



Spirit News

June 21, 2018

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Prayer Requests

- Pray for Floyd Price and Sally Duncan. Please be with them as they continue to recover from their illness (anonymous).
- Pray for people traveling to Maine this week. Please God, keep your eye out for safe passage (anonymous).
- Prayer for those affected by the fires in Darango, CO and elsewhere (Colby and Heidi Harmon).
- Special prayer of comfort for all those who have lost their fathers. Prayers for Alice Landino, Jen' Fuss's sister, who has had some challenges with pregnancy (anonymous).
- Pray for Claudine. I pray that my leg does not refracture as I start putting weight on it and I get the improvements in pain and movement from the surgery. I pray things work out for me financially with billing and mentally I start to feel better (Claudine).
- Pray for Dan Davis. Is having cataract surgery this Friday. Prayers for his medical team and his recovery (Suzanne Schmidt).
- Pray for Chris who is looking to rent an affordable home as he is related here from Florida (Christii's Brother).
- Ongoing prayer for Shelly Moore for healing and patience as the process of healing is lengthy. David Moore for strength, patience, and calm as he is a caretaker (Shelly Moore).
- Ongoing prayers for employment opportunities for Dave and Shelly (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 my mother, Margaret P. Hall "for illness and God's will," sister's Patti and Brinda Hall – caretakers (Jim Hall)
- 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).

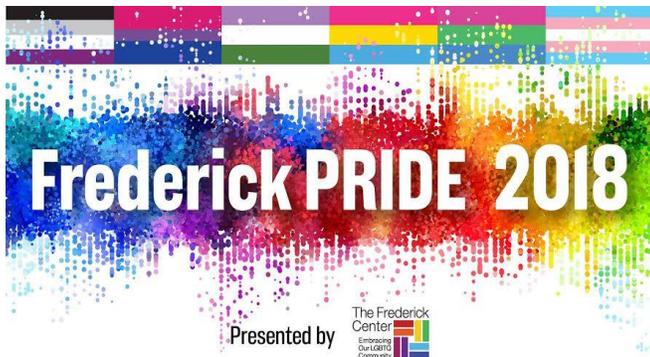
Ongoing Prayer Requests: Please notify Nita at uccsv@verizon.net should you wish to change your ongoing requests. Please note that ongoing prayer requests sent anonymously will be removed in one month.

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
Psalm 139:13-16; Isaiah 46:4; Mark 4:35-41





CARROLL CREEK LINEAR PARK | SATURDAY, JUNE 23 | 11AM-6PM

Join us! This year we are anticipating up to 8,000 attendees and over 100 participating organizations! PFLAG Germantown will have a table, as will the UCC and other ONA churches from Montgomery County. Enjoy the information, food and fun as we celebrate the wonderful spectrum of diversity that God has blessed us with!

Organic Produce

On Sunday, July 1, after our service, there will be produce available for a donation to support next year's Women's Retreat. If you have extra items in your garden, please bring to share. I'll also have zinnia seeds.

-Susan Pearcy



Weekday Summer Office Hours

Pastor Holly's revised Office Hours for the Summer:

Monday - Call Ahead - I will usually be in the office for at least a few hours on Mondays but call ahead for specific times

Tuesday - Day Off (Sabbath)

Wednesday - 9:30am-3:30pm

Thursday - 9:30am-3:30pm

Friday - Working from home (Sermon writing day)

I am always available by appointment and by phone or text. Also these are not my only work hours as I often work at home at night and on the weekends (in addition to visiting people or attending meetings or appointments as needed), these are simply the hours when I am normally found in the church office. I am happy to come to you for lunch or coffee or to visit you at home at a time of your choosing.

New Sermon Series - Hope for the Seasons of our Lives

We all go through various seasons of life: Youth, Young Adulthood, Marriage and Relationships, Parenthood, Mid-life, and Aging just to name a few. Not all of us will experience every season, but all of us will need to find hope in whatever season we are in. Through June and July we will journey together combining all our seasons and finding wisdom. And even if you are not going through a particular season right now, or don't intend to go through it, or have been through it already, it's important to remember we can always learn something about ourselves or about those we love regardless.

