

Weekly News from United Church of Christ

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Worship 10:15am



Sunday, July 31, 2022 8th Sunday after Pentecost

††† Worship Participants & Sponsorships †††

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

	<u>This Sunday - July 31st</u>	<u>Next Sunday - August 7th</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.	Joel P.
Acolyte	Jon H.	Geri G.
Welcome/Announcements	Geri G.	Dale M.
Layreader	Cory P.	John E.
Cantor	Brian K.	Wanda M.
Children's Message	Wanda M.	Geri G.
AV Tech	Kirk A.	Kirk A.
G3 Group Helper	Elsa W.	Donna K.
Koffee Klatch	Sheri R.	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.

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.

Galatians 3:5

Does he, who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith?

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 and Youth Group Leader Meetings

The Youth Group continues to meet through the summer. Meetings are held on the second and last Thursday of the month from 6:00-7:00pm. All youth in Grade 5 and up to Grade 12 are welcome at our meetings. They need not be a member of St. Paul's Church. Their next meeting will be **August 11**. Please encourage the youth that you know to consider coming. During our monthly meetings we have time for fellowship, prayer, learning, fun, and the youth planning for their own upcoming activities.

The leaders of Youth Group meet once a month to discuss youth activities and plans for the meetings. The next leader meeting will be on **August 11** at 5:30pm.

Women's Lunch

The next scheduled Women's Lunch is planned for **Thursday, August 11 at 12:00 noon** at the Country Fare Restaurant on Route 422 in Myerstown. If you plan to attend please let Pastor Mary Etta know. She may be reached at mestme@aol.com, or 610-659-2775. Please contact her by Monday, August 8 to let her know if you will be in attendance.

Annual Car Show

St. Paul's Annual Car Show will take place on **Saturday, August 13 from 10:00am to 3:00pm**. Come spend the day in a fun way. There's music, food and lots of classy cars. In the past we have had well over 100 cars on display. If you would like to enter a car in the show, applications may be found online or contact the church office.

The Men's Fellowship Group is looking for **MONETARY** sponsors for the car show. Checks may be made out to the Men's Fellowship Group and sent to the church to the attention Brian Keppley. We would also like to sell baked goods at the car show. Please help by baking and bringing the baked goods to church early on the August 13th. Thank you!

HOLD THE PLASTIC BAGS!

Thank you very much for bringing plastic bags for our service project for homeless people. At the moment we have enough bags to keep us busy for a long time. **So - please - do - not - bring - bags - after - today!** We will announce when we need more bags. Thank you!

We hope to have a finished mat soon so you can see what our mission project is producing for homeless people.

The next PLARN session will be on Tuesday, August 23 from 12:30-2:00pm in the Miller Fellowship Hall.

Soup & Such and Clothing Closet

The next Soup & Such and Clothing Closet will take place on **Thursday, August 25 from 4:00-6:00pm**. If you would like to help co-lead a meal and assist with a team, please sign the clipboard on the table outside of the sanctuary. At some point we will have a meeting to plan ahead with the new teams. If you would like to help with the Clothing Closet on Thursday, please speak with Robin Henning. Help is always needed to sort clothes.

Blessing of the Backpacks

On Sunday, **August 28**, we will be praying for students, teachers, administrators, and support staff for the beginning of the new school year. Youth (and teachers) are invited to bring their backpacks for a special blessing, and we will have a few school supplies for youth, as well.

If anyone would like to help and provide some school supplies that will be handed out, please bring your donations to the church and place them in the basket found in the hallway as you enter the sanctuary. Thank you.

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.

Sanctuary Microphones

We have new microphones in the sanctuary, which we will be experimenting with placement over the next few weeks. They are primarily intended for the worshipers at home to be able to hear the bell choir and chancel choir on the live stream and phone stream. With an average of over 100 people weekly watching or listening online, the majority of our worship attendance continues to be by those joining us virtually.

