



Spirit News

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Prayer Requests

- I pray that one day women will be respected and not marginalized. I pray that Christians will really understand the meaning of their religion and not use it to justify hate (Claudine).
- Pray for Candice Hayes. Prayers for my sister who had knee replacement (Suzanne Schmidt).
- 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:
Psalm 22:1-15 and Mark 10:17-31

This Sunday at UCCSV

Does money really make the world go around? As people of faith how are we to relate to our material possessions? Jesus knew that one's relationship with money was often an obstacle for their spiritual life. Is our relationship with God more important than our relationship with money? In God's upside down kingdom the rules of how to live and what makes for an abundant life is very different than the rules the world teaches us. Join us for worship at 10am as we wrestle with these issues and try to determine the best way to relate to our bank accounts. Also, given the state of the world right now, it is important to make space for

remembering justice, crying out for God's intervention, and being in silence. Our communal prayer time will feature moments of lament and quiet so we can take our emotions to God and leave transformed.

Labyrinth Worship Station

It's easy to forget that we have an amazing spiritual tool just out our back door. This Sunday before or after worship, or before or after Fellowship Time, spend some time using our outdoor labyrinth. Use the guides provided for ways in which you can use the labyrinth to pray, or for discernment, or to work towards peace and healing. If it is rainy outside or you cannot use the outdoor labyrinth for any reason, feel free to use the finger labyrinths provided at the station. Use the finger labyrinths in the same way you would use the walking labyrinth, just use your finger instead of your feet. Take 10 minutes (or more) and intentionally set aside time to spend with God and deepen your spiritual journey by experiencing the labyrinth.

We Have New Chairs!

You may notice a new addition to our Gathering Room this Sunday. We have new chairs! The beautiful, and more importantly comfortable, blue chairs will replace our old metal folding chairs. (Those are being donated or offered to other community groups or non-profits in our area.) The vast majority of the financing that made these chairs possible come from a gift to the church from Colby and Heidi Harmon and Beth Lauriat and Laura Lineberger. The chairs were a part of our church's wish list, a list of items that the Church Council and various Committees have put together of items that are not in our regular budget but would greatly enhance the function and ministry of our church. Heidi and Colby worked for several hours yesterday waiting for delivery and then unboxing and setting up the new chairs We ask that you please do your best to care for our new

chairs and when putting them away do not stack the chairs more than 12 high. We're so excited to have you come try them out during Fellowship this Sunday! A huge THANK YOU to the Harmons and to Beth and Laura for their generous donation!

Catawba College Singers FREE Concert October 14, 4pm



Join us for a FREE concert with the

Catawba College Singers on Sunday, October 14th at 4pm featuring both sacred and secular music as part of their "Back to Our Roots" Tour. Ensembles from Catawba College have performed at the NC American Conductors Association Conventions, Music Educators' National Conferences, Regional Tours and NC run-outs. In addition student ensembles have provided musical leadership for national events such as the National Youth Event of the UCC Church in Orlando, FL, and the Synod 31 Meeting of the UCC Church in Baltimore, MD.

Catawba College is a small UCC affiliated liberal arts college located in Salisbury, NC. The music department there offers 6 areas of concentration, Music Performance, Music Education, Sacred Music, Worship Arts, Music Business and Popular Music. Invite your friends to hear this amazing group share their music with us!

Behind the Scenes Worship Training

Sunday mornings don't just happen. They are the result of volunteers and staff coming together to produce a particular experience for the whole congregation. If you would like to help make Sunday mornings amazing at UCCSV by volunteering to be an usher or liturgist or help set up and monitor the projector,

please join us for a short Behind the Scenes Worship Training on Sunday, October 21st after worship. We'll go over what's involved with these various positions and how to do the best job you can to support our community worship experience. Join us!

