



# Spirit News

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## Prayer Requests

- Pray for Christi Holland and the extended Ormsby Family. May they know the prayers of sympathy from all of UCCSV.
- Prayers of Thanksgiving for the safe return (USA home) of Charles Tellis and family from Bahrain (Xzana Tellis).
- Pray for Emma's healthy birth (Maria and Ethan Daughters).
- Prayers for continued healing for Dee Dee after knee replacement surgery (Terri).
- Pray for gift of music of our choir. Thanksgiving for their contributions to our worship (Suzanne Schmidt).
- Pray for comfort for the family of Nicki De La Rosa whose memorial service was held Rockville United Church. Nicki was a leader of the Habitat for Humanity partnership.
- Pray for Adam. Prayers for those who still grieve at the third anniversary of the Pulse Nightclub massacre in Orlando. Also pray for Megan O'Boyle (Adam's son's mother) in hospital with heart problems.
- Pray for Luz. Thank God for the good news about my sister Julieta, after her heart attack. Please pray for my eye surgery.
- 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 for Douglas who has been having serious headaches for the last 3 weeks (Maggie)
- Ongoing prayers for my Aunt following surgery – she is improving (Renee Morales).

*Ongoing Prayer Requests: Please notify Nita at [uccsv@verizon.net](mailto: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, June 23, our focus will be on:  
Galatians 3:23-29 and Luke 8:26-39

## This Sunday at UCCSV

We celebrate because Jesus frees us from labels and heals us from demons or other things that hold us back or invite ridicule from others. But when labels break down or demons are quieted or people are forced outside their comfort zone, fear can take over. How do we combat such fear, ours and the fears of those around us? How can we find liberation and equality when old stereotypes and divisions raise their ugly heads? Join us for worship at 10am as we wrestle with these and other questions.

## Pride at UCCSV

We're celebrating Pride all month at UCCSV! You are invited any Sunday during the month to visit our Pride Photo Booth in the Gathering Room. On Saturday, June 22nd we'll support the PFLAG Germantown table at Frederick Pride. You are invited to greet people as they walk around the festival. On Sunday, June 30th we will have a special Pride worship service to

close out our month of Pride. Guest preacher [Rev. Heidi Carrington Heath](#) will join us for that service. Rev. Heath is the Interim Chaplain and Director of Religious and Spiritual Life at Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, New Hampshire in addition to being a writer and teacher and a dear friend of Pastor Holly. Rev. Heath is married to the Rev. Dr. Emily C. Heath, whose books we have previously used for group discussion at UCCSV over the last few years.

## **Pride Month Pictures**

Be sure to stop by our Gathering Room this month before or after church to take some pictures with our Pride photo booth props. Then post your pictures to our facebook page or to instagram and tag UCCSV. Celebrate Pride all month long and let people know Jesus loves them just the way they are!

## **Volunteers - Talk to Us**

Are you a volunteer out in the community? Great... we'd like to hear about your volunteering adventures outside our church! It would be amazing to hear the stories of all the volunteer work that our UCCSV community is doing. By sharing your stories, you educate the rest of us, and maybe we might want to get involved as well. Please send us a story of the groups, organizations, efforts, etc. that you volunteer for and we will print them in the Spirit News (one story at a time). Send your stories to John Bartkowiak at [jbinmd@gmail.com](mailto:jbinmd@gmail.com).

### **Story from Jen Fuss**

I run a volunteer program, so I work with a lot of volunteers and know all about how valuable volunteering is! My program is a Court Appointed Special Advocate ("CASA") program, which is one of 15 similar programs in Maryland and over 900 programs in the U.S. CASA volunteers serve as best interest advocates for children determined by the court to have been abused or neglected. Most of these children are

in foster care or other out-of-home settings (groups homes, treatment facilities, or sometimes living with relatives). CASA volunteers are charged with getting to know the child or children to who they are assigned and report to the court about each child's needs. The court's goal, and therefore CASA volunteers' goal, is to pursue a safe, permanent, loving home for each child served. CASA volunteers generally work with only one child or sibling group at a time, and in Maryland these children can be anywhere from birth to 20 years old, because older youth may remain in the foster care program until they turn 21. Volunteers are charged with interviewing the child and their caregivers, birth parents/family members, teachers, professionals providing health and mental health services, and anyone else who might know about the child's well-being. Sometimes CASA volunteers are called the "eyes and ears of the court." In some situations, CASA volunteers spend one-on-one time going on outings with the child. Most children truly learn to know their CASA volunteer as a caring, consistent adult presence during a turbulent time of life. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact [www.marylandcasa.org](http://www.marylandcasa.org) or [www.casaforchildren.org](http://www.casaforchildren.org). There is a CASA program located in Rockville that serves Montgomery County.

