



Spirit News

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Prayer Requests

- With thanks for the love and support of my family – my brother, sister and brother-in-law (Susan Pearcy).
- Please help me find my patience (anonymous).
- Pray for Dan Davis struggling with back pain; prayers for hope and healing (Suzanne Schmidt).
- Pray for the family of Bea Strattner who took her life after years of struggling with depression (Susan Pearcy).
- Pray that in my trip, flat Jesus will always be with me and I with him/her (anonymous).
- Pray for the family and friends of Bea (pronounced Behya) who passed away suddenly (anonymous).
- Ongoing prayers for Mary Rose who lost her husband and 4 daughters in a car crash in Delaware. Please surround her with love and comfort for the rest of her life (anonymous).
- Ongoing prayers for Kanani Kauka. Pray for a miracle. She was just diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer. Pray for strength, courage and comfort for her wife Laura and all her loved ones, esp. Joellynn Monahan her dear friend (anonymous).
- Continued prayers for healing of Shelly's knee. Prayers for employment for Dave Moore. Prayers for civility and reconciliation (Shelly Moore).
- Continued prayers for our son, Morris to find a job that will sustain his family and utilize his skills (Aaron and Sabine Cox).
- Continued prayers for Liberty Millendez, friend of the Domingo Family, who is undergoing chemo. May God's blessings of healing and strength be with her (Gina Domingo).

- Ongoing Prayer for Wayne Miller (Heidi's boss). Pray for health and healing for Wayne as he faces health challenges (Heidi Harmon).
- Ongoing Prayer for the political situation in Kenya as they are going through ethnic violence since post election (Maggie Nyamweya).
- Ongoing Prayer for the pain and suffering of so many in our congregation, DC metro area, and those impacted around the world by disaster, catastrophe and hunger (Shelly Moore).
- 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.

Office Closures & Newsletter

Pastor Holly will be on vacation July 23 thru July 27.

Pastor Holly and Nita Stone, Office Manager, will be on vacation July 29 thru August 5.

Nita Stone will be out of the office on Fridays, August 10, 17 and 24.

Today is the last Spirit News for the month of July. For the summer month of August, we will have 2 newsletters (8/9 and 8/23).

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 our focus will be on
Isaiah 40: 27-31, Isaiah 46: 3-4, Matthew 6: 25-34

For Sunday, July 22 our focus will be on
Romans 8: 31-39, Revelation 21: 3-5, John 14: 1-7

Upcoming Sundays at UCCSV

7/15/18 - Our series on finding hope and faith through various life stages and ages continues with a focus on the middle years of life. In middle age we start to number the days we have left. We consider all we have or have not accomplished and grapple with what we regret. We are truly in the prime of our lives while also juggling kids and aging parents. No wonder so many of us have mid-life crises! Where can we find hope to process all that's gone before while also finding hope in all that is to come?

7/22/18 - At the end of our series on life stages and ages we will look at the last days of life. What can we affirm about the end of life? How do we move with intention and hope through even the end of our lives? What does God promise us and how can we make our transition sacred and meaningful? What if it's not? How should we approach the end of our lives no matter our age? Be sure to join us for worship at 10am! Feed your soul this summer!

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of Ushers for August and Liturgists for August 19 and 26. If you are available, please consider signing up this Sunday on the bulletin board outside the church office. Many thanks for all you do!

School Supplies Drive for Interfaith Works

It may only be the middle of July but we're already starting to collect school supplies for children in need in Montgomery County. For families living on the economic edge in our area the cost of rent, food, utilities, AND school supplies and a backpack for each child in the



family is often just too much. So we're collecting supplies for Interfaith Works' Annual School Supplies Drive. The faith based social service agency located in Rockville

hopes to provide new backpacks and school supplies to 3,000 students who want to start the school year ready to learn. Please consider helping our campaign to make a difference in children's lives. Place supplies in our School Supplies Drive Box in the Narthex.

Interfaith Works is particularly looking for:

- Binders – 2-inch, three-ring
- Dividers
- Blue and Black Pens
- Filler Paper
- Glue Sticks and Bottles
- Markers
- Colored Pencils
- Pencil Boxes and Pouches
- Spiral Notebooks
- Dividers
- Filler paper
- Two-Pocket Folders
- Highlighters – yellow, pink and blue

Yes We Can!

Great collection of canned vegetables last month. Germantown Help will be very peased!

Thank you for helping to feed hungry families in our community!
- Colby

Parties, Parties, Parties

WHAT: Join other members and friends at a party... Bingo Party, Pool Party, Christmas in July Party, Mid-Winter Blues Party. You name it!

WHY: The purpose of the parties is to provide small group fellowship and raise funds for special items on the church's wish list.

WHEN: A talent and dessert night will be held for the Kick-off Party in the Fall.

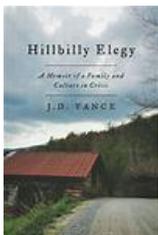
Party descriptions will be available on tables for anyone to sign up during the first part of the evening. \$10 ticket for individuals or \$25 per family donation suggested.

HOW: Throughout the summer, we will be recruiting hosts for different parties during the year. The host can set the theme, the date and the number of guests to invite. Hosts can open their homes, schedule the Gathering Room or suggest another venue for a specific date. The host may want to provide refreshments or token prizes.

QUESTIONS: Ask Carol Brandt, Jeanne Springmann or Joyce Miller

Pulp Pilgrims Book Group

Our July book is *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis* by J.D. Vance. This



book is a passionate and personal analysis of a culture in crisis - that of poor white Americans told through the life of the author's family. It is an urgent and troubling meditation on the loss of the American dream for a large

segment of this country.

We will meet this Sunday, July 15 at 11:30am in the Narthex.

Ladies Night Out

Save the date! Monday, July 30, we will be having Ladies Night Out at Mama Lena on Clopper Rd starting at 7pm. We usually dine on pizza & salad. The price is typically \$12-\$15, beverages are extra. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

UCCSV is an inclusive community. Members who identify in any way with the Ladies of our community, you are encouraged to come.



In July we will be collecting canned pasta for Western Upper Montgomery County (WUMCO) Help. More information about WUMCO is at www.wumcohelp.org.



Calendar

Adopt-A-Road – July 14
Ice Cream Sunday Social (11:15am) – July 15
Pulp Pilgrim's Book Group (11:30am) – July 15
Trustees' Meeting (6:00pm) – July 16
Council Meeting (7:00pm) – July 16
Men's Breakfast (9:00am) – July 21
Social Action Committee Meeting (11:15am) –
July 22
PFLAG (2:30pm) – July 22