



Spirit News

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Prayer Requests

We do not have any new prayer requests due to the different ways in which we worshipped these past two Sundays. If you have any new prayer requests you would like noted before Sunday please email them to HollyRJackson@gmail.com or post them on our church's group facebook page.

We continue to pray for:

- Steven Dennis battling cancer
- Susan Percy's sister having eye surgery this week
- Susan Percy dealing with medical tests this week
- Russell Shelley recovering from surgery
- Suzanne and Dan's daughter Amy

Please keep other people or situations that you know of in our congregation as continuing concerns in your prayers this week.

This Sunday at UCCSV

We return to UCCSV's zoom worship format continuing our Faces of the Faith worship series by looking at the story of Anna the prophet. Anna notices the infant Jesus and sees something special about him. Anna leans in from the margins, someone who most people probably didn't even notice, to offer her blessing. To point to where she saw God working in the world, even if that work looked nothing like anyone expected. Who do you know in your life who points to God? How can we make more room for those who come from the margins to teach us to see the world in different ways? Join us for worship as we consider these questions and

seek to find God together. The Zoom room opens at 9:30am and worship begins at 10am.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88939739878?pwd=L3ZmUW1xRFVHWDdsK1B3TTI2ZUN2UT09>

Meeting ID: 889 3973 9878

Passcode: 20874

One tap mobile

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(Washington DC)

Dial by your location

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

Meeting ID: 889 3973 9878

Passcode: 20874

Find your local number:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kyayNlyqh>

RSVP for August Evening Vespers, This Sunday at 5:30pm

If you are planning to come to Outdoor In-Person August Evening Vespers this Sunday, August 15th at 5:30pm, please RSVP to Holly at HollyRJackson@gmail.com. Although we had hoped to hold this service inside the Gathering Room with masks and ventilation, the rise of cases in our area means that our guidelines require us to be fully outdoors and we will encourage mask wearing. The weather is currently calling for temperatures in the low 80s with mostly cloudy skies that day. We want to get an idea of how many people to expect for communion planning and set up.

Pastor Holly's Day Off to Change to Fridays starting September 3rd

The beginning of August marked 5 years that Holly has served as our Pastor. In all that time her sabbath day off during the week has been Tuesday (with sections of Saturday off depending on the week). For various reasons that day will now be moving to Friday as she seeks to have something closer to a weekend. On Friday (and parts of Saturday) she will not be regularly checking email and will not be in the office. If you have a pastoral emergency please feel free to contact her on her cell phone no matter the day or time.

Request for School Supplies

The Social Action Committee is working with Fox Chapel to collect school supplies for children for the next school year. Thank you for donations already made! Donations still needed are: Backpacks, Crayons, Notebooks, Pencils. You may donate on the church donation page, or purchase the specific items needed.

To facilitate collection of materials, we have set up an Amazon List where you can purchase the specific items.

Loraine Kentner is point of contact on this project and Amazon orders will be sent directly to her for collection and delivery to Fox Chapel.

Donations are due by August 15.

Donation List for ordering may be found here:
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2B7NVP54JOI88?ref=wl_share

Congregational Check In/Happy Hour - Fridays at 7 PM

Connecting nowadays can be difficult. Do you sometimes just want to see your fellow UCCSV members and friends for a quick chat? Your wish is granted! There will be a Congregational Check In/Happy Hour every Friday at 7 PM. It will only run for 45 minutes and is a good way to say "hi" and catch up with others. Different Deacons will be hosting each Friday and it is open to all. It will be very casual with no obligations... stop by when you feel the need and stay as long or short as you want. Take care and we will see you when we see you.

-John (Chair of Deacons)

UCC Seneca Valley is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Congregational Check In/Happy Hour

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89655025431?pwd=V1k0bEQ4VTBGODJ3L2U1WHBFbzBnZz09>

Meeting ID: 896 5502 5431

Passcode: peeps

Dial by your location

+1 301 715 8592 US (Germantown)

Meeting ID: 896 5502 5431

Passcode: 565927

Find your local number:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89655025431?pwd=V1k0bEQ4VTBGODJ3L2U1WHBFbzBnZz09>

Saying Goodbye to Nita

This week we say goodbye to our Office Manager Nita Stone. Nita has faithfully served UCC Seneca Valley for many years now working behind the scenes to make sure the office ran smoothly, our finances were taken care of, our bulletins were printed or emailed, and so much more. We will miss her faithful presence. The congregation put together a lovely goodbye

present for Nita and we hope she will know how much she was appreciated here.

As Nita moves on we will be looking to hire a new Office Manager in the near future. We are putting the job description out this week. If you know of someone who might be a good fit please let us know so we can pass on the application information. In the meantime we will be asking for volunteers to help us cover various office duties as possible. Please keep an eye out for requests for help.

August and September Birthdays

(Is your birthday missing? Send us an email (uccsv@verizon.net) with your birth month and date and we will be glad to add you to our list).

Maria Daughters	8/1
Leo Saligan	8/5
Diane Teigiser	8/10
Aaron Cox	8/19
Christie Holland	8/25
Carol Lambie	8/28
George Benskin Sr.	9/3
Ben Chamberlin	9/5
Joey Draetta	9/10
Ron Domingo	9/19
Ulric Domingo	9/19
Suzanne Schmidt	9/24
Stu Yeany	9/25