



Spirit News

June 3, 2020

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An Open and Affirming Congregation
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Prayer Requests

- Prayers for white voices to speak out for blacks feeling much pain.
- Pray for Gabe and his family as they look for a way forward to help Gabe with his mental illness and addiction (Michael Watkins).
- For people returning to work as the county begins to re-open (Catherine).
- Thanks be to God for continued recovery after surgery for Sister Cecilia (Suzanne Schmidt).
- Prayers for Tim's uncle, Ron Fuss, who had a fall yesterday. Prayers of thanksgiving that it seems to only be bruised ribs; Tim's Aunt, Linda Snyder needs testing for new symptoms in her cancer treatment (Tim Fuss).
- Bethany's friend Ella, in the hospital with multiple broken bones after a bike accident.
- The family of a 19 year old young woman who died recently.
- Pray for all the seniors graduating online in the next few weeks. Remind them that we are proud of you all (Chloe Jackson).
- Pray for all those front line workers helping us survive during the COVID lockdown (Michael Watkins).
- Prayers for Mike and Christii in their new home.
- Prayers for me as I defend my dissertation tomorrow (Camila Young).
- Prayers for wisdom and courage of the living of these days, for being purveyors of compassion and truth for the sake of the Gospel (Suzanne Schmidt).
- Adam to feel better soon (Catherine).
- 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

It's Children and Youth Sunday and we're celebrating our children and youth, their gifts, and all the things that they bring to our community. Children and youth will participate in the service and have sent us videos they want to share with the community. (If your child has a video they would like to share of a gift they have or simply a fun video of them doing something that brings them joy, please send it to HollyRJackson@gmail.com.) We will also share communion together and try to find moments of peace and fun in the midst of what it is a very trying time. This is a chance to renew our souls and spirits. Come join us!

You are invited to have a candle with you as you come to worship and bring your own sense of childlike wonder! The Zoom room opens at 9:30am and worship begins at 10am.

UCC Seneca Valley is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Sunday Worship
Time: Jun 7, 2020 09:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86576654670?pwd=bDhRS0UvdDZaNVF5Z3dhSmFkZDhOdz09>
Meeting ID: 865 7665 4670
Password: 20874

Dial by your location
+1 301 715 8592 US (Germantown)
Meeting ID: 865 7665 4670
Password: 20874

Graduation Parade This Friday at 7pm at Church

We have several graduates in our congregation - Quinn Jackson, George Benskin V, Madelyn Anderson, and Camila Young - and we'd like to celebrate them with a drive by parade at church on Friday, June 5th at 7pm. The graduates will space out around the front of the church and you will be invited to drive by and cheer for our graduates. Please do not get out of cars (or if you do please stay distanced and wear a mask). You can go around once or a few times as you prefer. Honking and cheering and signs are encouraged!

Pastor Holly on Vacation Next Week

Holly will be on vacation next week 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 7 - Children and Youth Sunday (with Communion)
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, Wednesday, June 10 starting at 7 on Zoom. Zoom login information coming early next week.

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 7 between 3-5 pm
or 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 these dates/times 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!