



Spirit News

October 21, 2020

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An Open and Affirming Congregation
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Prayer Requests

- My friend who was diagnosed with breast cancer at age 33 (Asher).
- Prayers for the family of Liz, who died on Friday. Liz was a special friend of the Fuss family (Tim Fuss).
- Pray for Carol (and her husband Bob), who had her younger brother to die suddenly recently (John Bartkowiak).
- For Linda Schrider (dear friend of Laura L); she lost her mother last week and her father was just diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer. Give her strength (Miriam Lineberger).
- For all those who are working the election, risking their health so that other may vote (Julia Schucker).
- For the families of Roland and Ken, two of Colby's co-workers at NOAA, who died this last week, way too young (Colby Harmon).
- For the family of Julie Howar as they grieve her passing. May God hold them in the Almighty's hands (Dan and Suzanne).
- Prayers for my students who are dealing with all of the additional anxieties of disease and natural disasters and online education on top of the normal anxieties of the semester (Patrick Jackson).
- Thankful prayers that my brother is recovering well from his surgery (Catherine).
- Please pray for Karen's Dad who is fighting to recover from COVID (Heidi Harmon).

This Sunday at UCCSV

As we move towards the election and the anxiety starts to mount about what will happen in our community and our nation, it's important for us to ground ourselves in God and consider how to

move forward. This Sunday Dr. Helg Baskett-Tippett will preach a sermon entitled, "What's Going On, Mercy Mercy Me!" based on scripture from the book of Habakkuk, a book we don't often read but provides us with another important prophetic voice to listen to. We will also hear a testimony from Luz Granada, the first of our stewardship moments as we begin a month of focus on this year's stewardship campaign, Together For Joy.

Please bring a candle with you as you sit down to worship. The Zoom room opens at 9:30am and worship will begin at 10am.

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 844 7075 7726

Passcode: 20874

Dial by your location

+1 301 715 8592 US (Germantown)

Meeting ID: 844 7075 7726

Passcode: 20874

Find your local number:

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

Pastor Holly Away from Friday, October 23rd to Monday October 26th

Pastor Holly will be on vacation this coming weekend. If you have a pastoral emergency please contact your deacon first before contacting Holly. If you email Holly know that she will be responding to email from this weekend starting on Wednesday, October 28th.

Stewardship 2020- Together for Joy Starts this Sunday

You should be receiving a stewardship packet in the mail this coming weekend or early next week. Starting this coming Sunday in worship we will hear testimonies from our congregation about how our community has stayed together for joy during this last year and how you can consider how your financial support can make a difference in the coming year. If you do not get a packet in the mail but you would like one, please email the office at uccsv@verizon.net next week to be put on the mailing list.

UCCSV Intergenerational Halloween Party on Zoom, Friday, October 30th at 6:30pm

All are welcome (including people of all ages) to join us for our first ever Zoom Halloween Party! Costumes are highly encouraged but not required. We will admire costumes, play games, eat goodies together, and more! Bring dinner or your Halloween candy or other treats, and your sense of fun and be a part of community!

Topic: UCCSV Halloween Party
Time: Oct 30, 2020 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81911388780?pwd=ZDM0WWtRTlIBcmdVQnJpcFpQd0hKZz09>
Meeting ID: 819 1138 8780
Passcode: 20874

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Baby Gender Reveal Party

Bryan and Camila Young are delighted to share with UCCSV the news that their family is growing, and that their baby is due in February 2021! They know that between political turmoil, the pandemic, and other situations, these are hard times for some. In these trying times, they'd like to share their joy with friends and family by celebrating their baby's gender reveal party. Folks are welcome to join them Saturday, October 31st from 1 to 2 p.m. for a Zoom costume party! Anyone who is interested should send an email to Camila at cespinapr@gmail.com so she can send a Zoom invite and link.

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

Dial by your location
+1 301 715 8592 US (Germantown)
Meeting ID: 896 5502 5431
Passcode: 565927
Find your local number:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89655025431>

Honoring Sally Duncan for All Saint's Day

As we approach All Saint's Day on November 1st we want to have a special honoring of Saints we have lost this year. For our congregation we lost Sally Duncan, one of the great Matriarchs of our congregation, back in February. Because of the move to online worship we were really never able to honor Sally before this. So on November 1st we'd love to share your photos and maybe a story or two about Sally. If you have pictures of Sally or a story you'd like to share about her please email them to HollyRJackson@gmail.com.



