



Spirit News

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Prayer Requests

- Pray for family of Rev. Dr. Margee Iddings, dear mentor and friend of Susan Percy who passed away recently.
- Pray for Eileen Daughters (Grandma). Thank you God for giving us the best Grandma and Great Grandma. We love you so much Grandma. Love is everlasting. RIP (Maria, Ethan, Emma & Max).
- Pray for Luz. Please God help me in my new job.
- Pray for Cordillia and Bea from Star! (Chloe).
- Pray for Bethany, John's daughter who needs to find a full time job (John B.).
- Pray for Sally Baker & family. Sally's husband, Bob, passed away after a long illness (Maria, Ethan, Emma and Max).
- Pray for co-worker's husband, Donnie, who is recovering from back surgery and having complications (John B.).
- Prayers for continued healing as Andrew Harmon recuperates from shoulder surgery.
- Ongoing Prayer for inspiration and motivation in Dave's job search; healing for Shelly's knee (recent fall) and family health concerns (Shelly Moore).
- Ongoing Prayer for Alexis Symanski. Recovering from a radical mastectomy on 1.17.20. Alexis is a member of the Schmidt family (Suzanne Schmidt).
- Ongoing Prayer for Bill Hayes. Prayers for recovery after shoulder surgery (Suzanne Schmidt).
- Ongoing Prayer for Maggie's Dad. Continue to pray for my Dad who is recuperating well after his fall (Maggie).
- Ongoing Prayer for Dawn Oler, our dear friend, who is having surgery to remove a

tumor. We pray it is benign and her recovery is easy (Terri & Dee Dee).

- Ongoing Prayer for Cheryl's grandmother who is in a coma; pray for Ben who is battling stomach cancer (Maggie).

Ongoing Prayer Requests: Please notify Nita at uccsv@verizon.net should you wish to change your ongoing requests. Please note that ongoing prayer requests will be removed after one month. Feel free to resubmit your ongoing prayer requests.

Havruta

Our adult bible discussion group on Sunday mornings at 9am is called Havruta, a Jewish term meaning that we seek to wrestle with God's word by studying, analyzing, and debating the text.

This Sunday at UCCSV

In the midst of continuing to celebrate Black History Month by looking at the intersection of race, justice, liberation, and hope through the lens of negro spirituals and gospel songs, we're going to have a baptism! One of our beloved toddlers will help us to wade into the water together as he and his family join in this ancient and beautiful ritual. Stu Yeany will lead us in some special music and in addition the choir will sing, "We Shall Walk Through the Valley of Peace." We know it's a holiday weekend, but we hope you will take time out of your busy weekend to come connect with God and community in worship at 10am this Sunday. You are welcome here!



February – Focus on Fruit

Please drop your donations of non-perishable fruit in the basket in the narthex to support the Germantown Help Food Bank.

One Anothering Saturday, Feb. 22

One Anothering is an open and welcoming group for women interested in sharing food, laughter, love, and personal stories, using the bible as a springboard for meaningful conversation. We rotate gathering in people's homes and meet the 4th Saturday of the month from 10-11:30. Please contact Deb Anderson to get on the mailing list.

Pulp Pilgrims Book Group

Save the Date: Feb. 23rd

The book for February will be *Unsheltered* by Barbara Kingsolver. It covers two stories in Vineland, NJ set about 140 years apart but definitely connected. The library has several hard copies and CD copies. Heidi Harmon will lead the discussion of the book.

Ash Wednesday Worship

Join us for worship on Wednesday, February 26th at 7:30pm as we host a joint Ash Wednesday service with Trinity UMC and Open

Door MCC. There will be worship stations, communion, and the receiving of ashes along with beautiful music and a warm, inclusive welcome for all. You are welcome here! Please join us!



Looking for Love Lenten Theme

Lent begins Sunday, March 1st. Throughout the season of Lent we will focus on all the ways in which we look for love (acceptance, joy, peace, etc.) in the wrong places. If we're honest we can admit that we often look for wholeness and happiness (love) in places that offer only temporary "good feelings" and satisfaction. But scripture offers us many images of where love, grace, forgiveness, righteousness, healing, can REALLY be found. Lent is a wonderfully reflective time to re-assess where we are searching for meaning, for "redemption." Together let's see if we can find love and in doing so prepare our hearts and lives for the truly good news of Easter.

Lenten Soupers

Starting Wednesday March 4th at 6:30pm our Lenten Soup-ers return! Join us for a simple and delicious soup supper followed by a video and discussion. As in the last few years we will be watching a short TED talk together and then discussing the talk and how it might connect to scripture and spiritual practice. We will need people to sign up to bring soup and other food items. Next week we will share the video

schedule so you can watch ahead if you wish. Mark your calendars now for a great way to meet new people, have some interesting conversation, and enjoy yummy food.

Women's Retreat Planning Meeting, March 15th

It's time to plan a Women's Retreat! We have a number of women signed up to join us on our retreat weekend at the beginning of May. Now it's time to work out all the logistics and plan our activities. Join us after worship on Sunday, March 15th if you are interested in being a part of this process and contributing to this amazing weekend.

Bulletin Board Help Needed

As you walk down the hallway between the Sanctuary and our Gathering Room you might notice that our bulletin boards are looking a little sad. They need some updating, new paper, and possibly some new organization. If you might be willing to spend a little time making our hallway bulletin boards look engaging for members and new visitors alike, please talk to Holly or email her at HollyRJackson@gmail.com.

This is an easy job that does not require a huge time commitment and can be done after worship some Sunday or during the week as needed. We'd love your help and creativity!

New Changing Table in Nursery

Thanks to some funds from the party fundraisers last year we were able to purchase a brand new sturdy changing table for UCCSV's nursery. This table will ensure that the babies and toddlers that use our nursery each Sunday, and the adults who help to care for them, will be able to ensure a safe and

sanitary diaper changing experience for everyone. Thank you for your generosity!



Adopt a Road
PROGRAM

Mark Your Calendars

Join UCCSV friends and members as we make a part of Middlebrook Road beautiful. Trash grabbers, gloves, reflective vests, and trash/recycling bags provided.

When: Saturday, April 11
Saturday, May 9
Saturday, June 13
Saturday, August 8
Saturday, October 10
Saturday, November 14

Where: Small fenced in parking lot of Seneca Valley High School off of Middlebrook Road (near the auditorium entrance)

Time: 9:00 am

Questions/RSVP: Jenny at utzjhome@gmail.com

Looking forward to spending a Saturday morning with everyone.

Calendar

Mens Breakfast (9am) – Feb. 15
Social Action Comm. Mtg. (11:30am) – Feb. 16
Playground Meeting (7pm) – Feb. 19
Strategic Planning Team (7pm) – Feb. 20
One Anothering Group (10am) – Feb. 22
Pulp Pilgrims Books Group (11:15am) – Feb. 23
Church Council Meeting (7pm) – Feb. 24
Ash Wednesday Service at UCCSV (7:30pm) – Feb. 26