



Spirit News

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Prayer Requests

- Ruthanne Stoltzfus: Prayers for the extended family; Jane Stoltzfus Morgan, mother of Kerry Stoltzfus, passed on Sunday April 2, at age 100.
- Terri Molaski (she/her/hers): Prayers of love and strength for my son, Nick, who is finally leaving a very toxic relationship and starting fresh!
- Heidi H (she, her/s): Prayers for quick healing for Susie, who had major surgery Friday.
- Diane Teigiser: Prayers for strength and courage for my sister, Jennifer, as she battles colon cancer.
- Luzmarina # 605: Please pray for Colombia, that the chaos and commotion come to an end!
- Suzanne and Dan: Praise God that Daughter Amy is home from the hospital. She has a long way to go but we are grateful that she is home. Continued prayer for our neighbor Shruti who is still hospitalized.
- PTJ (he/him): For my student Eloah who suffered a recent family loss.
- DEACON John B (he/him/his): Pray for Carol L. who is having eye surgery tomorrow (Monday).
- Timothy Fuss: Prayers for my co-worker Sharon, moving her mother into memory care this week.
- Laura (she/her): Prayer for the life of Cheryl Ani who passed suddenly at age 48, leaving 2 daughters aged 12 and 15. May the joy that Cheryl cast daily live on in all her knew her.
- PTJ (he/him): For Sashi and Rachel as they face Rachel's surgery.
- Asher: Prayers for my friend Mandy going through chemo. Prayers for kristy as she has 3 brain tumors. Prayers for Deb, Madelyn, and Issac as they grieve this tremendous loss.

- Timothy Fuss: Thanksgiving for all of the vaccines given this week.
- Debra Anderson (she/her): Prayers of gratitude for the love, comfort and food that have showered our family as we get through difficult times.
- Jeanne: Prayers for our congregation as we mourn the deaths of members Ann Lowery and Bob Fraley.

Obituary for Robert Scott Fraley

It is with great sadness that the family of Robert "Bob" Scott Fraley announces his death, which occurred on Saturday, April 24, 2021. He was 64 years old. Bob is survived by his parents Leslie and Barbara Fraley, his children Madelyn and Isaac (Katie), his former wife of 31 years Deb Anderson, and his sisters Cindy (Bob) Wilke and DeAnna Hill.

Bob was born in Columbus, Ohio on August 16, 1956. He graduated from McPherson College in McPherson, Kansas in 1978 with a degree in Chemistry. He began his career as a bench chemist and worked his way up to manager and director positions. He held positions in the pharmaceutical and biotechnical industries. He particularly loved being involved with start-up companies. He worked in McPherson, moved to Oklahoma, where he and Deb met, and moved with her to CA while she attended graduate school. After graduate school, they moved to Boulder, CO and started their family. A change in job brought the family to Maryland.

Bob enjoyed music and story-telling (both listening and performing). During his college years he was a member of a BlueGrass band

and performed in theatre including the lead role in Godspell. He was a long-distance runner, participating in three marathons and numerous other shorter distance road races including at least a dozen Boulder Boulder road races in Boulder, CO. He enjoyed being outdoors hiking, camping, playing golf, and entertaining friends and family at backyard BBQs.

Experiencing the outdoors, whether backpacking with his spouse, attending a Rockies game with his daughter or a concert with his son, was a passion for Bob. He was so proud of his children and experienced great joy in volunteering with little league baseball for Isaac and attending high school performances in which Madelyn performed and Isaac was a techie. He enjoyed the solitude of reading and of running and the connection with family and friends through travel, sporting events and concerts. Bob was a kind, gentle, and generous soul, who loved his family deeply.

A private ceremony will be held at a future date. Memorial donations may be made to Alcoholics Anonymous or your local homeless shelter.

To send condolences:

https://memorials.interfaithfunerals.com/robert-fraley/4601900/obituary.php?_ga=2.82167894.1320372655.1619703789-487785246.1619388660

This Sunday at UCCSV

Jesus was a human and had a body and in many of the resurrection texts Jesus invites people to touch his body. Why does that matter and what implications does it have for our own bodies and how we treat them or heal them? How can we practice and feel resurrection not just with our minds and souls but also in our bodies? For centuries the church has wrestled with how it understands the body and what we should do with it and such struggles have often meant our

bodies were denied or abused. But Jesus himself showed us that the body is good. Join us on Sunday for worship and bring your body, mind and soul to soak up God's goodness.

