



Spirit News

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Prayer Requests

- Prayers of comfort for Ruel Billones and his family as they grieve the loss of Ruel's mother this past week.
- Prayers of comfort and peace for Sally Duncan now receiving hospice care at the Wilson Center at Asbury and prayers for strength for her family working to be present to her and take good care of her at the end of her life.
- Healing prayers for Cordelia hospitalized and in need of a liver transplant. Prayers of strength and wisdom for her and her family as they manage this illness and work to get her the care she needs. Prayers of love for her young daughter Bea who misses her Mama.
- Prayer of Thanksgiving for the youth of our church. They are wonderful people.
- Pray for Martha Green. A friend's mother at Shock Trauma in Baltimore, after being struck by a car (Tim Fuss).
- Give thanks for Ethan having a great year and having a happy prosperous second year of life (Ethan's mom).
- Pray for our nation's democracy. May decency and equality emerge in continued fight for truth.
- Pray for our friend Sonya. She lost her job last week. She is a physical therapist – probably due to Medicare cuts (Aaron and Sabine).
- 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

This week we continue our celebration of Black History Month with our worship series on African American Spirituals and the role spirituality, race, and justice plays in these beautiful worship songs. The choir will sing "Jesus, Lay Your Head in the Window" and in our liturgy, prayers, and sermon we'll explore what role understandings of God, Jesus, and prayer played in spirituals and how it helped to form a theology of liberation and hope for the black community. Let's wade in the water together. Please join us for worship at 10am!



One Anothering Saturday, Feb. 22

Pulp Pilgrims Book Group

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!

Women's Retreat!

Yes, the good news is we have a reservation for a Women's Retreat at Am Kolel for May 1-3 weekend! Please mark your calendars and watch for additional info closer to the date. We had a retreat at this site several years ago and decided to return to this comfortable, nearby location this year. The price will be dependent on our numbers but will be less

Pizza Night at Ledo's

Join us every second Tuesday of the month for dinner at Ledo Pizza in Germantown on Wisteria Lane (in the Amish Market shopping Center). You can dine in with a small group of fun church folks starting at 5:30pm or take out as needed. Ledo gives the church a check for 10-20% of receipts from that night depending on how much is spent. Our next Ledo night will be on Tuesday, February 11th.

costly than last year as we will do our own cooking (yay, we already have volunteers). Hope you can set time aside for this special time together with other women in our church family. Check with Pam Van Prooyen or Susan Percy with questions.

Calendar

Chili Cook-Off (11:30am) – Feb. 9
Deacons Meeting (5pm) – Feb. 9
Pizza Night at Ledos – Feb. 11
Mens Breakfast (9am) – Feb. 15
Social Action Comm. Mtg. (11:30am) – Feb. 16
Church Council Meeting (7pm) – Feb. 17
Playground Meeting (7pm) – Feb. 19
One Anothering Group (10am) – Feb. 22
Pulp Pilgrims Books Group (11:15am) – Feb. 23
Ash Wednesday Service at UCCSV (7:30pm) –
Feb. 26