



Spirit News

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Prayer Requests

- Pray for Nic Fourie. Praying for Nic Fourie who passed away. He is survived by his wife and an infant son (Leo Saligan).
- Praise God we can celebrate the legal anniversaries of Stephen and John (earlier this month) Laura and Beth (last Sunday) and Leo and Russell (next month) (anonymous).
- Pray for Isaac Fraley for God's grace and mercy to surround him and bring favor to him (anonymous).
- Pray for Joan – healing for her knee; Sally Duncan – prayers of peace and calm (Joan).
- Ongoing prayer for a friend who is having problems at work; for people in Venezuela; for the students I work with (anonymous).
- Ongoing prayer that we might be satisfied with enough and prayers for employment opportunities for David (Shelly Moore).
- Ongoing prayer request for Shane Earl, a childhood friend of Amie Barker. Shane is fighting a recurrence of lymphoma and has lost his health insurance. He has a 13 year old son. Pray for healing and the resources to make it through this challenging time (anonymous).
- Continued prayers for my Aunt following surgery – she is improving (Renee Morales).
- Continued prayer for Wayne Tipping as he deals with heart issues (Paula-Marie Read).
- Ongoing Prayer for Stephen to find a job closer to home to shorten his long daily commute (John Bartkowiak).

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

This Sunday at UCCSV

It's Music Sunday at UCCSV! This week we are celebrating the intersection of music and the Holy Spirit. We will pray about music, read scripture about music, listen to different genres of music, and hear testimony of how music changes people's lives and connects them to God. We'll also celebrate communion together and remember that we make music as one body held together in love. Join us for this special worship experience and be moved by God's music!



Ash Wednesday, March 6th at 7pm - Simplify

Join us next week for an Ash Wednesday service that helps us to simplify our focus and reminds us what's truly important. Worship will be held at Trinity United Methodist (13700 Schaeffer Rd.) at 7pm. Pastor Holly will preach a short homily. We'll have stations including the imposition of ashes and celebrate communion together.

The Season of Lent - Pay Attention: God is On the Move

Lent begins March 6th! For many the season of Lent can be a time of introspection and focus. This year our theme for Lent is *Pay Attention: God is On the Move*. We will be looking at how God moves in the Bible, but also how God is moving in the world around us. We will learn new ways to pay attention to our lives and listen to the heartbeat of our world all around us so that we can see God's actions in the Spirit as She blows across our landscapes. How do you see God moving in your life? Let's go on a Lenten adventure together to find out.

Lenten Soupers Begin March 13th at 6:30pm

Starting March 13th at 6:30pm join us for Lenten Soupers. We will gather together for a simple soup dinner and good conversation around the dinner table. Then we will watch a short TED talk and participate in discussion and maybe learn a spiritual discipline or two that helps us pay more attention to where God is moving in our lives and in the world.

March 13: Paying Attention to God on the Move in Religion

At a moment when the world seems to be spinning out of control, religion might feel irrelevant -- or like part of the problem. But Rabbi Sharon Brous believes we can reinvent religion to meet the needs of modern life. In this impassioned talk, Brous shares four principles of a revitalized religious practice and offers faith of all kinds as a hopeful counter-narrative to the numbing realities of violence, extremism and pessimism.

https://www.ted.com/talks/sharon_brous_it_s_time_to_reclaim_and_reinvent_religion

March 20: Paying Attention to God on the Move in Ideas about Disabilities

Tonight we'll hear two TED talks - one by a young Autistic woman and another by a mom to a child with a serious disability. What can they teach us about how God is working in the lives of all people, including the disabled? What can they tell us about inclusion and how to find value in different ways of understanding the world around us?

https://www.ted.com/talks/rosie_king_how_autism_freed_me_to_be_myself
https://www.ted.com/talks/heather_lanier_good_and_bad_are_incomplete_stories_we_tell_ourselves

March 27: Paying Attention to God on the Move in Our Lives as We Age

Each one of us ages every single day that goes by. But does that mean our lives are over once we hit a certain age? What is the secret to staying young or to embracing the age you are, no matter the number? How is God moving in our lives even as we get older and how can we listen to our calling and minister to the world regardless of our age?

https://www.ted.com/talks/isabel_allende_how_to_live_passionately_no_matter_your_age
https://www.ted.com/talks/dan_gilbert_you_are_always_changing

April 3: Paying Attention to God on the Move in our Neighborhoods

Theaster Gates, a potter by training and a social activist by calling, wanted to do something about the sorry state of his neighborhood on the south side of Chicago. So he did, transforming abandoned buildings to create community hubs that connect and inspire those who still live there (and draw in those who don't). In this passionate talk, Gates describes his efforts to build a "miniature Versailles" in Chicago, and he shares his fervent belief that culture can be a catalyst for social transformation in any city, anywhere. How might God be calling on us to use

creativity to bring new life to Germantown and the Upcounty area?

