



Spirit News

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An Open and Affirming Congregation
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Prayer Requests

- Prayer for Adam. Adam is moving. Prayers for finishing packing and stress-free moving.
- Ongoing prayer for Suzanne Schmidt. Many thanks to everyone for your prayers, cards, food, and support since Suzanne's back surgery. She continues to be stronger and better each day (Dan Davis).
- Ongoing prayer for the healing of Fran both body and spirit (Paula-Marie).
- 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 prayers for Wayne Tipping as he deals with heart issues (Paula-Marie Read).

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.

Remembering Bill Ormsby

It is with great sadness that I share with you news of Bill Ormsby's death. Bill was a member of UCCSV and his wife, Christie Holland, has been a leader in our church for many years. I was with Christie, and her daughter Helen and several other family members and friends, at Bill's bedside on Monday afternoon when he passed. God gathered him close and welcomed him home and yet Bill went on his own terms.

I know many of you are wondering how to support this family in their time of need and grief. First, we can show up for them. There will be a viewing at DeVol Funeral Home, 10 East Deer Park Drive, Gaithersburg, this coming

Saturday, June 1st from 2-4pm and then again from 6-8pm. Between viewing times you are invited to come to Christie and Bill's home at 9212 Gladys Farm Way, Gaithersburg for light refreshments. Then we will have a memorial service for Bill at UCCSV on Sunday, June 16th at 3pm. Stay tuned for other possible ways to show our love and support in the days and weeks to come. For now, please keep the family in your prayers. - Pastor Holly

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 2, our focus will be on:
Acts 16:16-34

This Sunday at UCCSV

Once a year we take a special Sunday to celebrate the children and youth of UCCSV. This Sunday our children and youth will help lead the service, offer music, and join Pastor Holly at the communion table to lead the prayers over the bread and wine. Please come help cheer them on as they continue to learn what it means to serve God and serve community with their gifts. All are welcome! Worship starts at 10am and you don't want to be late to miss the Prelude!

UCC Seneca Valley Needs YOU!!

On June 9th we will celebrate this past year in ministry together and we will look forward to the year to come by electing a new group of church leaders and volunteers. We need YOU to be a part of that celebration! Our church is only as good, or as effective, or as vibrant as we ALL make it. There is no one named "Someone Else" who is going to do all the work and we don't want to burn out the amazing volunteers that already work so hard doing the big and little tasks that make church happen. So please, we ask everyone to look over the following list of open leadership and committee positions and if you feel God tugging you to step up and take on an amazing opportunity to serve, email Pastor Holly at HollyRJackson@gmail.com.

Open Leadership Positions:

Chair of Property Operations Committee - Lead the team that helps to keep our building and property in working order and looking good. Be a contact for and help to oversee building renters. Serve on the Trustees and Church Council (meets once a month).

Chair of Christian Education - Lead the team committed to the spiritual growth and education of our congregation. Help to oversee Sunday School, Youth Activities, Family Events, Adult Education and more. Serve on the Church Council (meets once a month).

Other Essential Volunteer Positions We Need Filled:

Deacon - Focus on worship, pastoral care, and welcoming visitors. Deacons help make sure worship goes smoothly and helps to imagine all that worship could be. They also help to care for members of the congregation as needed with check-ins, phone calls, cards, or helping to coordinate meals.

Christian Education Committee Member - Be on the team committed to the spiritual growth and education of our congregation. Help to oversee Sunday School, Youth Activities, Family Events, Adult Education and more.

Fellowship Committee Member - Provide and coordinate for hospitality for the congregation. Mostly this involves fellowship time after worship on Sunday in the Gathering Room either providing food or assisting congregation members who have signed up to provide food. But, this committee also helps coordinate any all church events that might require food or refreshments.

Property Operations Committee Member - Be a part of the team that helps keep our building and property in working order and looking good.

Social Action Committee Member - Be a part of the team that looks to do ministry outside our church walls (Germantown Help, Interfaith Works, UMAN) and seeks to advocate for justice in our wider community.

Stewardship Committee Member - Have fundraising ideas or want to make sure our congregation has healthy giving habits? Be a part of the team that designs, coordinates, and carries out our yearly stewardship campaign for donations of time, talent, and treasure.

Tellers - Know how to count money? We need you! Tellers work in pairs after church on Sunday mornings in order to count and document the morning's offerings.

All of these positions have varying commitments in terms of time and energy. But just imagine the kind of church we could be if all of us decided to volunteer at least 1-2 hours a week, or 4-8 hours a month at church or doing ministry work of one kind or another. That's only 1% of your time each week or month, but it

would result in amazing returns. Consider where God may be calling you and commit to helping UCCSV make a difference!



Coffee and Chocolate

I will be selling coffee and chocolate on June 9th after service.

Thanks, Bethany

Pictures from the Last Year

On Sunday, June 9th, we will celebrate this past year in ministry at UCCSV. We need your pictures and videos to help highlight all the friendships, service, fun, and spiritual growth we have experienced in 2018-2019! If you have pictures or videos that you have not already shared with Holly or on our facebook page, please look through your phone or computer and send them to HollyRJackson@gmail.com or share them on our group fb page. Also, think back to some of your favorite memories or experiences this year - whether it was in worship, at a party, doing a service project, being with church friends, etc. - and tell us about it. In a sentence or paragraph let us know how being a part of this community in the past year has been meaningful or transformative for you. Then on June 9th join us for a celebratory

Pentecost worship service where we lift up what it means to be the church together at UCCSV.

