

# Weekly News from United Church of Christ

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Worship 10:15am



**Sunday, October 16, 2022**  
**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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

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

	<b><u>This Sunday - October 16<sup>th</sup></u></b>	<b><u>Next Sunday - October 23<sup>rd</sup></u></b>
Usher Captain	Michael P.	Barb O.
Usher Co-Captain	Terry P.	Dale M.
Usher/Greeter	Sharon B.	Kim T.
Usher/Greeter	Karen S.	Peg T.
Usher/Greeter: Downstairs	Cory P.	Cory P.
Acolyte	Jon H.	Geri G.
Welcome/Announcements	Dale M.	Jon H.
Layreader	Terry P.	Sheri R.
Cantor	Terry P.	Brian K.
Children's Message	Wanda M.	Geri G.
AV Tech	Eric O.	Kirk A.
G3 Group Helper	Denise U.	Elsa W.
Koffee Klatch	Zion	Stewardship Luncheon
St. Paul's Counter	Kirk A.	Kirk A.
St. Paul's Counter	Geri G.	Geri G.
Bulletin Sponsor	-	-
Altar Flowers Sponsor	Michael & Terry P.	-

**The altar flowers are given by**  
***Michael & Terry Pastor***  
***in honor of their***  
***49<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.***

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## ††† **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.

### **Congregational Meeting**

**Today** at 11:30am after worship, we will have a combined formal congregational meeting for the purpose of voting on the proposed names of the proposed church, to reach the decision of the final name.

We are depending on the Holy Spirit to guide us with this vote!

### **Duncan's Corn Maze**

The corn maze family event will take place **this afternoon at 3:45pm**. Everyone is invited. The cost is \$9.00/person for ages 6 and up. Those 5 and under are free. We will meet near the registration table, located at the maze entrance.

### 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 16<sup>th</sup>** so that the packages may arrive in time for Veteran's Day. **Today is the last day to 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 their names and addresses to the church so that they may be included on the list. They do not need to be a member of the church.

### Trick-or-Treat Night

On Halloween night at the front of the church from 6:00-9:00pm we will be handing out treats during Robesonia's trick or treat night. We are asking for donations of candy to make treat bags for that night. Treats should be small and individually wrapped. Please place your donations in the orange "pumpkin" container upstairs near the sanctuary doors.

If you would like to help prepare the treat bags, decorate the front of the church for this night, or help with handing out candy, please contact Robin Henning or Geri Gammel.

### Candy for Christmas

The Women's Group will soon be making candy. Please pre-order your candy using the candy order forms found on the hallway table. **Orders and payment are due Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**. The candy will be ready for pickup on November 19 & 20.

### 21<sup>st</sup> Century Christian Women's Group

The Women's Group will meet tomorrow, **Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**. Candy making and the Christmas Bazaar will be discussed. All church women are invited to attend.

### 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.

### 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!

### Oktoberfest

The Oktoberfest is coming! We will be setting up on **Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> starting at 1:00pm**. Please help if you are available. The Oktoberfest will be held on **Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12:00 - 6:00pm**. Join us for a fun day featuring authentic Oktoberfest foods and refreshments! Ridgewood Winery will be supporting our event again (they were at our Wine & Strawberry Festival in June) and we'll even have wonderful beer samples in our "biergarten"! There will be authentic brats, weinkraut, pretzels and more as you enjoy live music, crafts, bounce houses for children and more! **If you are available to help either Friday or Saturday, please let Brian Keppley (610-670-2835) know.**

### 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 25<sup>th</sup> - 12:30 to 2:00pm.**

### Soup & Such and Clothing Closet

The next Soup & Such and Clothing Closet will take place on **Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Youth Group Meeting**

The next Youth Group Meeting will take place on **Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**. Youth Group is open to all students in Grade 5 through Grade 12.

### **Fire and Ice**

During Sunday school on **October 30<sup>th</sup>** after our opening at 9:00am, we will have acolyte training. This is intended for those who have not yet served as an acolyte AND as a refresher for those who perhaps have been serving as acolytes for years. This acolyte training event is intended for 5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders, but adults interested in serving as an acolyte are invited as well.

After worship there will be a pizza and ice cream party in the Miller Fellowship Hall. Siblings and parents/guardians are invited to share in the pizza, ice cream and refreshments. To plan appropriately, please sign the Fire & Ice sheet on the hallway table.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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>.

### **Lay Leadership Support Group**

A Lay Leadership Education Team has been formed to be a support team for Consistory Presidents and/or representatives. Wouldn't it be helpful to have a place to ask questions, find support, and to learn from each other. It is comforting to know you are not alone. Pre-COVID several Consistory Presidents and/or representatives started gathering once a month. It was a great place to gain support, knowledge and form friendships. We are revising this gathering.

The October meeting will take place on Saturday, October 22 from 10:00am-12:00pm. It will be hybrid. You may attend in-person or online. If attending in-person it will take place at St. John's UCC, Lansdale. When registering please indicate how you will be attending. You may register at <https://psec.org/event/lay-leadership-support-group-hybrid-october-meeting>. Registration is free for this event.

### **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.

## 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.  
Sam B.  
Terry B.  
Rich D.  
Dean D.  
June F.  
Mike G.  
Sue H.

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

Steve K.  
Donald L.  
Ella L.  
Carmen R.  
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.  
Jimmie F.  
Sharon F.  
Steven F.  
David H.  
Dolores H.  
Tyler H.  
Dolly I.  
Amanda K.  
Bill M.  
Leon M.  
Peg M.  
Rozie M.  
Sharon 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

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

Kevin H., grandson of Betty W.  
Tyler R. (Conlon family)

#### **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

#### **Guidance:**

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

*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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