

Weekly News from United Church of Christ

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Worship 10:15am



Sunday, October 9, 2022
18th Sunday after Pentecost

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

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

| | <u>This Sunday - October 9th</u> | <u>Next Sunday - October 16th</u> |
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| Usher Captain | Geri G. | Michael P. |
| Usher Co-Captain | Elsa W. | Terry P. |
| Usher/Greeter | George M. | Sharon B. |
| Usher/Greeter | Dottie M. | Karen S. |
| Usher/Greeter: Downstairs | Cory P. | Cory P. |
| Acolyte | Ethan M. | Jon H. |
| Welcome/Announcements | Geri G. | Dale M. |
| Layreader | Joel P. | Terry P. |
| Cantor | Sheri R. | Terry P. |
| Children's Message | Pastor Ben | Wanda M. |
| AV Tech | Kirk A. | Eric O. |
| G3 Group Helper | Sue H. | Denise U. |
| Koffee Klatch | St. Paul's: Denise U. | Zion |
| St. Paul's Counter | Kirk A. | Kirk A. |
| St. Paul's Counter | Geri G. | Geri G. |
| Bulletin Sponsor | - | - |
| Altar Flowers Sponsor | Geri G. | Michael & Terry P. |

The altar flowers are given by
Geri Gammel in loving memory
of departed loved ones.

††† **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](http://www.sprucc.org)" page at www.sprucc.org under the "ministries" tab.

Congregational Meetings

Today at 11:30am after worship, we will have a combined informational congregational meeting: (1) to share the coming together time line; and (2) to share the results from the last round of name voting, for you to take home and pray over.

On Sunday, October 16 at 11:30am after worship, we will have a combined formal congregational meeting for the purpose of voting on the proposed names of the proposed church, to reach the decision of the final name.

We are depending on the Holy Spirit to guide us with this vote!

New Processional Cross

Last Sunday the new processional cross was dedicated and used for the first time. Thank you to Larry Hollahan for his gift of this cross to our congregations.

Can You Help?

There will be a meeting to discuss building a ramp for a member so that they may have easier access to their home. If you would be interested in helping, please attend a meeting **after today's worship service at 12:00noon**. The meeting will be held in the Miller Fellowship Hall.

Confirmation Class

Confirmation helps youth and young adults learn some basics of the Christian faith and helps them to decide for themselves if they would like to be a part of the Christian faith. The recommended age to begin confirmation is 8th grade, but teens and young adults from 7th grade through college are also welcome. Currently the confirmation class program is on alternate Sunday evenings from 6:00 - 7:30pm. Please contact the church office to register. Please speak with Pastor Ben if you have questions.

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)

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

The Bible study of the Book of Acts has resumed. It takes place on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:20pm. It is a hybrid study. Those who would like to participate from home should use the same Zoom information used for the Tuesday morning Bible study (found above). Those who would like to participate in-person should come to the church. The only thing needed is a Bible.

Singing Choir Rehearsal

The choir practices weekly on Thursday evening starting at 6:00pm in the Upper Room. All are welcome.

Handbell Choir Rehearsal

The Bell Choir rehearses each Thursday evening at 7:00pm. We are always looking for new ringers. If you have an interest, but are unsure, please speak with any of our bell choir members. We would be happy to answer your questions.

Women's Luncheon

The next Women's Luncheon will be on **Thursday, October 13th at 12:00noon** at the Country Fare Restaurant in Myerstown. All the women and their friends are invited to attend. Please let Pastor Mary Etta know by **Monday, October 10th(tomorrow)**.

Youth Group Leader Meeting and Youth Group Meeting

The next Youth Group Leader Meeting will take place on **Thursday, October 13th at 5:30pm**.

The next Youth Group Meeting will take place on **Thursday, October 13th at 6:00pm**. Youth Group is open to all students in Grade 5 through Grade 12.

Duncan's Corn Maze

Originally scheduled for Sunday, October 2nd, the corn maze family event has been postponed to **Sunday, October 16th** at 3:45pm. We hope you will be able to join us. Please sign the sheet in the hallway so that we know that you are coming.

Veteran's Day Collection

To honor our military people for Veteran's Day, we are collecting monetary donations. The money will then be spent on items - food, clothing, computer flash drives, etc. - that those currently serving will find useful. Wanda Moore will use the donated funds to purchase the various items, box them up and prepare them for mailing. She will then ship them out the week of **October 16th** so that the packages may arrive in time for Veteran's Day. Please place your donations in the labeled basket on the hallway table. Thank you!

