

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

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Worship 10:15am



**Sunday, February 27, 2022
Transfiguration Sunday
Scout Sunday**

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

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

	<u>Today - Feb 27th</u>	<u>Ash Wed - Mar 2nd</u>	<u>Next Sunday - Mar 6th</u>
Usher Captain	Barb O.	Geri G.	Beth M.
Usher Co-Captain	Dale M.	Elsa W.	Marianne K.
Usher/Greeter	Joel P.	Ray T.	John E.
Usher/Greeter	Akira P.	Mary Ann S.	Diane M.
Usher/Greeter: Downstairs	Cory P.	-	Cory P.
Acolyte	Arial M.	Geri G.	Ethan M.
Crucifer	Paul S.	Paul S.	Paul S.
Welcome/Layreader	Elsa W./Girl Scouts	Elsa W.	Terry P.
St. Paul's Messenger	-	-	-
Cantor	Brian K.	Choir Member	Sheri R.
Children's Message	Wanda M.	Geri G.	Elsa W.
AV Tech	Kirk A.	Kirk A.	Kirk A.
Koffee Klatch	Kirk & Geneva A.	-	Zion
St. Paul's Counters	Geri G. & Kirk A.	Jon H. & Carl U.	Jon H. & Carl U.
Bulletins	-	-	-
Altar Flowers	Scott & Sue M.	-	-

**The Altar Flowers
are given to the
Glory of God
by Scott & Susan M.**

††† **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.

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.

You are Invited - A Conversation by Zoom

Please join Zion UCC Womelsdorf and St. Paul's UCC via Zoom **TONIGHT** at 7:00pm, to say hello and chat with each other. It's a great way to catch up with others during these Covid-times especially if you have not yet returned to church in person. The necessary Zoom information is below. Please note that you may join this gathering by phone (landline or cell phone) if you do not have access to a computer or tablet.

To join the Zoom meeting use the following:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87452124156?pwd=RzI3dTl4Uy8vWGpBQnRzOGV2bnlrdz09>

Meeting ID: 874 5212 4156 Passcode: 783249

For people joining with telephone, choose one of these numbers:

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC) +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

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, Robeson, 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.

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**".

Ash Wednesday

This Wednesday, March 2, will be our Ash Wednesday worship service at 6:30pm. Worship will be in-person, as well as live streamed, phone streamed, and via Facebook Live. There will be ashes, communion, and a special dialogue presentation. We will hear a reporter question Pontius Pilate or Pilatus as he likes to be called. There will be humor and knowledge. Featured will be Pastor Ben as Pontius Pilate and Steve M. as the reporter.

Five Lenten Wednesdays

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. Featured will be Caiaphas, Peter, Mary Magdalene, John, and the Centurion.

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!

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. Also, please write your name with the correct date on the flower chart on the easel.

Wanted: Acolytes

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

We are Still Praying...

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.

Women's Lunch

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 or 610-659-2775.

Thank You Note from College Student

Madison H. sent a lovely card to thank us for the valentine box she received.

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:

Rich D.
Jim & Donna K.
Ella L.
Jim S.
Rob & Jodi S.
Justin V.

Celebration:

Birth of Maggie L. born on
Feb 9, 2022

Mourning:

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:

Barbara G.
Loretta G.
Nettie G.
Kevin H.
Zayden
Family of Akira on mother's side
All people dealing with catastrophes

Military People:

Sgt. Benjamin
Senior Airman Sarah
MASN Cody
LanCpl Ben

College People:

Madison H.
Jack S.
Shane M.

In Thankfulness:

For God's Provision for Zion UCC

Guidance:

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

Mourning:

Family & Friends of Heather G.

*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

