



# Spirit News

November 4, 2020

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## Prayer Requests

- Prayers for my friend, LiMing, suffering from anxiety (Jeanne).
- Prayers for Bethany's friend Nikki's family, who lost a family member this week (Tim Fuss).
- Prayer for my brother, Jim, who has covid and grateful that he is stable today. Prayers for all people suffering with covid and their families. Thankful for all saints and their wisdom passed on (Joyce Miller).
- Camila pregnancy growing pains (Bryan).
- Please pray for my friend newly diagnosed with breast cancer (Asher Beckwitt).
- Prayers for those who are homeless. May we as a people figure out how to take care of all God's children (Deb Anderson).
- Pray for continued healing for Luz and Ruthanne (John Bartkowiak).
- Prayer for Kathy, Sandra, Sister Barbara (Deborah Tomblyn).
- Prayers for our friends in Louisiana who are struggling with covid (Sabine Cox).
- Grateful for health! (Ruthanne).

## This Sunday at UCCSV

In the last several months we have learned the importance of finding new ways to be together in community and the need to ground ourselves in joy and hope. This year our stewardship campaign is focused on how we have been, and will be, together in hope as a church. We will be focusing on readings in the psalms, especially psalm 93. This first week we will consider the "new songs" our ancestors created in times of difficulty, and the "new songs" our community is creating today as we move through this crisis. This Sunday it may be even more crucial to find

ways for us to be together for joy. We can find hope together!

As always the Zoom room opens at 9:30am and worship will begin at 10am. You are invited to bring a candle with you (flame or electric) as you sit down to worship.

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 844 7075 7726

Passcode: 20874

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Passcode: 20874

Find your local number:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kcm87sP9zS>

## Financial Update This Sunday, Nov. 8th After Worship

As we move through this stewardship season you may be wondering about the current state of UCCSV's finances. In order to answer any questions and provide as much transparency as possible our Treasurer Russell Shelly will provide a report of our finances after worship this Sunday, November 8th. We will also record this report to watch later if you cannot stay after worship or will not be at worship on Sunday.



## **Stewardship Ribbon - Together for Joy!**

You should have received a piece of ribbon in with your stewardship packet. We invite you to write on the ribbon, listing one or two things that have brought you joy these last months. You can drop off your ribbon with your pledge card (or by itself if you use the online pledge card) during Front Porch Hours from 4-6pm on November 12th or 19th or on Sunday November 15th. Or mail it in with your pledge card. We will put these ribbons together in one community piece to be used in worship on November 22nd. We are together in joy!!

## **Final Chat and Chew Lunch Bunch**

Friday, November 6

12:15-1:15

Black Hills Regional Park  
Shelter A, Parking Lot 1

Bring your own lunch and enjoy fellowship with others

Contact person: Jeanne Springman  
[Jspring10506@aol.com](mailto:Jspring10506@aol.com)

## **Fire Pit Friday**

One more Fire Pit Friday will be held on Friday, November 13 starting at 5:30. Bring a picnic dinner and/or smore fixins and beverage of your choosing. Also, bring a chair and/or blanket.

## **Stewardship Letter**

Dear Friends,

There was an error in the Stewardship letter regarding one of the dates that will be available for you to drop off your pledge card and ribbon in person at the church. The dates listed should have included Sunday November 15 from 2 to 4. Other dates for drop off remain on Thursdays, November 12 and 19 from 4 to 6. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me. My email address is [debralanderson57@gmail.com](mailto:debralanderson57@gmail.com) and my cell is 720-260-2544

Thank you,

Deb Anderson, Stewardship Committee Chair

## **Congregational Check In/Happy Hour - Fridays at 7 PM**

Connecting nowadays can be difficult. Do you sometimes just want to see your fellow UCCSV members and friends for a quick chat? Your wish is granted! There will be a Congregational Check In/Happy Hour every Friday at 7 PM. It will only run for 45 minutes and is a good way to say "hi" and catch up with others. Different Deacons will be hosting each Friday and it is open to all. It will be very casual with no obligations... stop by when you feel the need and stay as long or short as you want. Take care and we will see you when we see you.

-John (Chair of Deacons)

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

Topic: Congregational Check In/Happy Hour

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89655025431?pwd=V1k0bEQ4VTBGODJ3L2U1WHBFbzBnZz09>

Meeting ID: 896 5502 5431



Passcode: peeps

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Meeting ID: 896 5502 5431

Passcode: 565927

Find your local number:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kbPBtQKFgY>

## **The Day After the Election: A Time for Sharing, Prayer, and Reflection**

It's unclear whether we will know the results of Election Day on Wednesday, November 4th but regardless it may be necessary to calm our anxieties, or soothe our griefs, or celebrate our joys. In order to make space for this we will have a time of sharing, prayer, and reflection on Wednesday, November 4th at 7pm on Zoom. No matter how you are feeling that night you are welcome to sit with us and restore your soul in community. All are welcome.

Topic: Reflection, Prayer, and Healing after the Election

Time: Nov 4, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83752011479?pwd=M1JlNUhhdVVTQXd6YUZ4bVQrWUVsdz09>

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## **Upcoming Sundays at UCCSV**

November 8 - Together for Joy: Where are we finding joy in this season?

November 15 - Together for Joy: Finding joy in service and justice

November 22 - Consecration Sunday - Together for Joy: Finding joy in thanksgiving and generosity

November 29 - 1st Sunday in Advent - I Believe in the Sun Even When I Can't See it: Finding Hope for Tomorrow in the Midst of Struggle

## **Social Action Committee Meeting**

Day of Week-Sunday, 4-5:30 pm

Event Name-Social Action Team Meeting

Date and Time-Once a month, the 2nd Sunday of the month

Short Description: Monthly Social Action Team meeting, all who wish to learn about our church's commitment to Social Action are welcome.

Location or virtual meeting information-By Zoom

Zoom Meeting Info:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83855241117?pwd=ZXhuSWRXL0NuKyszSWJ0YTNGbFFSdz09>

Meeting ID: 838 5524 1117

Passcode: 352620

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## **Zoom Worship Volunteer Opportunities – Updated Signup Genius**

Please help us update our signup genius through the end of the year. If you would like to help lead our Zoom worship experience there are ways you can help. We still need a “Greeter” and a “Liturgist” every Sunday. Greeters will welcome people as they come into the meeting before worship by voice or by chat and help by supplying important web links in the chat box. Liturgists will lead the service with Holly. We also welcome musical video offerings of instruments or voice that we can use during worship. In addition, we welcome pictures of our congregation during this time apart <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090849a4a722a02-uccsv>

## **Front Porch Hours**

Pastor Holly will be having "Front Porch Hours" on Thursdays from 4-6pm every week. During that time she will be sitting out on the church's front porch (by the office doors). You can join her on the porch during that time for conversation, pastoral concerns, suggestions, or whatever else you might want to share with her. It's time she wants to offer to you. No appointment needed. Masks will be required and safe physical distance will be maintained. Bored or lonely? Anxious or frustrated? Wanting to chat about the news and the state of the world? Full of ideas or feeling empty? Meet her on the "Front Porch" and have a chat! (If those hours don't work and you need to talk to her you can always make an appointment by emailing her.)