Orientation to UCCSV/New Members Class

If you are newer to the UCCSV Community we'd love to get to know you more and help you get to know us. It's time for an orientation! Join us after worship on Sunday, October 14 & 28 for conversation and questions. If after these two meetings you would like to become an official member of UCCSV, we will be having people join during worship one Sunday in November BUT that is totally your choice. Mostly this is to connect more with you and help you better understand our church community.

Parties, Parties, Parties

NOW WE PARTY!! Over 100 people (85% full) have signed up to attend the small parties that have been set up throughout the year and nearly \$900 was raised. The party committee is grateful to the many people who made this possible, particularly our party hosts that have offered wonderful gatherings for our church family to know one another better. THANK YOU to hosts Beth Lauriat, Laura Lineberger, Ruth Bulger, Shelly and David Moore, Jeanne Springmann, Deborah Tomblyn, Deb Anderson and Bob Fraley, Suzanne Schmidt and Dan Davis, Ron and Gina Domingo, Christie and Mike Watkins, Bethany Fuss, Terri Molaski, Patrick Jackson, Russell Shelley and Leo Saligan.

Our Kickoff was a magical night of fantastic parties to choose from, conversation, good food and wonderful performances. Starting off the evening were two dynamic MCs Laura

Lineberger and Dick Bertelmann followed by an unforgettable evening of UCCSV talent: Milan Yu, Suzanne Schmidt, George Benson, John Teigiser, Leo Saligan, Patrick Jackson, Chloe Jackson, Rachel Estrada, Sabine and Aaron Cox, and Holly Jackson. We are grateful and blessed!!

Pulp Pilgrims Book Group

Our October read is Bad Blood by John Carreyrou. There are 31 copies in the library system & a waiting list of 71. Let me know if you need a book & I'll try to match you up with someone in our group who has the book. We will meet Oct 14th at 11:30am in the Narthex. Contact is Deborah Tomblyn.

Fair Trade Coffee

Fair Trade coffee & chocolate will be sold Sunday October 21st. This is a one-time change from the regular 2nd Sunday to the 3rd Sunday.

Volunteers Needed Urgent

We are in need of Ushers for October 28.

November signup sheets are now available for Liturgists and Ushers.

If you are available, please sign up this Sunday on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Family Fall Fun Day

October 20th, 2pm

There has been a change to this event. ALL are welcome, especially families, to join us at Sharp's at Waterford Farm for a Fall Fun Day on October 20th at 2pm for pumpkins and a hayride and other great activities. Sharp's has free hayrides to pick your own pumpkins, farm animals, a corn maze, a scarecrow barn, face painting, a country store, fall decorations and more! Plus on the 20th if you dress up like a Police Officer or Fire Fighter you get \$2 off your pumpkin purchase! Please let us know if you will be joining us so we can make sure to be on the lookout for you. RSVP to Holly at HollyRJackson@gmail.com or text her on the day of the event. Let's spend some time together enjoying the season! More information on Sharp's can be found at <http://sharpfarm.com> and the farm is located at 4003 Jennings Chapel Road, Brookeville, MD. This is not a drop off event; Parents are required to stay to supervise their children and youth.

Calendar

Catabwa College Singers Concert (4:00pm) – October 14
Trustees' Meeting (6:00pm) – October 15
Council Meeting (7:00pm) – October 15
Chancel Choir Practice (7:30pm) – October 18
Bingo at Roger and Ruth's (7:00pm) – October 19
Men's Breakfast (9:00am) – October 20
The Soul of Aging – Part 1 (9:30am) – October 20
Sharp's at Waterford Farm (2:00pm) – October 20
Grubby Sunday (after worship) – October 21
Liturgist/Behind the Scenes Training (11:30am) – October 21
Active Bystander Training (7:00pm) – October 24
Chancel Choir Practice (7:30pm) – October 25
UCCSV Orientation/New Member Class (11:30am) – October 28
Social Action Committee Meeting (11:15am) – October 28
PFLAG (2:30pm) – October 28
Ladies Night Out (7:00pm) – October 29