

Weekly News from United Church of Christ of Robesonia

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Worship 10:15am



Sunday, November 27, 2022
1st Sunday of Advent

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

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

	<u>This Sunday - Nov 27th</u>	<u>Next Sunday - Dec 4th</u>
Usher Captain	Barb O.	Beth M.
Usher Co-Captain	Dale M.	Marianne K.
Usher/Greeter	Kim T.	John E.
Usher/Greeter	Peg T.	Diane M.
Usher/Greeter: Downstairs	Cory P.	Cory P.
Acolyte	Preslie U.	Jon H.
Welcome/Announcements	Jon H.	Terry P.
Layreader	John E.	Ray T.
Cantor	Wanda M.	Sheri R.
Children's Message	Elsa W.	Wanda M.
Nursery	TBD	TBD
Junior Worship	N/A	N/A
AV Tech	Kirk A.	Kirk A.
G3 Group Helper	Denise U.	Elsa W.
Koffee Klatch	Zion	Elsa W. & Geri G.
St. Paul's Counter	Sue H.	Carl U.
St. Paul's Counter	Georgi H.	Jon H.
Bulletin Sponsor	Sue H.	-
Altar Flowers Sponsor	-	Diane & Bob M.

The bulletins are sponsored by
The Hiester Family
in memory of
Earl and Anna Hiester & Lee and Lillian Spangler

††† **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.

Supervised Nursery

During the worship service the nursery is available if needed. It is for children 0-8 years old. It's located downstairs in youth Sunday school area.

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.

Military Care Packages

Recently we collected funds to put together care packages for those family members currently serving in the military. Wanda Moore sent out 6 packages that included healthcare items, snacks, candies, cookies, candy canes, a wooden Christmas ornament, a thanksgiving card, and a beautiful gold compass inscribed with wording from Joshua 1:9. If anyone still wants to contribute to the Military packages, we are still accepting donations *until the end of the November*. A basket is set out on the hallway table, or you may donate using your offering envelope. Please indicate *Military Care Package* in the memo area of your check. Thank you!

Poinsettias for Christmas

It's time to think about ordering poinsettias to add to the beauty of our sanctuary at Christmas. Poinsettia order forms may be found on a hallway table. *Please place your completed form and payment in the basket on the table.* The cost is \$10 for a six inch pot of red poinsettias. **All orders are due by November 27th (today).** Please contact Denise Unger (deu421@aol.com) if you have any questions.

Angel Tree Mission Project

This year's Angel Tree Mission Project will benefit Lebanon Veterans Affairs. We have been provided with a list of items needed by veterans that we can collect and donate. These items include clothing, personal care items, and assorted things such as books, games, playing cards, fleece blankets, and puzzle books.

The Christmas tree on the upper level (across from the elevator) will hold tags that have a specific item listed on them. Choose one or more tags from the tree, purchase the item(s), and return them to the church placing them under the tree. No need to gift wrap. *If you would rather give a monetary donation that would be fine. We have a few people willing to shop. They will take the collected money and purchase the needed items.* **The collection will begin the first Sunday in Advent, November 27th and continue through December 18th.**

Please help us provide our Veterans with gifts this holiday season. They have sacrificed so much for our country and this will be a wonderful way to show them how much we appreciate their service.

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)

Book of Acts Evening Bible Study - Now on Tuesdays

The night on which the Book of Acts Bible study takes place has been changed to **Tuesdays at 6:30pm**. The next session will be **Tuesday, November 29th**.

Women's Lunch

The next Women's Luncheon will take place on **Thursday, December 8th at 12:00noon** at Country Fare Restaurant, Myerstown. All women are invited to attend. Please let Pastor Mary Etta know if you can come by the Monday of that week; that would be **Monday, December 5th**. Her contact information is mestme@aol.com or 610-659-2775.

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.

Soup & Such and Clothing Closet

The next Soup & Such and Children's Clothing Closet will be on **December 8th from 4:00-6:00pm**. Please note that the date has been changed, but only for the month of December due to the Christmas/New Year holiday. You may schedule an appointment time in December to select Children's Clothing Closet if you cannot come on December 8th. Please contact Robin Henning at 610-693-6475.

Youth Group Meetings

The next Youth Group meetings will take place **Thursday, December 8th**. The Leader meeting will take place at 5:30pm. The Youth Group meeting will be at 6:00pm. Youth Group is open to all students in Grade 5 through Grade 12. **Please note that there will only be one meeting in December.**

Robesonia Seniors Age 75 or Older

The Conrad Weiser Lions Club will hold their annual *Life Begins at 75 Christmas Party* at **12:00noon on Saturday, December 3rd at St. Daniel's Lutheran Church**. The dinner is for those 75+ years old who live or attend church in the Robesonia area. The party consists of dinner, entertainment, and lots of fellowship with old friends. If you would like to attend and have not been contacted, please call Steve Bright at 610-693-6420. Transportation will be provided for those who need a ride if requested.

Dessert Donations

The Conrad Weiser Lion's Club (sponsor of the *Life Begins at 75 Christmas Party*) has asked the church for dessert donations for the upcoming Christmas Party. If you would be willing to bake something for the event, please bring them to the church by **12:00noon on Friday, December 2nd**. Geri Gammel will make sure that they are delivered for the event on Saturday.

Christmas Vesper Service

On **Sunday, December 11, 2022** St. Daniel's Lutheran Church will be sponsoring the Reading Pops Orchestra & Vocal Soloists at the Conrad Weiser High School Auditorium for their 21st Annual Christmas Vesper Service. Pre-service music by Brass Ensemble will be at 3:30pm. The Vesper Service will begin at 4:00pm. A free will offering will be received. For more information call 610-693-5145 or go to St. Daniel's website at www.stdaniels.com.

PLARN = Plastic Yarn

The next Session will take place this **Tuesday, December 27th from 12:30 to 2:00pm**. Please contact Pastor Mary Etta if you have any questions. Her contact information is mestme@aol.com or 610-659-2775.

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. Thank you for all your donations. **So far \$1,590.50 has been collected.**

You may 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, Robesonia, 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.

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, click on the green "Online Giving" button, click on the "Special Mission" donate link, and fill in the blanks.

Thank you for your generosity.

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. Winners will be announced during an online award ceremony on Saturday, January 7th. 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>.

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:**

Beatrice A.
Scott B.
Rich D.
Dean D.
Utzer G.
Janice L.

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

Ella L.
Jim S.
Rob S.
Jodi S.
Claudia S.
Mildred U.

Social Concerns:

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

Mourning:

Family & friends of Terry Kleinhans
Family & friends of Matthew Miller
Family & friends of Logan Unger

† **Zion's Prayer List** †

Help & Healing:

Jeanette B.
Michael B.
Jimmy F.
Sharon F.
Steven F.
Betty H.
Dolores H.
Tyler H.
Dolly I.
Amanda K.
Kathy K.
Bill M.
Leon M.
Peg M.
Rozie M.
Sharon M.
Michelle N.
Joyce P.
Mary Ann S.
Claudia S.

Help & Healing:

Ray T.
Evie T.
Wendy W.
Greer Z.

College People:

Madison H.
Jack S.

All Military People Especially:

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

Thanksgiving:

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

Guidance:

Serving God well together as one congregation

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

Celebration:

Birth of Fletcher, son of Akira & Joel P.
Birth of Felicity Sage H., great
granddaughter of Wanda M.

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](#)