https://www.ted.com/talks/theaster_gates_how_to_revive_a_neighborhood_with_imagination_beauty_and_art

April 10: Paying Attention to God on the Move in Nature

We know that God made our beautiful natural world, but are we paying attention to how God is still moving and creating all around us? Tonight we'll watch two shorter TED talks. One talk focuses on the hidden miracles of the natural world and the other urges us to see beauty in nature all around us and find gratitude in that beauty. How can our love for God extend to our love of nature and how is God calling on us to protect God's precious creation?

https://www.ted.com/talks/louie_schwartzberg_hidden_miracles_of_the_natural_world
https://www.ted.com/talks/louie_schwartzberg_nature_beauty_gratitude#t-219424

Update on The Soul of Aging

Turns out we had a great response to the second offering of The Soul of Aging. But the March-April dates did not work for several of those interested in taking the course.

The Soul of Aging will be offered in the fall rather than this spring. Dates will be identified over the summer and those interested will have an opportunity to sign-up prior to the start of the course.

Youth CE Project



Beauty and the Beast Jr.

March 10th 2pm

Come see our own Chloe Jackson star as Belle in her school's production of Beauty and the Beast Junior on Sunday, March 10th at 2pm at the Maryland Theater in Hagerstown, MD. Tickets are \$17 each and can be purchased through the box office at 301-790-2000. This way you avoid the extra fees. You are also invited to bring canned food donations. This show is done every year as part of a month of learning and service at her school around food and hunger and all proceeds from the show will go to the Maryland Food Bank. You can purchase tickets on Ticketmaster here but beware of extra fees:

https://www1.ticketmaster.com/friends-meeting-school-presents-beauty-and-the-beast-jr/event/15005637E5205F4B?dma_id=409

Support Local School Music Program

Hi, my name is Clarisse Lin and I am currently working with my classmates to raise money for the Northwest High School Instrumental Music Program.

I am a freshman at Northwest and recently am honored to be accepted into the most advanced band at school. Music has been an essential part of my life because it uses my gift to spread joy to others in service to God and the church community. School music programs, on the other hand, have been integral in enhancing my ability to play the flute. By raising money for the program, I hope to give others the joy of music I continue to receive. I want to ask for you to support my school music program in any ways you can. Thank you so much for your love and support!

For online donation, please go to:

http://www.snap-raise.com/fundraisers/northwest-instrumental-music-2018/participant/5390310?share_type=clipboard

I am also collecting cash or check donations (payable to Northwest HS) by March 11.

Thank you so much!

Sincerely,

Clarisse

Beginning Needle Felting Class Easter Egg-stravaganza!

During the Soul of Aging sessions, the topic of creativity was raised. It was decided that members of the group wanted to gather informally from time to time for opportunities to create with others from UCCSV.

Some in the group were especially interested in learning the art of felting. Lois Sumser and Suzanne Schmidt spent an afternoon with Laurie Soherr, felting teacher who has agreed to guide members of UCCSV on how to felt Easter Eggs such as the ones below.



Sunday, March 31, 1-3:30 pm
21614 Slidell Road, Boyds, MD 20841
(Lois Sumser's Home)
Cost: \$20 (One time offer)

You will be given supplies to create an egg, guidance in use of tools, and instructions on how to create a three-dimensional needle felted egg. Using various techniques, you will then decorate your egg in your own unique style. Introductions to the felting

needle, roving, rolling, poking, and sculpting will be covered. Plus you'll spend the afternoon with happy people!

Class is limited to 8.

RSVP to Lois by March 16 by calling/texting 240 780-6279

To view Laurie's portfolio, please visit:
<http://raisingthebarsoap.weebly.com/>

Pulp Pilgrims Book Group

Our March book is Unsheltered by Barbara Kingsolver. We will meet March 24 at 11:30.

March Calendar

CE Meeting (11:30am) – March 3
Deacons Meeting (7pm) – March 4

Ash Wednesday Service (at Trinity United Methodist Church) (7pm) – March 6

Choir Practice (7:30pm) – March 7, 14, 21, 28
Adopt-A-Road (9am) – March 9
Pizza Night at Ledos – March 12
Lenten Soupers (6:30pm) – March 13, 20, 27

Lenten Devotional Group (12noon) – March 13, 20, 27

Mens Breakfast (9:00am) – March 16
Womens Retreat Meeting (11:30am) – March 17
Trustees Meeting (6:30pm) – March 18
Council Meeting (7:00pm) – March 18
One Anothering (10am) – March 23

Social Action Committee Meeting (11:30am) – March 24

Pulp Pilgrims Book Group (11:30am) – March 24
PFLAG (2:30pm) – March 24

Needle Felting Class (1-3:30pm at Lois Sumser's Home) – March 31

