

Weekly News from United Church of Christ

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Worship 10:15am



Sunday, October 2, 2022
17th Sunday after Pentecost

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

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

	<u>This Sunday - October 2nd</u>	<u>Next Sunday - October 9th</u>
Usher Captain	Beth M.	Geri G.
Usher Co-Captain	Marianne K.	Elsa W.
Usher/Greeter	John E.	George M.
Usher/Greeter	Karen S.	Dottie M.
Usher/Greeter: Downstairs	Cory P.	Cory P.
Acolyte	Lily O.	Ethan M.
Welcome/Announcements	Terry P.	Geri G.
Layreader	Akira P.	Joel P.
Cantor	Wanda M.	Sheri R.
Children's Message	Geri G.	Pastor Ben
AV Tech	Kirk A.	Kirk A.
G3 Group Helper	Robin H.	Sue H.
Koffee Klatch	Zion	St. Paul's: Denise U.
St. Paul's Counter	Kirk A.	Kirk A.
St. Paul's Counter	Geri G.	Geri G.
Bulletin Sponsor	-	-
Altar Flowers Sponsor	-	Geri G.

††† **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.

New Processional Cross & World Communion Sunday

Today we will be dedicating and using a new processional cross. We will sing "*Lift High the Cross*". The choir and pastors will process following the cross.

We will also celebrate *World Communion Sunday*, when Christians throughout the world gather united through Holy Communion. Being together in person is especially good on this Sunday. It will be great to see you!

Neighbors in Need Offering

The Neighbors in Need (NIN) offering will be received today, **October 2**. NIN supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. **Two-thirds** of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. **One-third** of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). With your assistance, we together can help our Neighbors in Need. Please give generously. Donation envelopes may be found on the hallway table. If you are unable to give your donation today, we will be happy to receive your donation on any Sunday in October.

Duncan's Corn Maze

The church is planning on going to Duncan's Corn Maze **this afternoon (October 2nd)**. We plan to meet near the registration table at 3:45pm. **This is open to everyone - youth, families, friends.** The cost is \$9.00/person for ages 6 and up. Those 5 and under are free. We hope you will join us. Please sign the Corn Maze clipboard so that we know you're coming. Thanks!

Confirmation Class

Confirmation helps youth and young adults learn some basics of the Christian faith and helps them to decide for themselves if they would like to be a part of the Christian faith. The recommended age to begin confirmation is 8th grade, but teens and young adults from 7th grade through college are also welcome. Currently the confirmation class program is on alternate Sunday evenings from 6:00 - 7:30pm. Please contact the church office to register. Please speak with Pastor Ben if you have questions.

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=RzI3dTl4Uy8vWGpBQnRzOGV2bnlrdz09>

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 has resumed. It 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. If you have an interest, but are unsure, please speak with any of our bell choir members. We would be happy to answer your questions.

Men's Group Meeting

The Men's Group will have their monthly meeting on **Saturday, October 8th at 9:00am** at the Heidelberg Restaurant. Speak with Brian Keppley if you have any questions.

Women's Luncheon

The next Women's Luncheon will be on **Thursday, October 13th at 12:00noon** at the Country Fare Restaurant in Myerstown. All the women and their friends are invited to attend. Please let Pastor Mary Etta know by **Monday, October 10th**.

Youth Group Leader Meeting and Youth Group Meeting

The next Youth Group Leader Meeting will take place on **Thursday, October 13th at 5:30pm**.

The next Youth Group Meeting will take place on **Thursday, October 13th at 6:00pm**. Youth Group is open to all students in Grade 5 through Grade 12.

Veteran's Day Collection

To honor our military people for Veteran's Day, we are collecting monetary donations. The money will then be spent on items - food, clothing, computer flash drives, etc. - that those currently serving will find useful. Wanda Moore will use the donated funds to purchase the various items, box them up and prepare them for mailing. She will then ship them out the week of **October 16th** so that the packages may arrive in time for Veteran's Day. Please place your donations in the labeled basket on the hallway table. Thank you!

If you have family or relation currently serving in the armed forces, please pass on their names and addresses to the church so that they may be included on our list of names. They do not need to be a member of the church.

21st Century Christian Women's Group

The next meeting of the Women's Group will be on **Monday, October 17th at 7:00pm**. Candy making and the Christmas Bazaar will be discussed. All church women are invited to attend.

Oktoberfest

The Oktoberfest is coming! It will be held on **Saturday, October 22nd**. Stay tuned for more information!

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.

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.

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 for your receipts. Thank you to Geneva Aulenbach for coordinating this project.

Opioid Overdose Response

Narcan Nasal Spray is used for known or suspected opioid overdose in adults or children. This product is available at two places in the church building for the prevention of death from a narcotic overdose.

One of the places is in Miller Fellowship Hall in the set of Zion mailboxes in the far right corner when entering the room from the hallway. There is also a medical kit at that location.

The second box is in the church office (first door next to upstairs mailboxes behind the bell tables) on a small shelf behind the computer monitor. In an emergency, please use either of these sets.

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.

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.

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.
Terry B.
Rich D.
Dean D.
Jimmie F.
Mike G.
Sue H.
Steve K.
Amanda K.

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

Donald L.
Ella L.
Sharon M.
Bill M.
Carmen R.
Karen S.
Jim S.
Rob S.
Jodi S.
Shirley S.

Social Concerns:

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

† **Zion’s Prayer List** †

Help & Healing:

Jeanette B.
Sharon F.
Steven F.
David H.
Dolores H.
Tyler H.
Dolly I.
Leon
Peg M.
Rozie 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

Guidance:

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

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

Kevin H., grandson of Betty W.

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 or Pastor Mary Etta.*

Free WiFi: StPaulsUCC-Guest & StPaulsUCC-5G-Guest
Password (for both): iamheretoserve

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Upcoming Events Link

