



Spirit News

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Prayer Requests

- Grateful for the gifts and talents shared during church that made us all glad (anonymous).
- Ongoing prayer for Leonard Myers, one of our original members, now retired and moved to Delaware, has colon cancer (anonymous).
- Ongoing prayer for my aunt Jean who was recently diagnosed with terminal bladder cancer (Terri Molaski).
- Ongoing prayer for Laurene Karimi who is battling stage 3 breast cancer with so much courage (Terri Molaski).
- Ongoing prayer for Helen who is battling cancer for the third time in her young life (Dee Dee Molaski).
- Ongoing prayer for Phyllis Anderson and family. Phyllis is declining with dementia. Surround her and her daughters who are caregiving. Please grant them patience and peace (Deb Anderson).
- Ongoing Prayer for Patti and Gary Dennison who are suffering through severe illness and very difficult times (Andrea Dennison).
- Ongoing Prayer for Michelle Cohen – Has multiple myeloma (Terri Molaski).
- Ongoing Prayer during my continued treatment and palliative care for cancer (Maridell Mason).

Havruta on Sunday Mornings

Havruta is from 9:00 to 9:40 on Sunday mornings in the Narthex. Do join us as we learn and enjoy and grow our faith together.

Our discussion for Sunday, July 23rd is the Book of James.

This Sunday at UCCSV

We talk about experiencing God's presence but what does that really mean? In the Bible there is a story about Jacob and a ladder and Jacob realizing, after the fact, that God had been right there with him even though at the time he wasn't aware of it. I bet that sounds familiar to many of you, while others of you may be feeling as if you have struggled to understand what it means to be in God's presence. Join us for worship at 10am as we explore what it means to seek God and find God. Holly will preach on Jacob and his ladder. George Benskin will play piano and Aaron Cox will bring an offering of music on the french horn. For an extra does of God's presence join the Havruta group at 9am for adult bible discussion on Sunday about the book of James. Sunday School for elementary and preschoolers will begin after the Children's Message and will continue with its focus on caring for God's creation by looking at what it means to take care of the land and let it rest.

Ice Cream Sundae Sunday is This Week

I scream! You scream! We all scream for Ice Cream Sundae Sunday! This Sunday, 7/23, we will be enjoying a little relief from the heat with some yummy sundaes. We will provide chocolate and vanilla ice cream, whipped cream and chocolate syrup. We are asking you to bring your favorite topping to share with everyone...for example, nuts, cherries, jimmies/sprinkles, caramel, crushed Oreos.

The sky's the limit!!

Ladies Night Out

When: Monday, July 31st at 7:00 PM

Where: Mamma Lena Trotteria Napoletana
13507 Clopper Road, Germantown

Come for a fun evening of fellowship and good food.

And bring an appetite!

Our Cups Overfloweth

UCCSV started a tradition of having members and friends keep their Fellowship time coffee mugs on the wall rack in the Gathering Room. You may have noticed that the rack is almost at capacity. Accordingly, we would appreciate it if each user would put their name on the bottom of their cup so we might be able to identify "extra" cups that could be removed to allow newer members and friends to store their cups on the rack and to have a few extra for visitors. Terri Molaski will have a Sharpie during Fellowship time to help in this process, but any marker or label that works for you is okay.

Active Bystander Training at Open Door

Open Door and SURJ MoCo are hosting an active bystander intervention training on July 30th at 12PM. It's a 2 hour training that goes through the theory of nonviolence and then goes through practicing de-escalation skills in response to various scenarios. The aim is to teach practical skills in response to incidents of hate and harassment in Maryland. We'll also talk a little bit about the anti-racism work that SURJ's partners do in MoCo. The RSVP form for the training is here:

<https://goo.gl/forms/cDmuDuEILBh30JRj1> and there is a facebook event as well here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/465651783796643/>

August Communion Moved to 8/13

Due to Pastor Holly being out of town August 6th, our monthly communion observance will be moved to August 13th. Please join us both August 6th for regular worship with John Teigiser preaching and on August 13th for communion when Holly is back to preach on the story of Joseph and his amazing coat and some very jealous brothers.

Meatless Mondays

What can I do to go "green"? Try Meatless Mondays for a Month.

Going green doesn't always mean making big changes. One little change is to modify our diet. For the next month, challenge yourself to have Meatless Mondays.

[\(https://mygreenmontgomery.org/2017/try-meatless-monday/\)](https://mygreenmontgomery.org/2017/try-meatless-monday/)

You could also go a step further and start doing Meatless and Milkless Mondays, or days when you eat totally vegan. You can even get others in on the fun and challenge your friends, family, or coworkers to join you.

Pulp Pilgrims Book Group



We are currently reading, *The Zookeeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman. It was published in 2007 & is the true story of how the keepers of the Warsaw Zoo saved hundreds of people from nazi hands.

You will need to place a hold at the library since as of 6/26 there were: 26 copies with 90 holds & 4 LG print with 22 holds.

We will meet Sunday, August 13 at 11:30am in the Narthex.

School Supplies Drive for Interfaith Works

Want to go shopping for school supplies to help others? Interfaith Works, an interfaith organization in Montgomery County, is holding a school supplies drive to provide over 2,000 new backpacks and new school supplies to Montgomery County students who want to start the school year ready to learn. Let's join with over 150 other faith communities to give to kids in need in our area! We will collect the following school supplies at UCCSV through August 13th:

- 2 inch 3 ring binders
- Dividers
- Filler paper: wide ruled and college ruled (8 1/2 x 11 in)
- Two pocket folders
- Highlighters: yellow, pink and blue
- Pens: black and blue
- Markers
- Rulers
- Pencil Boxes and Pouches
- Scissors
- Backpacks especially for middle school and high school aged students
- Small day planner/organizer for the parents
- New children's socks and underwear
- Giant gift cards
- SmartTrip cards

Calendar of Events

Ice Cream Sundae Social after church – July 23
Social Action Committee Mtg. (11:15am) – July 23
PFLAG (2:30pm) – July 23
Ladies Night Out (7pm) – July 31
Pulp Pilgrims Book Group (11:15am) – August 13
One Anothering (10am) – August 19

*Please note that SDA will hold Revival on July 23-26, 28 at 7pm