

Weekly News from United Church of Christ of Robesonia

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Sunday Worship 10:15am



Sunday, January 29, 2023

††† Worship Participants & Sponsorships †††

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

	<u>This Sunday - Jan 29th</u>	<u>Next Sunday - Feb 5th</u>
Usher Captain	Robin H.	Beth M.
Usher Co-Captain	Jon H.	Marianne K.
Usher/Greeter	Mary Ann S.	John E.
Usher/Greeter	Ray T.	Diane M.
Usher/Greeter: Downstairs	Cory P.	Cory P.
Acolyte	Arial M.	Ethan M.
Welcome/Announcements	Geri G.	Elsa W.
Layreader	Joel P.	Terry P.
Cantor	Terry P.	Brian K.
Children's Message	Geri G.	Pastor Ben
Nursery	TBD	TBD
Junior Worship	TBD	TBD
AV Tech	Eric O.	Kirk A.
G3 Group Helper	Sheri R.	Robin H.
Koffee Klatch	Group A - Georgi H.	Group B
St. Paul's Counter	Geri G.	Jon H.
St. Paul's Counter	Kirk A.	Carl U.
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](http://www.sprucc.org)" page at www.sprucc.org under the "ministries" tab.

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 Communion Classes

A Youth Communion Class, **today at 9:00am**. Pastor Ben Motz is offering this class for children, teens, and young adults who have not yet been confirmed, but who would like to participate in the sacrament of Holy Communion. This class will give the youth the opportunity to understand and have a greater reverence for the sacrament before participating. Both the youth and their parent/guardian should participate together in this class.

Christian Education Committee

Property Committee will meet **today, Sunday, January 29th, following the worship service.** Please speak with Denise Unger if you have any questions.

Ice Skating!!

Everyone is invited to join the Youth Group **today** for ice skating. We will meet at the church at 1:00pm to travel to Hershey Arena. Skating will be from 2:00-4:00pm. We are hoping to get group rates so please sign the clipboard in the hallway to be part of our group. If we get the discount rate it will cost \$5.50/person plus \$2.50 for skate rental, but we need 10+ people. We will also need drivers. Questions? Contact Beth Miller 717-933-5097.

Membership in Our Newly Unified Church

From January 1, 2023 to April 30, 2023 we will have an "Open Charter." Those joining during that period will be "Charter Members" (Founding Members) of our newly unified church. Membership vows may be affirmed during one of the following worship services:

Sunday, January 8, 2023 at 10:15am
Sunday, February 12, 2023 at 10:15am
Wednesday, February 22 at 6:30pm
Sunday, March 12, 2023 at 10:15am
Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at 6:30pm
Sunday, April 30, 2023 at 10:15am

Those who would like to affirm their membership on one of the dates listed above may do so by participating in the worship service by either coming in-person or via Zoom. If you plan to participate via Zoom, please contact the church office and let us know when you will be affirming your vows so that we may watch for your presence and admit you in to the worship service. Please use the following Zoom information:

Meeting ID: 104 401 368 Passcode: 301301

To log in either use the Zoom app; or go to Zoom.com and click "Join A Meeting;" or use the following address:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/104401368?pwd=WGs0YnlEYXVGtWl2ZDJCa1NrSkI0UT09>;
or use a telephone by calling: +1 301 715 8592 (Washington DC).

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)

Getting to Know the Pastors - Small Group Gatherings

Pastor Ben and Pastor Mary Etta are scheduling small group gathering times for you to meet with them, for you to get to know them a little better and for them to get to know you a little better, as well as to hear from you your hopes, dreams, ideas, etc for our new church.

Please sign up either by emailing/calling the church office or using the sign up sheet in the hallway. So that this can be a small group experience, we are limiting the number of people for each gathering. As the groups fill up, we will add more dates/times for gathering. Their goal is to meet in small groups with every able-bodied member who lives in the area.

Our first four time slots are:

- Tuesday, January 24 at 1:30pm
- Tuesday, January 31 at 1:30pm
- Tuesday, February 7 at 6:30pm
- Tuesday, February 28 at 6:30pm

To sign up for a time slot, simply email or call the church office at office@sprucc.org or 610-621-5770; or use the sign up sheet on the table in the upstairs sanctuary hallway.

Visitation Care Team (VCT)

There will be a VCT meeting on **Tuesday, January 31st at 7:30pm**. This meeting is for all Elders (including those currently not on Consistory) and all others who are on the Visitation Care Team Ministry (those people are listed in the newsletter under "Spiritual Care"). Those who are or would like to be involved with hospital, homebound, or bereavement care should participate in this meeting. Please contact Geri Gammel or Terry Pastor if you cannot attend. To schedule an alternative date/time, contact Pastor Ben.