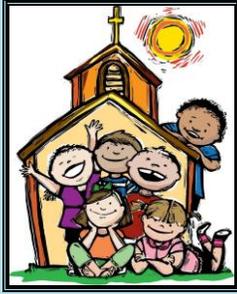
June 24: Aging

July 1: Young Adulthood

July 8: Parenthood

July 15: Mid-life

July 22: End of life



Calling all Sunday School Teachers and Helpers!

The Christian Education committee is searching for some wonderful teachers and youth helpers to sign up to teach for summer Sunday School dates. We are excited for this summer with our children and youth, and need your help to make it all happen! Please consider signing up for one Sunday or as many as you'd like on the bulletin board, or email Kristin Smith at k.smith.flute@gmail.com. An immediate need for a teacher and youth helper is open for Sunday, June 24, as well as dates that follow. Many thanks in advance!

ONE ANOTHERING

The next One Anothering gathering will be held at Susan Percy's home from 10:00-11:30 on Saturday, June 30.

This is an open group and the purpose is to read the scripture for the following Sunday, much like the Havruta group. We have a light breakfast/brunch. If you can join us, please let me know.

After the regular meeting you are invited to stay and help pot some tomato plants (and whatever else is in excess in my garden) to offer on Sunday as a fundraiser for the next Women's Retreat. Bring containers, potting soil, a trowel, if you have them. Thanks!

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.

There are many copies in the library system in all formats which can be found in the biography section.

We will meet on Sunday, July 15 at 11:30am in the Narthex. Contact is Deborah Tomblyn.

REPORT ON THE UCCSV CONGREGATIONAL MEETING HELD ON JUNE 3, 2018

Copies of the "UCCSV Annual Reports" were distributed to the members of the congregation attending the Annual Congregational Meeting on June 3, 2018.

Some of the subjects covered from the meeting included the following:

Phase 1 beautification of the UCCSV Memorial (Prayer Garden), being overseen by a committee including Susan Percy, Deborah Tomblyn and Joyce Miller, was described.

Revisions to the Safe Church Policy were accomplished by the Church Council during the past year.

Dee Dee Molaski updated the Church Emergency Information Forms and oversaw a session during which the forms were filled out. The forms are stored in the church office and used in

the case of a medical emergency to any one attending the church who filled out a form. (If you missed the opportunity to provide this information for you or your family, you are encouraged to get a form from Dee Dee so the church will have your preferred action if needed.)

A report on the financial health of the church was presented. The excess funds present in the report circulated at the meeting as collected so far were related to the fact that many UCCSV members pay their entire pledge early in the year, and are not a real excess for church needs as related to the entire year.

A chart of all keys distributed to church members has been prepared. Those having copies of church keys which they no longer need for church business were asked to return them to the office or to the church Moderator with their names attached so that this chart will be as accurate as possible.

The slate of Church Officers and Committee Members was approved for the upcoming year with Claro Yu as Moderator, Ruth Bulger as Clerk, Susan Percy and Calvin Johnson as at-large Church Council members, Jen Fuss as Christian Education Chair, Terri Molaski as Fellowship Chair, Colby Harmon as Social Action Chair, Mile Gove as Human Resources Chair, and Mike Gove and Heidi Harmon as Stewardship Campaign Chairs. The Nominating Committee was composed of Tim Fuss, Sandy Renner, Heidi Harmon, and Pastor Holly Jackson.

Holly then thanked all past and present members of church leadership not only for the great past year of learning and working

together but for taking on the responsibility for the upcoming year as well.

Special Announcement

Due to summer schedules, we will only have 1 newsletter during July (on or about 7/12) and 2 newsletters during August (on or about 8/9 and 8/23). If you have any news to publish, please make sure to submit prior to those dates.

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of Ushers for July 1 and July 22. If you are available, please sign up this Sunday on the bulletin board outside the church office. Many thanks for all you do!

June Calendar of Events

Social Action Committee Meeting (11:15am) –
June 24
PFLAG (2:30pm) – June 24