Thanks from Party Committee

The party committee thanks all the hosts that have held parties, and created wonderful opportunities to meet and grow together as a church community. So far we have had smores by the fire pit with Laura Lineberger and Beth Lauriat, played Bingo with Ruth Bulgar, wined and dined with Shelly Moore, ate tantalizing mixture of Paella with Deb Anderson, Bob Fraley, sang and danced karaoke at Gina and Ron Domingo and learned game rules at Jeanne Springmann's, heard Scottish tea stories with delicious teas and had sweet delights made by Deborah Tomblyn! Who did it best... beer vs wine pairing with tapas with Christi Watkins followed by bird watching with the expertise of Bethany Fuss. Eight Ladies in a row eating delectable morsels and sharing laughter at a ladies luncheon served graciously by Bethany Fuss and Rachel Estrada and hosted by the ever gracious Suzanne Schmidt. Good conversation, choice of wines and delicious dessert samplings at Russell Shelley and Leo Saligan. Still to come Whisky tasting with expert Patrick Jackson, fun craft party making beautiful wreaths with Terri Molaski and ending with a provocative movie party with Suzanne Schmidt!

Thankful as well for the kickoff party participants, who gave of their time and unique talents: Milan Yu, Suzanne Schmidt, George Benskin, John Teigiser, Leo Saligan, Patrick Jackson, Sabine and Aaron Cox and Holly Jackson. Our wonderful Masters of Ceremonies were Dick Bertlemann and Laura Lineberger.

We are truly grateful for the generosity of all these participants and appreciate all the efforts on behalf of this fundraiser to assist with toys

for the children and the women's retreat. We have raised over \$1,000.00. Thank you!!

- Carol Brandt, Jeanne Springmann and Joyce Miller (party committee members).

Upcoming Sundays at UCCSV

June 2nd - Children and Youth Sunday
June 9th - Pentecost and Celebrating the year in ministry at UCCSV (Congregational Meeting Sunday)

2019 PRIDE EVENTS

Capital Pride Parade Saturday, June 8, 2019

Time: 4:30 – 8:00 PM

Location: Dupont & Logan Circles NW
<https://www.capitalpride.org/parade-2019/>

Capital Pride Festival Sunday, June 9, 2019

Time: 12:00 – 8:00 PM

Location: Pennsylvania Ave.
<https://www.capitalpride.org/festival-2019/>

Pride Month Kick-off with County Executive Marc Elrich Monday, June 10, 2019

Join Councilmember Evan Glass and County Executive Marc Elrich for a proclamation recognizing LGBTQ activists of Montgomery County. Montgomery County will be recognizing Pride month and for the first time flying the rainbow flag outside the Executive Office Building.

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Location: 101 Monroe St, Rockville, MD 20850
RSVP [here](#) for the Pride Month Kick-off event with the County

Executive: <http://bit.ly/PrideMonthKickOff>

Third Annual Rockville Pride Saturday, June 15, 2019

The City of Rockville will be hosting its third annual [Rockville Pride celebration](#). There will be live performances, information booths and activities for children including: face painting, arts and crafts, and balloon art.

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Rockville Town Square

Drag Performance at Denizens Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Join us for an evening of fun and laughs to celebrate the LGBTQ community at Denizens Brewing Co. *Us Helping Us* will have a mobile HIV truck onsite to share information about the important services they are providing.

Time: 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Location: 1115 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910

RSVP [here](#) for the drag performance at Denizens: <http://bit.ly/DenizensDragShow>

Frederick Pride Saturday, June 22, 2019

8th Annual! Free admission. For garage parking info see website: 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 50th 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



Happy Announcement!

You might have heard that Stefan Petrov and his wife, Kate, are expecting their first child, due in June. We are thrilled for this special family and want to surround them with our support and celebrate! Please save the date for June 2nd, when we will have a special fellowship time and an opportunity to share gifts, cards and best wishes with Stefan after worship. You might check out the baby registry at <https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/kate-weber-petrova-june-2019-collegepark/3BDCX9S0LOPFU>.

Questions, contact Jen Fuss
jenfloryfuss@gmail.com.

Calendar

CE Committee Meeting (11:30am) – June 2
Deacons Meeting (7:00pm) – June 3
Congregational Meeting (after Worship) – June 9
Pizza Night at Ledos – June 11
Men's Breakfast (9:00am) – June 15
Fellowship Meeting (11:30am) – June 16
Trustees' Meeting (6:00pm) – June 17
Council Meeting (7:00pm) – June 17
One Anothering Group (10:00am) – June 22
Social Action Committee Meeting (11:30am) – June 23
PFLAG (2:30pm) – June 23

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.

Pulp Pilgrims Book Group

June's Book. Date to follow.

The Alice Network by Kate Quinn (2017)

sounds like an excellent story of a post-WW2 young pregnant woman who goes to Europe to find her beloved missing cousin Rose. It becomes a spy-thriller story. The library has NO electronic or CD copies, 31 book copies with 0 available and 39 holds.