Spiritual Council

The Council will meet on **Tuesday, January 31st at 8:30pm**. Please speak with Pastor Ben if you have questions.

Book of Acts Evening Bible Study

The Bible study of the Book of Acts will be on **Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm**. If you have not yet joined this study, please consider doing so. Nothing is needed other than a Bible. You may join in person or by Zoom (using the Tuesday morning Bible study numbers).

Singing Choir Rehearsal

The choir will practice on Thursday evening at 6:00pm.

Handbell Choir Rehearsal

The handbells will practice on Thursday evening at 7:00pm.

One of Our Favorite Times of the Year!

February 12th is SOUPERbowl Sunday! Immediately following worship, we will be having a soup luncheon in Miller Fellowship Hall. **EVERYONE is invited!** Please make your favorite crockpot meal (soup, chili or whatever) and bring it in to church. Make sure it is labeled with your name and kind of soup or creation, and place it in the kitchen area. It will be plugged in and stay warm during the worship service. After worship we will gather to enjoy the variety of crockpot delicacies. Large bowls and small bowls will be available so that you may sample as many or as few items as you wish. Our best year was when we had 19 crockpots of soup/chili. Let's try to beat that this year!

If you don't have a crockpot or you're not much of a cook, you may instead bring in crackers or bread or a dessert.

You will have plenty of time to enjoy this meal and still see the real Super Bowl! Game time is set for 6:30pm ET. So no excuses. Please plan to attend. The food is always good and the fellowship is GREAT! Please sign the sign-up sheet in the vestibule or call the church office prior to February 5th so that we may better plan this event.

Chicken Pot Pie Dinner

The Men's Group is planning a Chicken Pot Pie Dinner for Wednesday, February 15th from 4:00-6:30pm. It will be a dine-in or take-out meal. Quarts of pot pie will also be available for purchase. If you would like more information or would like to help, please contact Brian Keppley.

PLARN = Plastic Yarn

Completed PLARN mats are delivered to Philadelphia where they are used by homeless people. If you would like to help with this mission project please contact Pastor Mary Etta. She will meet with you to give you what you need, or receive what you have done, or if you have any questions. There are good teaching videos available if you are interested in helping, but are unsure of what is involved. Pastor Mary Etta's contact information is mestme@aol.com or 610-659-2775.

Food Pantry

Please do not bring food donations for the food pantry. The food pantry can buy more food for each dollar than we can. Please consider giving money instead. We are no longer collecting food at UCC of Robesonia. Please write a check to St. Paul's UCC and indicate that it is for the food pantry. Your donation will be sent to the Conrad Weiser Food Pantry. Thank you!

Please note that although we are now United Church of Christ of Robesonia, until we close out St. Paul's account and open a new account as United Church of Christ of Robesonia, checks need to be made out to St. Paul's UCC. We will announce when that process has been completed and checks should be made out to United Church of Christ of Robesonia.

*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*

† **United’s Prayer List** †

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

Tina A.
Jeanette B.
Michael B.
Scott B.
Linwood B.
Audra B.
Charlie D.
Rich D.
John E.
Eloise
Evie
Jimmy F.
Sharon F.
Erma G.
Dolores H.
Betty H.
Wynn H.
Dolly I.
Sandie K.
Carol K.
Lelynna L.
Caitlin L.
Maggie L.
Ella L.
Peg M.
Leon M.
Rozy M.
Bill M.
Pat N.
Michelle N.

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

Joyce P.
Claudia S.
Jim S.
Rob S.
Jodi S.
Ray T.
Mildred U.
Wendy W.
Donna & Turk

All Military People Especially:

Sgt. Benjamin (Bibs)
Sr. Airman Sarah (Karen S.)
MA2 Cody (Wanda M.)
PO3 Lucas (Wanda M.)
Cpl Ben (George & Dottie M.)

College People:

Jonah C.
Max G.
Madison H.
Sara M.
Steven M.
Amanda M.
Jack S.

Thanksgiving:

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

Mourning:

Family & friends of Helene E.,
wife of John E.
Family & friends of Diane K.
Family & friends of Kevin K.
Family & friends of Lawerance S.
Family & friends of Ronnie S.
Family & friends of Paul Y.
Family & friends of the young man who
recently took his life

Protection & Support:

People of Ukraine
People traveling

Peace:

Peaceful outcome in the Ukraine
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:

Serving God well together as one
congregation

*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](#)

