

Weekly News from United Church of Christ

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Worship 10:15am



Sunday, October 23, 2022
20th Sunday after Pentecost

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

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

	<u>This Sunday - October 23rd</u>	<u>Next Sunday - October 30th</u>
Usher Captain	Barb O.	Robin H.
Usher Co-Captain	Dale M.	Jon H.
Usher/Greeter	Kim T.	Mary Ann S.
Usher/Greeter	Peg T.	Ray T.
Usher/Greeter: Downstairs	Cory P.	Cory P.
Acolyte	Geri G.	John E.
Welcome/Announcements	Jon H.	Elsa W.
Layreader	Sheri R.	Linda E.
Cantor	Brian K.	Wanda M.
Children's Message	Geri G.	Michael M.
AV Tech	Kirk A.	Kirk A.
G3 Group Helper	Elsa W.	Donna K.
Koffee Klatch	Stewardship Luncheon	Zion
St. Paul's Counter	Kirk A.	Sue H.
St. Paul's Counter	Geri G.	Georgi H.
Bulletin Sponsor	-	-
Altar Flowers Sponsor	-	-

††† **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.

Candy for Christmas

The Women's Group will soon be making candy. Please pre-order your candy using the candy order forms found on the hallway table. **Orders and payment are due Sunday, October 30th**. The candy will be ready for pickup on November 19 & 20.

Candy Making

Would you like to help to make candy? We are looking for individuals, both male & female, to help with the candy making process. No experience is necessary. Help is needed with melting chocolate, rolling the candy balls, coating the balls, pretzels, marshmallows, peanuts and raisins, as well as packing the finished candy. If you can only spare an hour to help, that's fine. If you can help multiple days for some of the time that would be wonderful! Questions? Contact Sue Hiester at 610-693-4066.

Candy making dates and times are as follows:

Saturday, November 5 from 9:00am - 3:00pm
Monday, November 7 from 8:30am - 5:00pm
Wednesday, November 9 from 9:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday, November 12 starting at 9:00am (if needed)

Sunday, November 6 from 2:00 - 6:00pm
Tuesday, November 8 from 8:30am - 5:00pm
Thursday, November 10 starting at 9:00am (if needed)
Sunday, November 13 starting at 2:00pm (if needed)

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)

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

The Bible study of the Book of Acts 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. Come have fun with us!

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.

Youth Group Meeting

The next Youth Group Meeting will take place on **Thursday, October 27th at 6:00pm**. Youth Group is open to all students in Grade 5 through Grade 12.

Fire and Ice

During Sunday school on **October 30th** after our opening at 9:00am, we will have acolyte training. This is intended for those who have not yet served as an acolyte AND as a refresher for those who perhaps have been serving as acolytes for years. This acolyte training event is intended for 5th - 12th graders, but adults interested in serving as an acolyte are invited as well.

After worship there will be a pizza and ice cream party in the Miller Fellowship Hall. Siblings and parents/guardians are invited to share in the pizza, ice cream and refreshments. To plan appropriately, please sign the Fire & Ice sheet on the hallway table.

Halloween Costumes

Since next Sunday is Halloween eve, all youth and adults are invited to dress up and come to Sunday school and worship in their Halloween costume. Don't be shy, surprise us!

Trick-or-Treat Night

On **Halloween night (Monday, October 31) at the front of the church from 6:00-9:00pm** we will be handing out treats during Robesonia's trick or treat night. We are asking for donations of candy to make treat bags for that night. Treats should be small and individually wrapped. Please place your donations in the orange "pumpkin" container upstairs near the sanctuary doors.

If you would like to help prepare the treat bags, decorate the front of the church for this night, or help with handing out candy, please contact Robin Henning or Geri Gammel.

Christmas Bazaar

The Christmas Bazaar is coming! Reserve **Saturday, November 19th from 9:00am to 1:00pm** on your calendar. There will be homemade candy, soup, hamburger barbecue, chow chow, baked goods, cookie trays, cocoa bombs, attic treasures, and a HUGE basket raffle. Always lots of fun and fellowship. If you can help, please contact Sue Hiester.

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, 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.

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.

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.

Art Contest

Attention all youth! You are invited to join the UCC's Climate Hope Cards Art Contest. Between October 4 and November 29, every UCC person under age 18 is invited to draw, paint, or color their feelings about climate hope, environmental justice, or protecting the Earth. **Use the art worksheet found on the table in the hallway.** Upload a photo or scan of your art to Andy Wells-Bean, UCC Environmental Justice Ministries at wellsbeana@ucc.org. Winners will be announced during an online award ceremony on Saturday, January 7th. The winners of the Art Contest will have their art printed on thousands of Climate Hope Cards to be collected by UCC members around the country and ultimately delivered en masse to the White House. To learn more about Climate Hope Cards go to <https://www.ucc.org/ClimateHopeCards>.

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.

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.
Sam B.
Terry B.
Rich D.
Dean D.
June F.
Mike G.
Dave H.
Sue H.

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

Steve K.
Janice L.
Ella L.
Ayden M.
Matthew M.
Jim S.
Rob S.
Jodi S.
Shirley S.

Social Concerns:

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

Mourning:

Family & friends of Harvey L.

† **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

**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

Guidance:

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

*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

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[Upcoming Events Link](#)