If you have family or relation currently serving in the armed forces, please pass on their names and addresses to the church so that they may be included on our list of names. They do not need to be a member of the church.

21st Century Christian Women's Group

The next meeting of the Women's Group will be on **Monday, October 17th at 7:00pm**. Candy making and the Christmas Bazaar will be discussed. All church women are invited to attend.

Oktoberfest

The Oktoberfest is coming! It will be held on **Saturday, October 22nd from 12:00 - 6:00pm**. Join us for a fun day featuring authentic Oktoberfest foods and refreshments! Ridgewood Winery will be supporting our event again (they were at our Wine & Strawberry Festival in June) and we'll even have wonderful beer samples in our "biergarten"! There will be authentic brats, weinkraut, pretzels and more as you enjoy live music, crafts, bounce houses for children and more!

PLARN = Plastic Yarn

We utilize used but clean plastic grocery bags. We flatten them. We cut them in strips that are circles. We tie the circles together in a chain. We crochet this PLARN into sleeping mats for homeless people. They are lightweight to carry, easy to clean, and serve as insulation from the cold ground. You could help with any step of this process without crocheting. You could also learn to crochet. We have good videos to teach you.

Next Session: Tuesday, October 25th - 12:30 to 2:00pm.

Soup & Such and Clothing Closet

The next Soup & Such and Clothing Closet will take place on **Thursday, October 27th from 4:00-6:00pm.** Soup & Such servers and helpers should come at 3:00pm. If you would like to help with the Clothing Closet, please speak with Robin Henning. Help is always needed to sort clothes.

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.

Please 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, Robeson, 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.

Redner Tapes

We are collecting Redner receipts for the local *Meals on Wheels* (Berks Encore/ Wernersville) and/or *Bethany Children's Home*. Please place your tapes in the respective envelopes that may be found on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs (near the elevator). The following must be adhered to in order to use the Redner's receipts:

- Your reward card must be used when you check-out your groceries
- The tape must say: "Today's 1% Save-A-Tape Total \$ _____"
- Please Do Not Make Any Marks On Your Tape
- Please Do Not Tear the Tape; the Whole Tape is needed
- Tapes cannot be more than 3 years old

Thank you for your receipts. Thank you to Geneva Aulenbach for coordinating this project.

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.

Your gift enables the church to be present with people amidst catastrophic and life-changing situations, offering immediate relief and providing long-term recovery support. Working through a network of global and local partners, the church lives out its call to care for our neighbors as we strive together toward a just world for all. 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.

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? Or would you be willing to write out something and have someone read it for you? A Witness Talk! If so, please tell Sheri Rowe or Rev. Mary Etta.

Continue to Pray

Please 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.

Psalm 40:1 (CEV)

(We) waited patiently, Lord, for you to hear our prayer.

You let (us) stand on a rock with our feet firm,
and you give (us) a new song, a song of praise to you.

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.

*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:**

Jean B.
Terry B.
Rich D.
Dean D.
June F.
Mike G.
Sue H.
Steve K.

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

Donald L.
Ella L.
Carmen R.
Jim S.
Rob S.
Jodi S.
Shirley S.

Social Concerns:

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

† **Zion’s Prayer List** †

Help & Healing:

Jeanette B.
Jimmie F.
Sharon F.
Steven F.
David H.
Dolores H.
Tyler H.
Dolly I.
Amanda K.
Bill M.
Leon M.
Peg M.
Rozie M.
Sharon M.
Michelle N.
Joyce P.
Rob S.
Ray T.
Wendy W.
Greer Z.

College People:

Madison H.
Jack S.

All Military People Especially:

Sgt. Benjamin (Bibs)
Senior Airman Sarah (Karen S.)
MASN Cody (Wanda M.)
LanCpl Ben (George & Dottie M.)

Thanksgiving:

For All the People who serve faithfully in
Worship and on Consistories & Committees

Guidance:

For decisions which Zion & St. Paul’s are making

**Prayers for One Who Has Died and for
the Family:**

Kevin H., grandson of Betty W.
Tyler R. (Conlon family)

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.*

Free WiFi: StPaulsUCC-Guest & StPaulsUCC-5G-Guest

Password (for both): iamheretoserve

www.sprucc.org

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[Upcoming Events Link](#)

