

**Weekly News from  
United Church of Christ  
of Robesonia**

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Worship 10:15am



**Sunday, November 6, 2022  
22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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

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

	<u><b>This Sunday - November 6<sup>th</sup></b></u>	<u><b>Next Sunday - November 13<sup>th</sup></b></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	Lily O.	Michael P.
Welcome/Announcements	Terry P.	Geri G.
Layreader	Linda E.	Cory P.
Cantor	Sheri R.	Terry P.
Children's Message	Wanda M.	Geri G.
AV Tech	Kirk A.	Kirk A.
G3 Group Helper	Sheri R.	Robin H.
Koffee Klatch	St. Paul's - Phleane K.	Zion
St. Paul's Counter	Sue H.	Sue H.
St. Paul's Counter	Georgi H.	Georgi H.
Bulletin Sponsor	-	-
Altar Flowers Sponsor	Wanda M.	Geri G.

**The altar flowers are placed by  
*Wanda Moore in honor of  
Grandson, Cody Harvey'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](mailto:CareTeam@sprucc.org). For more information, go to our "[Visitation Care Ministries](http://www.sprucc.org)" page at [www.sprucc.org](http://www.sprucc.org) under the "ministries" tab.

**All Saints Sunday**

Today is All Saints Sunday. We will be remembering and honoring those who have passed away since the last All Saints Day. We will have a lighting of a candle and a ringing of the bell for each loved one. We will also be celebrating Holy Communion.

Those who will be remembered and honored are:

James Ludwig Sr.	Richard Hiester	Christopher Eckert
Rev. Nevin Kershner	June Heist	Barbara Breininger
Linda Louise Kellenberger	Richard Clarence Holzman	Jeanette Scull

**Thank You!**

Today our guest pianist is Holly Miller. Holly also filled in last Sunday. We thank her for helping us out and filling in for Pastor Bob who is recovering from Covid. Pastor Bob should be returning next Sunday.

### Candy Making

Candy making has begun. Would you like to help? We are looking for helpers. No experience necessary. Some of the jobs are melting chocolate, rolling the candy balls, coating the balls, pretzels, marshmallows, peanuts and raisins, and 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:**

Sunday, November 6 from 2:00 - 6:00pm

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)

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)

### For Your Information

**On Sundays the doors to the church are unlocked at 8:00am.** If you come to the church early and have a key, please check the door to see if is locked or unlocked before placing your key in the lock. When you place your key in the lock and turn it, it automatically re-locks the door. The doors should be unlocked from 8:00am until about 10:30am. The doors are re-locked about 15 minutes after the start of the worship service. This is done as a safety feature.

### Poinsettias for Christmas

It's time to think about ordering poinsettias to add to the beauty of our sanctuary at Christmas. Poinsettia order forms may be found on a hallway table. Please place your completed form and payment in the basket on the table. The cost is \$10 for a six inch pot of red poinsettias. **All orders are due by November 27<sup>th</sup>.** Please contact Denise Unger ([deu421@aol.com](mailto:deu421@aol.com)) if you have any questions.

### New Name, New Beginning

On Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> it was decided that the new name for the proposed new congregation would be the *United Church of Christ of Robesonia*. Much paperwork has been handed out about this proposed merger. **On Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> we will vote on the resolution to form this new church.** If you have not received this information which consists of two resolutions, the new constitution & by-laws, and a frequently asked questions sheet, please contact the church office. Please realize that each person will need to decide if they want to be a member of this new congregation. Membership will not be automatic and each person will have the opportunity to choose that privilege. Hopefully, you will want to become a member. For some months, new members will be recorded as "Charter Members." This is an exciting time. We hope you will join us in rejoicing in this happy event!

### 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.

### Women's Lunch

The Women's Luncheon will take place this **Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:00noon** at Country Fare Restaurant, Myerstown. All women are invited to attend. Please let Pastor Mary Etta know if you can come by tomorrow, Monday. Her contact information is [mestme@aol.com](mailto:mestme@aol.com) or 610-659-2775.

### 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!

### 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.

### Youth Group Meetings

The next set of Youth Group meetings will take place on **Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**. The Leader meeting will take place at 5:30pm. The Youth Group meeting will be at 6:00pm. Youth Group is open to all students in Grade 5 through Grade 12.

### **Harvest Home Celebration**

Our Harvest Home Celebration will take place next **Sunday, November 13** during the worship service. We will be collecting monetary donations that will then be given to the Conrad Weiser Food Bank. A basket will be set up on a table in the hallway to receive your donations. If you would like to bring in non-perishable food items that is okay, but the Food Bank can do so much more with your monetary donations than with donations of individual items. Please help us celebrate and show our thankfulness for all of our many abundant blessings by sharing some of what we have with the Food Bank.

### **Christmas Bazaar**

The Christmas Bazaar is coming! Reserve **Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> 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 would like to donate a theme basket for the raffle, please contact Robin Henning (610-693-6475). If you would like to help at the Bazaar, please contact Sue Hiester (610-693-4066).

### **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, November 22<sup>nd</sup> - 12:30 to 2:00pm.**

### **Thanksgiving Eve**

**The Thanksgiving Eve Worship will take place here on Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm.** It will be a combined service with St. Daniel's Church. We hope you will come to give thanks to God for all of your blessings and for all of our freedoms. Please invite family and friends as well.

### **Soup & Such and Clothing Closet**

There will be **no Soup & Such in November** since the normally scheduled date falls on Thanksgiving. You may schedule a time in November to come in and select clothing from the Children's Clothing Closet by calling Robin Henning at 610-693-6475.

### **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](http://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.

### **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](mailto:wellsbeana@ucc.org). Winners will be announced during an online award ceremony on Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. 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>.

### **Robesonia Seniors Age 75 or Older**

The Conrad Weiser Lions Club will hold their annual *Life Begins at 75 Christmas Party* at **12:00noon on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at St. Daniel's Lutheran Church**. The dinner is for those 75+ years old who live or attend church in the Robesonia area. The party consists of dinner, entertainment, and lots of fellowship with old friends. If you would like to attend and have not been contacted, please call Steve Bright at 610-693-6420. Transportation will be provided for those who need a ride if requested.

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:**

Ruth A.  
Jean B.  
Sam B.  
Terry B.  
Rich D.  
Dean D.  
June F.  
Mike G.  
Dave H.  
Sue H.  
Steve K.

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

Terry K.  
Janice L.  
Maggie L.  
Ella L.  
Ayden M.  
Matthew M.  
Jim S.  
Rob S.  
Jodi S.  
Shirley S.  
Claudia S.

**Social Concerns:**

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

**Mourning:**

Family & friends of Rev. George Fitz  
Family & friends of Harvey Long  
Family & friends of Rev. Richard  
Miller  
Family & friends of Logan Unger

† **Zion's Prayer List** †

**Help & Healing:**

Jeanette B.  
Michael B.  
Jimmie F.  
Sharon F.  
Steven F.  
David H.  
Dolores H.  
Tyler H.  
Dolly I.  
Amanda K.  
Bill M.  
Joe M.  
Leon M.  
Peg M.  
Rozie M.  
Sharon M.  
Michelle N.  
Akira P. & baby  
Joyce P.  
Chuck S.  
Claudia S.  
Rob S.

**Help & Healing:**

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.)  
LanCpl Ben (George & Dottie M.)

**Thanksgiving:**

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

**Guidance:**

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

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

Rev. Ralph Geiman, UCC Pastor  
(Ray T's Uncle)  
Logan Unger (motorcycle accident)

**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](mailto:office@sprucc.org) or Pastor Mary Etta.

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