It is an investment of over \$700, for which we are accepting donations, simply list "*microphones*" on an envelope or on the memo line of your check, or in the description for online giving. If we exceed the \$700, the remainder will go to our AV Fund for ongoing technology upgrades in the sanctuary.

Are Your Flower Seeds Growing?

Remember the seeds that you received in December? Did you plant them? Are they growing? Please tell Robin Henning or Pastor Mary Etta.

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!

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.

Why? God wants you to witness because of the benefits you will receive. Witnessing will stimulate your spiritual growth, lead you to pray and study God's Word, and encourage you to depend on Christ. You will experience the tremendous privilege and honor of representing Jesus to the world.

As it is written in the Bible:

*So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us;
we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.*

2 Corinthians 5:20 (NRSV)

Summer Concert Series

Bethany Children's Home 7th Annual Summer Concert Series has begun. The next concert will be on **Friday, August 5 at 7:00pm. *The Uptown Band*** will be performing. The cost is \$5.00 per car. Lawn seating only. Bring your favorite chair or blanket. There will be concessions, vendors, and raffles. Please no alcohol, tobacco, pets or weapons.

The last show of the concert series will be on Friday, August 12 at 7:00pm. *The Sloth Love Chunk Band* will be performing.

Bus Trip to Gettysburg, PA

St. Daniel's Lutheran Church is planning a bus trip to Gettysburg on **Tuesday, September 27, 2022**. Seats are available and an invitation has been extended to everyone here at church. Entitled *The Blue and The Gray at Gettysburg*, the trip includes Motorcoach Transportation, Admission to **Gettysburg National Military Park Visitor's Center** which includes the Museum, the Cyclorama Painting, and Film, Lunch at the **Historic Dobbin House Tavern** (includes taxes and gratuities), a **Licensed Battlefield Guide** who will board the bus and take us to many of the famous battlefield sites (includes gratuity), and an Ice Cream Treat at **Mr. G's** which is housed in the historic Twin Sycamore House.

The price is \$102 per person. The bus will depart at 8:00am from St. Daniel's Church, and return at approximately 7:00pm. The deadline for payment and registration is **Sunday, August 7, 2022**. A poster with more detailed information and registration slip may be found on the table in the hallway. If you need additional information, please contact Joy Kline at 484-794-0451.

Western Berks Shepherding Ministry

Volunteers at the Western Berks Shepherding Ministry are trained to be of assistance to help transport to medical appointments, testing, and therapy those who are in need. Volunteers also help with grocery shopping and some errands. Helpers are only asked to help one morning or afternoon a month, although some do additional appointments. More volunteers are needed. If you would like to provide transportation, or if you would like more information, please contact the Ministry at 484-294-7394 or WesternBerksShepherding@gmail.com.

*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.
Lucy B.
Terry B.
Liz B.
Marlane C.
Rich D.
Dean D.
Mike G.
Willy H.
Sue H.
Chris K.
Steve K.
Sandie K.

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

Jim K.
Donna K.
Donald L.
Eloise L.
Ella L.
George M.
Pastor Mary Etta M.
Karen S.
Jim S.
Rob S.
Jodi S.
Lisa S.
Mildred U.

Mourning:

Family and friends of Susan H.
Family and friends of Bob Z.

Social Concerns:

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

Celebration:

Baptism of Ash W.

† **Zion’s Prayer List** †

Help & Healing:

Jeanette B.
Sharon F.
Steven F.
David H.
Kevin H.
Dolly I.
Peg M.
Michelle N.
Joyce P.
Paul S.
Wendy W.

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
on Consistories, Committees, and
in Worship

Guidance:

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

Protection & Support:

People of Ukraine
People traveling

Peace:

For ALL people everywhere

To Cease:

Violence by guns

Cooperation:

Governments working together

*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.*

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Password (for both): iamheretoserve

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Upcoming Events Link