The Zoom room opens at 9:30am and worship begins at 10am. Please bring a candle (electric or flame) with you to worship. This worship service will be live streamed to our Facebook page and recorded for posting on our website.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84470757726?pwd=VUhkWDZacGZBUFBwYWISU3QxN3dlUT09>

Meeting ID: 844 7075 7726

Passcode: 20874

Dial by your location

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A Card Ministry for UCCSV



In February, I received this card from a college friend. On the back it says "Made with Love by the Vergennes United Methodist Church." I loved getting this handmade greeting and was smiling all over thinking of our long-ago friendship. This card

inspired me to think that it would be good for our church to have a similar card ministry. I recruited Joyce Miller, Deborah Tomblyn, Carol Brandt, and Susan Percy. Because of COVID, I needed to keep the group small and manageable at first. However in the future, when we feel safe meeting together, we intend to

have an open meeting to get your ideas and actually make cards. Susan has said she would lead a workshop to get us started. Please start thinking of how you may like to contribute. Write down, call, or email me with your ideas.

Jeanne Springmann

Adopt-A-Road

Join UCCSV members and friends in working to keep a stretch of Middlebrook Road beautiful.

What to Expect: We will break into small groups, walk along sidewalks, and pick up trash and recyclables for approximately 1 hour.

What to Bring: Bring your own equipment for personal use if you prefer to minimize virus transmission. We will provide trash grabbers, gloves, reflective vests, and trash/recycling bags.

When: 9:00 AM; Second Saturdays, May through October

Where to Meet: Meet in the parking area for 12850 Middlebrook Road near our Adopt-A-Road highway sign, across from the Bank of America. *** This is a new location. *** You can also enter the parking area from Crystal Rock Road next to Seneca Valley High School.

Contact: Jenny at utzjhome@gmail.com if you are interested in participating or if you have questions (including concerns about questionable weather)

The Potomac Association Spring Meeting

This past week the Potomac Association of the Central Atlantic Conference of the UCC met over

Zoom for our Spring Meeting. The theme of the meeting was "Resilient Together" and it both celebrated how resilient area UCC churches have been this past year and gave meeting attendees, through preaching and short workshops, more ideas and information about how to continue to develop the important skill of resiliency. We also prayed together and heard music from the CAC's Virtual Choir. During the business portion of the meeting we heard short reports from each of the Association's working committees - Committee on Ministry, Faith Formation, Justice and Witness, and Higher Education. There was also deep discussion and deliberation about a resolution brought to the Association to address continuing issues of confronting white supremacy. (For more on that resolution and how it passed you can read an article from the UCC News here:

<https://www.ucc.org/ucc-d-c-area-churches-say-they-will-confront-white-supremacy-and-white-supremacists/>). Finally, the Association elected and installed new leaders including our own Pastor Holly who became Moderator of the Association for the next two years. If you have an interest in the wider church there are lots of ways to get involved and the Association continues to look for committee and board members. Please talk to Holly for more information.

Bearing Witness: Black Lives Matter Art Share A Success

The Art Share this past Sunday was a beautiful testament to our church's witness for justice. Artwork from 6 different artists were displayed under the portio outside and also in the Fellowship Hall. The Fellowship Committee provided snacks and hospitality. People from our church, friends, and neighbors who were simply walking by all enjoyed looking at the art displayed and hopefully went home challenged and enlightened by the messages they offered.

our own Aaron Cox and Susan Percy offered gorgeous art with deep meaning and purpose. Thank you so much to all the volunteers who gave of their time and talents to make the Art Share a success. We especially thank Sabine and Aaron Cox, Colby Harmon, Beth Lauriat, Laura Lineberger, Jeanne Springmann, and Susan Percy for their leadership and contributions.



Pastor Holly's Front Porch Hours are Back!

Join Holly on the church porch from 3:30pm-5:30pm on Thursday afternoons. She'll be there just hanging out waiting for whoever wants to come by and chat. It's been a long winter but warm weather and vaccines meeting together on the porch or in the prayer garden is safer than ever and much needed for many. You can have a topic you want to talk about or just come by to say hi and reconnect. If you can't make Thursday afternoon but still want to talk to Holly (for any reason including just reconnecting after this long winter) please reach out to her by text or email and we'll find a time to meet that works with your schedule either at church or a place of your choosing.

100 Acts of Service

We know UCCSV makes an important contribution to our community as individuals and as a whole group, but we want to go further by documenting our acts of service and celebrating them. If you have done an act of service to the community this year we want to know about it. Acts of service include more formal acts of volunteerism like tutoring or delivering food or cleaning up the neighborhood park to helping out a neighbor with technology or other task. An act of service can be running errands for others or paying it forward in some way.

How do you serve our community? How are you making a difference?

Use this Google Form to share your Act of Service.

<https://forms.gle/uH1iW18hW679vGoy7>

Upcoming Sunday Worship at UCCSV

May 9 - Practicing Resurrection: Why Bodily
Resurrection Matters

May 16 - Practicing Resurrection: New Life
Rooted in Justice

May 23 - Pentecost Sunday - Practicing
Resurrection: The Resurrection of the Church

May 30 - Central Atlantic Conference Worship



May

Deborah Tomblyn	5/1
Sue Percy	5/6
Shelby Singletary	5/10
Bob Lambie	5/11
David Moore	5/13
Beth Lauriat	5/21
Gina Domingo	5/28