For more information, please contact Jen Fuss at [jenfloryfuss@gmail.com](mailto:jenfloryfuss@gmail.com).

## **Flat Jesus Returns!**

It's June so it must be time for the return of Flat Jesus! What's that you say? You don't know what I am talking about? Listen up! Every Summer for the last few years we have encouraged our members and friends to take Jesus with them as they travel or simply have some summer fun at home. Pick up a Flat Jesus at the back of the sanctuary or ask for a printable copy from [HollyRJackson@gmail.com](mailto:HollyRJackson@gmail.com). Decorate your Flat Jesus however you like and then take him with

you wherever you go to remind yourself that God is always with you and that your church community misses you. Take pictures with your Flat Jesus and send them to Holly. Then when we return to our regular program year in September we'll put together a slide show of all Flat Jesus' summer adventures! Make this summer a summer for Flat Jesus to remember!

## **2019 PRIDE EVENTS**

### **Frederick Pride Saturday, June 22, 2019**

8th Annual! Free admission. For garage parking info see website: [www.frederickpride.org](http://www.frederickpride.org)  
Frederick Pride is celebrating its 8th year in 2019! This year's festival takes place Saturday, June 22, 2019, once again at Carroll Creek Linear Park in beautiful, historic Downtown Frederick.

**Time:** 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Location:** Carroll Creek Linear Park, Frederick, MD 21701

### **LGBTQ Family Day at Glen Echo Park Sunday, June 23, 2019**

Glen Echo Park, in collaboration with Montgomery County Councilmember Evan Glass, will host a family day dedicated to LGBTQ families. This is a great opportunity to meet other LGBTQ families while enjoying various activities, including:

- Hands-on arts and craft area (free)
- Ice cream social and reception (free)
- Rides on the historic Dentzel Carousel (Free when you register and attend the reception)
- Attending a Cat in the Hat children's theater performance at [Adventure Theater MTC](#) (\$18 per ticket, showing at 11:00 a.m.) with pre-reservation - use PRIDE2019 discount code

- Cinderella puppet show at the [Puppet Co](#) (\$8, showings at 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Please call ahead or purchase on that day)
- Visiting the Glen Echo Park aquarium (\$5, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)

Questions? Call Glen Echo Park: 301-634-2226

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Location:** 7300 McArthur Blvd, Glen Echo, MD 20812

**RSVP** [here](#) for LGBTQ Family Day at Glen Echo Park: <http://bit.ly/GlenEchoFamilyDay>

### **AFI screening of 'Before Stonewall' Thursday, June 27, 2019**

AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center is honoring the 50th anniversary of the 1969 Stonewall Riots by showcasing the movie 'Before Stonewall' for an entire week. Directed by Greta Schiller, Before Stonewall has been nominated for various awards and is a time-honored classic, fitting for Pride month.

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Location:** 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, MD 20910

**RSVP** [here](#) for the AFI screening of 'Before Stonewall': <http://bit.ly/BeforeStonewall>

### **Asbury Methodist Village 301 Odendhall Ave, Gaithersburg MD Celebrates the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising Friday, June 28, 2019**

American Experience "Stonewall Uprising":  
Documentary

**Time:** 1:30 p.m.

**Location:** Rosborough Theater

Wine & Cheese Celebration: Commemorate this day with us with reflection and celebration (no charge).

**Time:** 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Location:** Rosborough Community Rooms

**MoCo Pride Party 2019  
Saturday, June 29, 2019**

Join the MoCo Pride Center for a fundraiser, live performances, and music at Rockville Town Square. General admission is \$15. You can purchase tickets [here](#).

**Time:** 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

**Location:** 30 Maryland Ave Rockville, MD, 20850

## **Pulp Pilgrims Book Group**

The book club will meet on Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn.

Here is the update on the book's availability with the Montgomery County library system: the Germantown library has electronic versions and 11 CD copies (7 are currently on hold; length- 15 hours), 30 book copies with 0 currently available because of 46 holds. So, **please place a HOLD now or buy the book.**

**The Alice Network by Kate Quinn (2017):**

### **Abstract:**

In the chaotic aftermath of World War II, American college girl Charlie St. Clair is pregnant, unmarried, and on the verge of being thrown out of her very proper family. She's also nursing a desperate hope that her beloved cousin Rose, who disappeared in Nazi-occupied France during the war, might still be alive. So when Charlie's parents banish her to Europe to have her 'little problem' taken care of, Charlie breaks free and heads to London, determined to find out what happened to the cousin she loves like a sister. It becomes a spy-thriller story.

## **Calendar**

One Anothering Group (10:00am) – June 22  
Social Action Committee Meeting (11:30am) – June

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PFLAG (2:30pm) – June 23