



# Spirit News

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## Prayer Requests

- Prayers of peace for the community healing from the tragedy at the Pittsburgh Synagogue. Prayers for the healing of those who have been wounded, as well as those who have lost loved ones (anonymous).
- Continued thank you for your prayers: my brother Sam had a successful surgery, recovering well; my dad is recovering well since Malaria attack (Maggie N.).
- Continued prayers for travel mercies for inlaws; comfort and peace for survivors of violence, especially sexual violence; those suffering from physical pain (Shelly Moore).
- Continued prayer for survivors of sexual violence – courage and healing. Hearers of sexual violence will first believe and fight for the protection of survivors (Shelly Moore).
- Continued prayer for Katy Crowley – safe journey and travel (Shelly Moore).
- Continued prayers for healing of Shelly's knee. Prayers for employment for Dave Moore. Prayers for civility and reconciliation (Shelly Moore).
- 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 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](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 our focus will be on:  
Deuteronomy 6:1-9 and Mark 12:28-34

## This Sunday at UCCSV

It's a Celebration Sunday at UCCSV! We continue to dare to dream as part of our stewardship campaign. Last week we focused on the dreamers who founded and built our church. This week we celebrate the community that we are right now and all that we bring to and get out of being a church together. As part of that community we look to celebrate our children and honor those we have lost. We'll celebrate a baptism and welcome a joyful toddler as part of our church community. We'll also honor those saints and loved ones who we have lost over the years with prayers and lighting candles. Then we'll gather together as a community around Christ's table and celebrate

communion. Let us celebrate who we are today even as we dare to dream about tomorrow. Join us for worship at 10am!

## **November Gets Sticky - Peanut Butter for Germantown Help**

This month we are collecting peanut butter for Germantown Help's food pantry. Peanut butter is a great source of shelf stable protein for all kinds of families. So when you go grocery shopping this month throw an extra jar of peanut butter in the cart and bring it in to church on Sunday. Help us feed needy families in our community!

## **Letter from Sandy and Bill**

A big thank you for the lovely send-off, the cake, cookies, terrific pictures of the church, solar cells, rain garden and cookies and the lovely notes that were written. Thank you so much.

UCCSV will always be in our hearts and prayers.

-Sandy and Bill

## **Thanksgiving Baskets**

Thanksgiving is right around the corner! The Upper School Class will be helping collect food for Thanksgiving Baskets to ensure that families in need can have a warm delicious Thanksgiving meal. The Upper School Class will sign people up to donate items for this project. It is also an option to donate a \$20 check towards the purchase of a Turkey. There will be a total of five baskets that will be delivered to five families in need on November 18, 2018.

There will be a sign-up table on November 4th and November 11th in the Gathering room

during fellowship. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

-The Upper School Class

## **Daylight Savings Time**

Just a reminder that DST ends this Sunday, **November 4**, 2018, at 2:00 A.M. At this time, we "fall back" in the fall by setting clocks back one hour (i.e., gaining one hour).

## **We Need Your Help**

We need a Liturgist for next Sunday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>. In addition, we need Ushers for November 25<sup>th</sup>. Multiple openings are available for the month of December. If you are available, please sign up today on the bulletin board outside the church office. We appreciate everything you do!

## **Calendar**

- CE Committee Meeting (11:30am) – Nov. 4
- Music Director Teaching (1:30pm) – Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25
- Deacons Meeting (7pm) – Nov. 5
- Chancel Choir Practice (7:30pm) – Nov. 8, 15, 29
- Adopt-A-Road (9:00am) – Nov. 10
- Stewardship Sunday – Nov. 11
- Pizza Night at Ledos – Nov. 13
- Mens Breakfast (9:00am) – Nov. 17
- Gratitude Party at David and Shelly's (7:00pm) – Nov. 17
- Trustees Meeting (6:00pm) – Nov. 19
- Council Meeting (7:00pm) – Nov. 19
- Social Action Committee Meeting (11:15am) – Nov. 25
- PFLAG (2:30pm) – Nov. 25
- Hanging of the Greens (6:00pm) – Nov. 30
- \*\* SDA Evangelist Meeting (7:00pm – 10:00pm) – Nov. 25, 26, 27