

# Weekly News from United Church of Christ of Robesonia

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Sunday Worship 10:15am



**Sunday, January 8, 2023**

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

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

	<u>This Sunday - Jan 8<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Next Sunday - Jan 15<sup>th</sup></u>
Usher Captain	Geri G.	Terry P.
Usher Co-Captain	Elsa W.	Michael P.
Usher/Greeter	George M.	Sharon B.
Usher/Greeter	Dottie M.	Karen S.
Usher/Greeter: Downstairs	Cory P.	Cory P.
Acolyte	Preslie U.	Ayden M.
Welcome/Announcements	Dale M.	Jon H.
Layreader	George M.	Wanda M.
Cantor	Brian K.	Wanda M.
Children's Message	Pastor Mary Etta	Elsa W.
Nursery	TBD	TBD
Junior Worship	TBD	TBD
AV Tech	-	-
G3 Group Helper	Denise U.	Elsa W.
Koffee Klatch	Group B (Zion)	Group A: Alberta M.
St. Paul's Counter	Geri G.	Geri G.
St. Paul's Counter	Kirk A.	Kirk A.
Bulletin Sponsor	-	-
Altar Flowers Sponsor	-	-

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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](#)" page at [www.sprucc.org](http://www.sprucc.org) under the "ministries" tab.

### Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner

The Men's Group would like to thank everyone who helped with the Annual Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner held last Sunday. It was quite a success and well attended. The total number of meals served was 235 with 117 as dine-in and 118 as take-out. **Thank you all!**

### 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.

### **Opening Worship Service**

Today we will have our "Opening Worship Service" to joyously begin our new unified church together, pray for God's blessings upon our ministries, offer vows of membership and pastoral leadership, and enjoy in fellowship after worship.

### **Membership in Our Newly Unified Church**

From January 1, 2023 to April 30, 2023 we will have an "Open Charter." Those joining during that period will be "Charter Members" (Founding Members) of our newly unified church. Membership vows may be affirmed during one of the following worship services:

*Sunday, January 8, 2023 at 10:15am*  
*Sunday, February 12, 2023 at 10:15am*  
*Wednesday, February 22 at 6:30pm*  
*Sunday, March 12, 2023 at 10:15am*  
*Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at 6:30pm*  
*Sunday, April 30, 2023 at 10:15am*

Members may participate in the worship service in either one of two ways, in-person or via Zoom. If you plan to participate via Zoom, please contact the church office and let us know when you will be affirming your vows so that we may watch for your presence and admit you in to the worship service. Please use the following Zoom information:

Meeting ID: 104 401 368 Passcode: 301301

To log in either use the Zoom app; or go to Zoom.com and click "Join A Meeting;" or use the following address:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/104401368?pwd=WGs0YnlEYXVGTWl2ZDJCaNRSk0UT09;>  
or use a telephone by calling: +1 301 715 8592 (Washington DC).

### **Evangelism & Mission Committee**

There will be a meeting on **Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm.**

### **Consistory Meeting**

Consistory will meet on **Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.**

### **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)

### **Book of Acts Evening Bible Study**

The Bible study of the Book of Acts will be on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm. If you have not yet joined this study, please consider doing so. Nothing is needed other than a Bible. You may join in person or by Zoom (using the Tuesday morning Bible study numbers).

### **PLARN = Plastic Yarn**

Completed PLARN mats are delivered to Philadelphia where they are used by homeless people. If you would like to help with this mission project please contact Pastor Mary Etta. She will meet with you to give you what you need, or receive what you have done, or if you have any questions. There are good teaching videos available if you are interested in helping, but are unsure of what is involved. Pastor Mary Etta's contact information is [mestme@aol.com](mailto:mestme@aol.com) or 610-659-2775.

### **Women's Lunch**

The next Women's Luncheon will take place on **Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am** 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, January 9<sup>th</sup>**. Her contact information is [mestme@aol.com](mailto:mestme@aol.com) or 610-659-2775.

