



Spirit News

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Prayer Requests

- Pray for "Better Together" as our church enters the season of Stewardship. Please be with us as we determine the best ways that all our members and friends are "Better Together!" (anonymous).
- Ongoing Prayer for my friend Bether who has been diagnosed with cervical cancer and undergoing chemo; pray for the political situation in Kenya (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 for Helen for strength as she continues her 3rd fight against cancer (Dee Dee Molaski).
- Ongoing prayer for my aunt Jean who was recently diagnosed with terminal bladder cancer (Terri Molaski).
- Ongoing prayer for Laurene Karimi who is battling stage 3 breast cancer with so much courage (Terri Molaski).
- Ongoing prayer for Phyllis Anderson and family. Phyllis is declining with dementia. Surround her and her daughters who are caregiving. Please grant them patience and peace (Deb Anderson).
- Ongoing Prayer for Patti and Gary Dennison who are suffering through severe illness and very difficult times (Andrea Dennison).
- Ongoing Prayer for Michelle Cohen – Has multiple myeloma (Terri Molaski).

-Ongoing Prayer during my continued treatment and palliative care for cancer (Maridell Mason).

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.

The business office will be closed next week. Our Office Manager will return on November 8th. There will be no Spirit News next Thursday.

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
Deut. 34:1-12**

This Sunday at UCCSV

All month long we have been identifying and puzzling out how to respond to the enemies of gratitude - those things that get in the way of our being thankful and appreciative of all that we have. This final week of our series we will look at how life's disappointments and struggles make gratitude hard. It's easy to be grateful when our lives are going well, our jobs are secure, our families are in tact, and we are healthy and feeling as if we are on the right track in life. But what happens when these things aren't true? How do we stay grateful

even in the midst of tragedy and sorrow? Join us Sunday morning for worship as we look for answers. Holly will preach. Ginny Lum will lead the choir in her last Sunday with us before our new permanent Director of Music Ministry arrives. In Sunday School the PreK and Elementary school classes will finish up on their final week of the story of Joseph and the Midde/High Class will return to the Re:form curriculum to answer the question: "Who wrote the Bible?" After a few minutes of fellowship time there will be a final New Members/UCCSV Orientation Class in the Narthex. Make it a great Sunday by coming to worship! We are better together when we spend Sunday mornings in prayer, song, and praise!

Interfaith Works Shelter Meals 2017

Our congregation is signed up to provide meals for approximately 30-35 shelter guests at the Wilkins Avenue women's shelter in Rockville beginning with dinner on Sunday, November 19 and ending with lunch on Thursday, November 22. Many hands make light work! Please contact Katy Crowley at cek0891@gmail.com to sign up.

Women's Retreat

SAVE THE DATE for the WOMEN'S RETREAT! Friday MARCH 2nd, 4:00pm through Sunday, MARCH 4th 12:00 noon. Am Kolel will be the site and can accommodate 28 women. Cost will be approximately \$90.00. More info to follow as time draws closer.

Announcements in Church

The good news is that we have LOTS of great things happening in our church. The struggle is that in our desire to make sure everyone knows about all the wonderful stuff that they can be a part of, the Sunday morning announcements are getting longer and longer. In an effort to streamline this process we will be limiting announcements from the floor and instead be listing more things in the bulletin which we will quickly reference at the start of the service. **If you would like to make sure an event or announcement about something gets out to the congregation please write up a short article that can be included in the Spirit News, the bulletin, and referred to in the power point during worship and send it to the church office at uccsv@verizon.net.**

Articles need to be in by 8am on Thursday morning to be included in this week's Spirit News. We would greatly appreciate it if you would be proactive by looking at the upcoming calendar, knowing which events you coordinate that will need an announcement and sending it in a few weeks beforehand. If you would also like to post a flier on the "Coming Attractions" bulletin board in the hallway, you are welcome to do so or to coordinate with Holly about having a flier created. **Thank you for keeping informed by reading your Spirit News and the Sunday Morning Bulletin!**



A Rainbow Families Halloween Party!

Happy Halloween! Join Rainbow Families for a spooktacular evening of Halloween festivities at their first ever, family-friendly Rainbow Families Halloween Party on Sunday, October 29 from 5:30-8:30 PM!

Everyone is encouraged to come in costume - parents, caregivers, children, and friends alike!

Learn more & Register Here:

<http://rainbowfamilies.wildapricot.org/event-2676360>



Better Together!

We are a community that is better together! We hold each

other up inside our community and we pool our resources and time together to make an impact on our neighborhood and the greater Upper Montgomery County community. In order to continue to live out and live into that mission once a year we focus on pledging our time, talent, and treasure in service to God and our church. By now you should have received information on this year's stewardship campaign in the mail. If you have not gotten this information please be sure to pick a packet up on Sunday morning or email us at uccsv@verizon.net and request that it be mailed to you. Over the next few weeks we will asking you why and how you think UCCSV is better together and how and why the church makes a difference in your life. Be a part of the conversation and let's celebrate all that we are as a community right now and all that we could be as a force for good in the world in the year to come!

Ladies' Night Out

Oh What Fun!

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 7:00 PM

Please join us at Mamma Lena's, just around the corner from church ([13507 Clopper Rd.](#)) for a night of fellowship, food and fun. At UCCSV, we are committed to welcoming you regardless of how you express your gender (or don't) or who you love. If you identify physically, spiritually, emotionally or socially with this event, you are welcome here!

The meal will be a variety of Napolitano pizza with salad for a fixed price of approximately \$10.00. Drinks will be individual and separate from cost of meal. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the Church Office. You are encouraged to add your name as this is a smaller venue with limited space. They kindly give us the run of the restaurant for our event. Mamma Lena's is an Italian, family owned restaurant. We are glad to support this local business for our wonderful "Ladies Night Out."

Sue Russ Donations

Donations in Sue Hodges Russ' name can be made to the following two missions. The first is an organization that fights human trafficking, and the second is Sue's and Jim's church in Loomis, California.

Polaris Project
P.O. Box 65323
Washington, D.C. 20035

Loomis Basin Congregational Church
6440 King Rd.
Loomis, CA 95650

Sympathies can be mailed to:

Jim Russ and Matt Teigen
3440 Freegold Dr
Camino, CA 95709

Calendar of Events for November

Confirmation Classes (11:30am) –
November 5 & 19

Deacon's Meeting (7:00pm) – November 6

Adopt-A-Road (9:00am) – November 11

Consecration Sunday – November 12

Pizza Night at Ledos – November 14

Movie Night (6:30pm) – November 17

Men's Breakfast (9:00am) – November 18

Women's Shelter Days - November 19 – 22

Trustee's Meeting (6:00pm) – November 20

Transgender Day of Remembrance (7:00pm) –
November 20

Thanksgiving Eve Service (7:30pm) –
November 22

Social Action Committee Meeting (11:30am) –
November 26

PFLAG (2:30pm) – November 26

Lord's Table at St. Martins (1:00pm) –
November 28