



Spirit News

November 8, 2018

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Prayer Requests

- Pray for Nicholas as he works through some heavy emotional issues. Pray for strength and peace of mind and self-love (Terri Molaski).
- Pray for Lauren, who is having a lung biopsy. Prayers for no cancer! (Terri Molaski).
- Continued prayer for hardened hearts. The election. The Trans Community. Healing from pain and suffering (Shelly Moore).
- 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 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:
Genesis 12:1-9 and John 4:7-26

This Sunday at UCCSV

It's our final week of "Daring to Dream" together! This Sunday we will look towards the future and what God is calling us to next as a community. Our Moderator, Claro Yu, will preach about why and how we are working together to listen for God's vision for us in the coming months and how your pledges can make a difference. In a role reversal Pastor Holly will be giving the Stewardship Moment talking about why she gives to the church. Towards the end of the service we will bring our

pledge cards up, filled out with our promises of time, talent, and money, and bless them and dedicate them to God's purposes. The choir will also be singing Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether. It will be a wonderful morning of daring to dream together! Please join us!

Annual Stewardship Drive

This Sunday, November 11, is the conclusion of our annual stewardship drive! We have been asking you to "dare to dream" for our church and our future together these past few weeks. Now it is time to join together, make our pledges of money and volunteer time and talent, and bless our pledges as a part of worship.

While focusing on daring to dream we began by looking at our church's past and the dreamers who formed and built our church. Then this past Sunday we celebrated who we are as a community by baptizing a toddler, lifting up the saints in our lives, and joining together around the communion table. This final Sunday of our campaign we will dream about who God is calling us to be in the future and why our giving matters.

In our first mailing we suggested that a small increase in your gift each week will help us realize those dreams. But in case you're not sure what to give we are including below a helpful guide that bases suggested donations not just a percentage level of your income but also a suggested level of based on your commitment to, or how much you value, UCCSV.

We ask you to please bring your pledge card (found in your Dare to Dream mailing) to this Sunday's service. If you need a new pledge card, there will be extra cards available. If you will not be in worship this Sunday you are welcome to mail your card in to the church office or to email your

pledge information to our Office Manager Nita Stone who will put it on a pledge card to be included in Sunday's consecration blessing.

After worship, you are invited to join us for a festive luncheon in the Gathering Room.

There will be plenty of food, activities for young and not so young alike.... all leading up to the reveal of our pledge total for 2019. We hope you will join us this Sunday as we "Dare to Dream" together!

-The Stewardship Committee (Mike Gove, Heidi Harmon, Jeanne Springman, Laura Lineberger, Regina Domingo, Michelle Singletary, Holly Jackson)

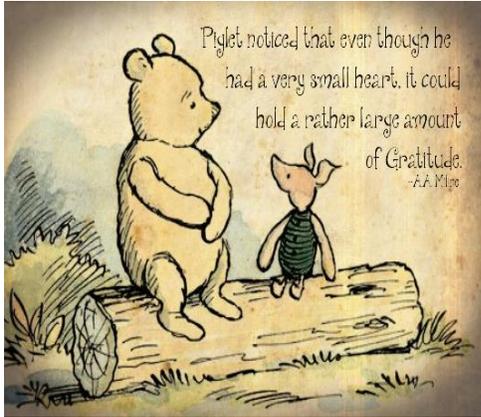
Adjusted Annual Income	Supporter The church is a significant part of my life and promotes my spiritual growth.			Sustainer The church is central to my identity, and I am committed to sustaining our programs.			Visionary I am committed to both the present and future growth of my church.			Full Tithes I designate 10% of my income to the church as a way to live out my spiritual principles		
	Suggested % of Income	Monthly Payment	Annual Payment	Suggested % of Income	Monthly Payment	Annual Payment	Suggested % of Income	Monthly Payment	Annual Payment	Suggested % of Income	Monthly Payment	Annual Payment
\$10,000	2%	\$16	\$200	3%	\$25	\$300	5%	\$42	\$500	10%	\$83	\$1,000
\$25,000	2%	\$42	\$500	3%	\$63	\$750	5%	\$104	\$1,250	10%	\$208	\$2,500
\$50,000	3%	\$125	\$1,500	4%	\$167	\$2,000	5%	\$208	\$2,500	10%	\$417	\$5,000
\$75,000	3%	\$188	\$2,250	4.5%	\$281	\$3,375	6%	\$375	\$4,500	10%	\$625	\$7,500
\$100,000	3.5%	\$292	\$3,500	5%	\$417	\$5,000	6.5%	\$542	\$6,500	10%	\$833	\$10,000
\$150,000	3.5%	\$438	\$5,250	5%	\$625	\$7,500	6.5%	\$813	\$9,750	10%	\$1,250	\$15,000
\$200,000	4%	\$667	\$8,000	5.5%	\$917	\$11,000	7%	\$1,167	\$14,000	10%	\$1,667	\$20,000



November Gratitude

Looking for ways to stay grateful? Struggling to be thankful when times are tough? Overflowing with gratitude and wanting to share it?

Be sure to visit the November Gratitude Prayer Station at the back of the Sanctuary, pay attention to gratitude prompts on our UCCSV Facebook group page, and be sure to attend a special Thanksgiving focused worship service next Sunday, November 18th. Stay in an attitude of gratitude this month and feed your soul.



A Holiday Boutique/Fundraiser for UCCSV is Sunday, November 18 from noon to 6pm.

Please come to the Sumser/DeBaugh home to do your holiday shopping and give to our church at the same time!!!! Beautiful, handcrafted items, such as scarves, purses, jewelry, pottery, cards, paintings and more from 6 different artists (several from SV) will be on sale at amazing prices!!!! This is relaxed shopping, with food, fun, friends and beautiful, one of a kind items you will not find at the mall!!!!!! A portion of the profits will be donated to UCCSV.

Please join us at:
21614 Slidell Rd., Boyds Md 20841 (a 10 minute drive west on 117 from the church)
Sunday, November 18, 2018, from noon-6pm

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!

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 this Sunday in the Gathering room during fellowship. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

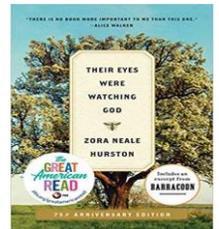
-The Upper School Class

Pulp Pilgrims Book Group

Our November read is *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston. Published September 18, 1937, this book is an enduring Southern love story told in the voice of a woman who refuses to live in sorrow, bitterness, fear, or foolish romantic dreams. Hurston's masterwork remains as relevant and affecting today as when it was first published.

We will meet Nov. 18th at 11:30am in the Narthex. Contact is Deborah Tomblyn.

NOTE: We are NOT reading *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe.





We Need Your Help

We need Ushers on Nov. 25. Multiple openings for Liturgists and Ushers 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!

Thanksgiving Eve Change

In lieu of having a Thanksgiving Eve service this year, we will celebrate Thanksgiving on Sunday, November 18.

Calendar

- 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
- Pulp Pilgrims Book Group (11:30am) – Nov. 18
- Holiday Boutique/Fundraiser for UCCSV (12noon-6pm) – Nov. 18
- 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