BALLOT BOX
DROP OFF LOCATIONS

- 1. Germantown Recreation Center,**
18905 Kingsview Road (off Clopper Rd), Germantown, 20874
- 2. Activity Center at Bohrer Park,** 506
South Frederick Avenue (Rt 355),
Gaithersburg, 20877
- 3. Watkins Mill High School,** 10301
Apple Ridge Road, Gaithersburg,
20879
- 4. 18753 N Frederick Ave (Rt 355
near Toyota Service Center),**
Gaithersburg 20879

- 5. Clarksburg High School,** 22500
Wims Road, Clarksburg, 20871
- 6. Community Recreation Center,**
13850 Travilah Road, Rockville,
20850 or 11315 Falls Road,
Potomac, 20854
- 7. Poolesville High School,** West
Willard Road, Poolesville, 20837

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE!

The national, nonpartisan Election Protection coalition was formed to ensure that all voters have an equal opportunity to participate in the political process. Made up of more than 100 local, state and national partners,

Election Protection works year-round to advance and defend the right to vote.

Election Protection provides Americans from coast to coast with comprehensive voting information on how they can make sure their vote is counted.

Questions about voting? Having trouble casting your ballot?
Call the voter helplines:
866-OUR-VOTE
[#VoteFaithfully](https://www.votefaithfully.org)
[866ourvote.org](https://www.866ourvote.org)

Send us a photo when you vote for use in worship.
Send to: courtbuchanan@hotmail.com

Social Action Committee
Voting Task Force

"What does God require of you but to do justice
and to love kindness and to walk humbly with
your God?" Micah 6:8



The United Church of Christ (ucc.org) has
established an Our Faith Our Vote Action Center at
<https://p2a.co/zv3KyIE>

On this site you can find information on:

How to Register to Vote
How to Vote Early
See Polling Place Locations
Preview Your Ballot

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**Contact person name and e-mail and/or
phone (if appropriate)**
Suzanne Schmidt revsasphd@gmail.com
Bethany Fuss mdbfly12@gmail.com



Fire Pit Fridays

This Friday, October 23rd.

Enjoy the chance to connect with
others with social distant fellowshiping around a
fire.

BYOB&SS (bring your own beverage and
smores stuff).

Zoom Zoom Zoom... Who Are You?

When you log into Zoom on Sunday mornings or
other times, we want to live out our mission to be
a welcoming and inclusive congregation by
welcoming you by name. Did you know that each
Sunday a Deacon is scrolling through each of
those "squares" that represents a device to
check on our congregation and learn who is
joining us each week? There is something you
can do that not only helps the Deacon who is
taking attendance, but also to help newer
attendees to learn who you are. We suggest that
when you log on, you pay special attention to
your Zoom log in name listed at the bottom of
your square and make sure it clearly identifies
you instead of a generic name or just your email
handle or simply "ipad." If it does not please
RENAME your Zoom user name by right clicking
on your name at the lower left corner of your
square or using the 3 dots in the upper right
hand corner and clicking "rename". Then type in
your name (or family name or the names of

Antiracist Intergenerational Book Club

Day of Week-Sunday, 6:45 -8:00 pm
Event Name-This Book is Anti-Racist Book
Discussion
Date and Time, Every Sunday thru October 25
By Zoom for those who registered for book
discussion

Zoom info:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6863531764?pwd=RZhMV2VWM2JBMHZsaVI5Y1ZSWjNOQT09>

Meeting ID: 686 353 1764

Passcode: 352620

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those watching). You can do this regardless of whether you have an official Zoom account. Using your name (whether just your first name or your whole name) not only helps the Deacon and members of our congregation to better identify and welcome you, but it also sends a message of welcome to someone who is a first time visitor. This is especially important if you choose to keep your camera off for all or most of the meeting as we may have no other way of identifying you. In addition to your name, you can also add your pronouns after your name. For example, John Bartkowiak (he/him/his). This provides a special inclusive welcome to people of all gender identities. Our Zoom names are the equivalent of using our nametags if we were in person at church, so let's wear them proudly!

Zoom Worship Volunteer Opportunities

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>

Chat and Chew Lunch Bunch

Friday, October 23rd
12:15-1:15 at Black Hills Regional Park

Picnic pavilion nearest the playground/bring your own chair if you prefer.

Social distancing protocols required
Contact Jeannie Springmann with questions

Jspring10506@aol.com

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.)

Upcoming Sundays at UCCSV - God on the Move in Technology and Democracy

October 25 - Guest Preacher: Dr. Helga Baskett-Tippet

November 1 - A Blessing for the Election