



Spirit News

July 11, 2019

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Prayer Requests

- Pray for Russell Shelley who is having knee surgery tomorrow.
- Pray for Luz. She had cataract surgery and fell and hurt her back with 3 broken ribs. Please God be with her and heal her.
- Thank God for doors that close and for doors that open with new blessings and new opportunities.
- Prayers for Adrian last stage of Parkinson's at Asbury; prayers of calm during this uncertainty for Californians in the wake of earthquakes (Joyce Miller).
- I am so thankful for my life and the people I have in it. I just pray I can feel this loved forever (Chloe Jackson).
- Pray for Tim, Bethany, Racel and their group from Rockville United Church, working at Habitat for Humanity in Garrett County this week. Prayers for health and safety for all.
- Ongoing prayer for Dave's mom who has breast cancer and had a seizure that left her lethargic and more frail. Traveling mercies for travelers (Shelly Moore).
- Ongoing prayer for Susan Gotard and Andrew Broadie, "that we find Christ in our Lives."
- Ongoing prayer for Linda Snyder, Tim Fuss's Aunt, in treatment for early stage pancreatic cancer. Prayers for her care team and that her positive outlook will be sustained.

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.

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.

For this Sunday, July 14, our focus will be on:
 Psalm 82 and Luke 10:25-37

This Sunday at UCCSV

Summer worship rolls on with Shelly Moore preaching on a new look at the story of The Good Samaritan. This beloved story really is so subversive, for Jesus' time and for ours. What can we learn from turning this story on its head and seeing what God is still saying to us through this parable even today? Worship beings at 10am and then you are invited to stay after worship for Ice Cream Sundae Sunday in the Gathering Room.

Summer Sundays at UCCSV

July 14: Shelly Moore preaching on the Good Samaritan

July 21: Camp Sunday with Pastor Holly leading us in a Camp Song Sing-Along

July 28: Shelly Moore preaching on Luke 11:1-13

August 4: Rev. Suzanne Adele Schmidt preaching on Community Engagement using the text from John 21: 1-17.

August 11: Pastor Holly preaching on the question "Does God love our bodies along with our spirit and soul?" and starting a month long focus on why and how the body matters to God

and how that impacts us as individuals and as a church.

Pastor Holly on Vacation

Pastor Holly will be out of town from July 13th through July 20th, and then again from July 22 through August 4th (including a Continuing Education and Study retreat on Star Island, a UCC conference and retreat center off the coast of New Hampshire, from July 27th through August 3rd). During that time she will not be checking email regularly. If you have a major pastoral emergency between July 13 - July 28 please contact Rev. Bonnie Scott, the pastor at our partner church, Trinity UMC, at 410-303-2887 or revbonnie@trinity-germantown.org and if you are calling between July 29-August 4th please call our own Rev. Suzanne Adele Schmidt at 301 802-2862. For minor pastoral care issues you can also reach out to your Deacon and if you are unsure who your personal Deacon is please contact John Bartkowiak or Jen Fuss for more information.

Germantown Help's Food Pantry

You can't tuna piano but you can tuna fish! You can also bring in cans of your favorite tuna to donate to Germantown Help's food pantry. For the month of July we are collecting tuna cans for the hungry in our area. Make a difference and drop a can or 10 in the basket in the Narthex.

UCC Immigration Justice Efforts

As the national conversation about immigration justice continues and humanitarian efforts to help those in need are underway, our wider denomination has resources that can help. For more information please check out this webpage:

https://www.ucc.org/justice_immigration. In

addition those who might like to give or donate to help are urged to consider giving to the UCC's Neighbors in Need campaign with helps with justice advocacy and gives direct grants to churches and other organizations doing justice work and direct service with people in their communities . This year in working with the fund, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities. More information can be found here:

https://transactions.ucc.org/CampaignForm/UCChrist/neighbors_in_need.

Adopt-A-Road

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, July 13th
Saturday, August 10th
Saturday, September 14th

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

Time: 10:00 am
Questions/RSVP: Jenny at utzhome@gmail.com

The Soul of Aging Fall 2019 Sessions

The Soul of Aging will be offered again this fall. These sessions are for those fifty-five and older who want to explore, understand, and face the truths of growing older. Themes include beliefs about aging, forgiveness, our understanding of God, and reflecting on our own death. The Soul of Aging sessions use readings, poetry, thought-provoking questions, and working with images to assist each participant in embracing his or her own aging.

The first five 2 ½ hour sessions will take place on Saturday mornings at the Schmidt Davis

Home in Germantown from September 28-October 26. The last five sessions will be offered in a retreat format from Friday, November 1-Sunday, November 3. During the retreat weekend, Friday and Saturday sessions will take place at the Sumser's home and Sunday will take place at the Schmidt Davis home. Costs include a materials fee of \$15 and a \$125 registration fee. The class which will be co-facilitated by Suzanne Schmidt and Lois Sumser is limited to 8 participants.

There will be a brief informational meeting after worship during Fellowship on September 8. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board by The Gathering Room.

Please contact Suzanne at revsasphd@gmail.com with questions.

Calendar

Adopt-A-Road (9am) – July 13
Ice Cream Sundae Sunday – July 14
Men's Breakfast (9am) – July 20
PFLAG – (2:30pm) – July 28