



Spirit News

June 10, 2020

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Prayer Requests

- Prayer for the family of a 19 year old foster youth who died suddenly (Tim Fuss).
- Prayers for honest conversations on race (Joyce Miller).
- Prayers for Scott and his family as he is hospitalized with complications of cancer treatment. May they know your strength, especially when they don't feel like they any left (Laura Lineberger).
- Prayers of thanksgiving to people throughout the world who are mourning and protesting with us.
- Praise for our new home, so blessed to have nice things in trying times (Bryan Young).
- Prayers for the protestors, that their actions would deliver the message forcefully and nonviolently (Patrick Jackson).
- Prayers for our graduates who accomplished great things. We're so proud of them and know their skills and talents will go far (Tim Fuss).
- Prayers for Ingris, one of my student who wanted to kill herself (Luz)!
- Prayer of Thanksgiving for the beautiful life of Kyoko. Prayers for her family (Deborah Tomblyn).
- Prayers that protests will lead to real transformation of heart and minds as well as laws (Suzanne Schmidt).
- Prayers for the police, that they would show restraint and care (Patrick Jackson).
- Prayer for Leisa strength as she undergoes chemotherapy starting on Tuesday for breast cancer (Regina Domingo).
- Prayers for the medical professionals working on COVID-19, that they would find a way to a sustainable response to the pandemic (Patrick Jackson).

- Prayers for Debra Barnes (Russell).
- Prayers for inclusion- there is nothing worse than being excluded (Sabina Cox).
- Ongoing Prayer to grant our leaders wisdom and compassion to address the Covid-19 pandemic.

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.

This Sunday at UCCSV

This Sunday while Holly is off on vacation we get a chance to worship with the wider UCC. The UCC Conference Ministers, including our very own Central Atlantic Conference Minister, Rev. Freeman Palmer, put together a whole worship service that you can find here:

<https://ucctcm.org/event/worship-with-the-council-of-conference-ministers/>

This is a worship that can be watched at any time. You can choose to watch it on Sunday morning at 10am as our usual worship or you can watch it another time that works for you. You can watch a piece that sounds interesting to you or the whole service at once. Enjoy and be blessed!

Survey about Reopening our Building

While a task force is working out a plan for how to safely reopen our building, including what that means for our renters and in person worship, we want your input. Please complete this 10 question survey by Sunday, June 28th. It will

take you no more than 5 minutes but will be so helpful to the UCCSV leadership. Give us your input!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W7T3YF7>

Pastor Holly on Vacation This Week

Holly will be on vacation from Monday, June 8th until Sunday June 14th. If you have an emergency pastoral care need, please contact your Deacon or the Rev. Suzanne Schmidt (who is providing back up pastoral care) at 301-802-2862. Details about worship for Sunday, June 16th will be sent out in next week's Spirit News.

Upcoming Worship Themes:

June 14 - UCC Conference Ministers lead worship

June 21 - Pride Month - Guest Preacher Rev. Heidi Carrington Heath

June 28 - Pride Month - Why ONA Churches matter

July 5 - Pride Month - Transgender Pride

UCC Seneca Valley's Trivia Night

Come join the fun, tonight, June 10 starting at 7 on Zoom.

UCC Seneca Valley is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Please have paper and a dark pen/marker with you when you sign on to play. That is how answers will be given.

Topic: UCC Seneca Valley Trivia Night
Time: Jun 10, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83773690254?pwd=Z1RUWnNtc2lUjF0L3NHYXBneENHUT09>

Meeting ID: 837 7369 0254

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Contact Beth Lauriat if any questions.

Creating Together with Hope!

During this time of uncertainty and “unraveling”, you are invited to share in the creation of a felted collage for our sanctuary that will be a reminder to us of what gave us hope during these “pandemic” times. The more families and friends that participate, the more meaningful it will be.



Let's “weave” together a symbol of the good things that happened the last few months and create something for the church sanctuary for when we return.

A friend has offered to help us with the actual “felting” of our images into a banner or altar cloth. She referred us to one of her suppliers for

the pre felt we need for the first step. It turns out she was willing to DONATE almost all of what we need to do this.

**On Sunday, June 14 from 3-5 pm
you can drive by to pick up your
supplies.**



Your job right NOW is to think of what you might want to create to reflect what has held hope for you and what colors you will use. You'll need one background color and contrasting colors for your design or you can cut out a shape. Decide if you want to do one as a family or individually.

When you come to church, you will be given the colors you want to work with placed in a plastic bag with instructions. Beth & I will have gloves on to handle your fabric.



If you can't make it, please call Susan at 301-972-7564 and arrange for another time.

Hope you'll join us! Susan Pearcy & Beth Lauriat

P.S. Bethany Fuss will also be present during the delivery times to offer Emergency Assistance coffee and chocolate for you to purchase!