### **Youth Group Meetings**

The next Youth Group meetings will take place **Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

### **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.

### **Ordination & Installation Sunday**

We will be celebrating in the installation of our new Consistory, chairpersons, and other elected leadership next **Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>** during our 10:15am worship service. We hope that you will join us in-person or virtually to celebrate this special day with them, and offer them your support and thankfulness for their servant leadership.

### **Basic Leadership Training**

There will be a **Missional Approach Workshop on Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm**. It is for all Consistory members, chairpersons, and other elected leaders, especially those who were not at last year's workshop, as well as any other interested members. We will be going over the philosophy of ministry, committees, plans for growth, discipleship, etc.

### **Worship Committee**

The Worship Committee will meet on **Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm**.

### **Article Writing Workshop**

This workshop will take place on **Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm**. It is for Consistory members, chairpersons, and anyone planning on submitting articles for publication who were not at last year's workshop, as well as any other interested members.

### **Fellowship Committee**

This committee will meet on **Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm**.

### **Stewardship Committee**

The Stewardship Committee, which consists of the Deacons, the Treasurer, and the Financial Secretary, will meet on **Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm**.

### **Property Committee**

Property Committee will meet following the worship service on **Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**.

### **Ice Skating!!**

Everyone is invited to join the Youth Group on **Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>** for ice skating. We will meet at the church at 1:00pm to travel to Hershey Arena. Skating will be from 2:00-4:00pm. We are hoping to get group rates so please sign the clipboard in the hallway to be part of our group. If we get the discount rate it will cost \$5.50/person plus \$2.50 for skate rental, but we need 10+ people. We will also need drivers. Questions? Contact Beth Miller 717-933-5097.

### **Visitation Care Team (VCT)**

There will be a meeting on **Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm**. This meeting is for all those involved with hospital, homebound, or bereavement care.

### **Spiritual Council**

The Council will meet on **Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 8:30pm**.

*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*

† **United’s Prayer List** †

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

Tina A.  
Beatrice A.  
Jeanette B.  
Michael B.  
Scott B.  
Linwood B.  
Sam B.  
Audra B.  
Charlie D.  
Rich D.  
John E.  
Eloise  
Evie  
Jimmy F.  
Sharon F.  
Erma G.  
Dolores H.  
Betty H.  
Wynn H.  
Dolly I.  
Diane K.  
Sandie K.  
Carol K.  
Lelynna L.  
Ella L.  
Peg M.  
Leon M.  
Rozy M.  
Bill M.  
Pat N  
Michelle N.

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

Joyce P.  
Annette P.  
Claudia S.  
Jim S.  
Rob S.  
Jodi S.  
Ronnie S.  
Ray T.  
Mildred U.  
Wendy W.

**All Military People Especially:**

Sgt. Benjamin (Bibs)  
Sr. Airman Sarah (Karen S.)  
MA2 Cody (Wanda M.)  
PO3 Lucas (Wanda M.)  
Cpl Ben (George & Dottie M.)

**College People:**

Madison H.  
Jack S.

**Thanksgiving:**

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

**Guidance:**

Serving God well together as one  
congregation

**Mourning:**

Family & friends of Helene E.,  
wife of John E.  
Family & friends of Lawerance S.  
Family & friends of Paul Y.

**Protection & Support:**

People of Ukraine  
People traveling

**Peace:**

Peaceful outcome in the Ukraine  
For ALL people everywhere

**To Cease:**

Violence by guns

**Prayers for Love and Support of:**

Children and young adults who don’t  
get it from their own families and  
struggle as they try to make it on  
their own.  
Families with newborns and infants  
struggling to start off in this world.

**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](mailto:office@sprucc.org) or Pastor Mary Etta.*

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**Password (for both):** iamheretoserve

[www.sprucc.org](http://www.sprucc.org)



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Upcoming Events Link

