  
Thomas  
Gould/Palmer Family

#### **Military People:**

Sgt. Benjamin  
Senior Airman Sarah  
MASN Cody  
LanCpl Ben

#### **In Thankfulness:**

For God's Provision for Zion UCC  
For the church's prayers for Sharon  
& Jimmy's dental work

#### **Safe Travels:**

Cody & Torie

#### **College People:**

Madison H.  
Jack S.  
Shane M.

#### **Guidance:**

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

#### **Mourning:**

Family & Friends of Earl A.

*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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Upcoming Events Link

