



# Spirit News

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## Prayer Requests

- Please pray for Josh Snyder, the teen killed in a car accident on 270 this week, and his family and wider community. Josh was a senior at Northwest High School, and he was also a member of Trinity UMC (whom we partner with for our joint Ash Wednesday services)(Pastor Holly).
- Pray for Rosemarie Kuchera who is having knee replacement surgery. Prayers for her medical team and her recovery (Suzanne Schmidt).
- Prayer of celebration for good friendships that pick up where they left off. We are blessed to have Anne and Tom back with us (anonymous).
- In celebration of Rilla's life. May you bring peace, comfort and healing to her family at this time of great loss (Paula-Marie Read)
- So many prayers for the people of Indonesia who are suffering under tsunamis and earthquakes. We hold in prayer the people in the U.S. still suffering from cresting rivers, flooding and in the West – fires (anonymous).
- 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](mailto: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:  
Mark 10:2-16

## **This Sunday at UCCSV**

It's World Communion Sunday and we're celebrating by enjoying breads from all over the world and listening to testimonies about why communion is so meaningful to our members and friends. Rev. Suzanne Schmidt, Tom Sumser, and Helen Hanes will share their testimonies, the Children's Choir and the Cancel Choir will sing and our souls will be fed. Please join us at 10am for this special service!

## **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.

## **The Diary of Anne Frank at Rockville Little Theatre**

**Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays September 28-October 7**

I am the assistant director of a play whose message is, sadly, quite pertinent to the times we are living in. You are all invited to purchase tickets for this wonderful production. Please go to the RLT website for more details. The box office is now selling tickets for the show. The standard price is \$22 for adults and \$20 for seniors (62+) and students. Group pricing is also available for groups of 10 or more. The box office is open Tues-Sat from 2-7 pm by calling 240-314-8690. As friends and family of the crew (me), you have a special half-price ticket opportunity at \$11. To take advantage of this offer, call the box office to order your tickets

directly and give them the box office code for our show, which is **KUGLER**. You are welcome to use this code for your own ticket purchases, but please do not share the code outside of our community.

"Friends and family code" can be used when ordering online or when ordering by calling the box office.

Thanks, John Bartkowiak

## Parties, Parties, Parties

Over 40 people attended the Talent Show and Kickoff Party last Friday night for a series of fourteen parties from October to June. Members could sign-up to join a party that night and last Sunday. Seven of the parties are completely full. Out of 138 total available sign-up slots, 74% are full.

If you would like to attend a party, the last sign-up will be in the Gathering Room after the service on October 7. The suggested donation for the individual parties is \$10. This month's parties are a Firepit and Smores party at the home of Beth Lauriat and Laura Lineberger, and a Bingo Party at the home of Ruth Bulger. There are a few slots left. These parties are a great way to meet and mingle with our church family and friends, raise funds for items on the church wish list and have fun!!!

## 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.

## Multicultural Dialogue

### Multicultural Dialogue 3 Part Series Exploring Racism & Bias, Meeting the Divine in Others

Part 1-Sunday, October 7

Upcountry Regional Services Center, 12900 Middlebrook Rd, Germantown, MD 20874

6:30 pm Refreshments

7:00 pm Program, Small groups with trained facilitators

Register @

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07efnkecej322c2bb6&oseq=&c=&ch=>

\$5 donation accepted at the door

## 2018 Advent Devotional

Revelation 22:20 – “Come, Lord Jesus” – is nothing short of a prayer for the renewal of humanity. It is the corrective to a society ravaged by gun violence and mass shootings. It's an indictment of those who elevate the distinctions of nation and tribe to the status of ultimate allegiance. It's a vision of a pristine river of life that emanates from one Source and flows through the central street of a city that is illuminated by love. That river nourishes the roots of a tree that gives life...not to a select few...but to people from every nation and culture. If you long for a world that overflows with God's love and life, join us in praying this Advent, “Come, Lord Jesus.”

We have preordered a **limited number (10 copies)** [\*Come, Lord Jesus: 2018 Advent Devotional\*](#). Please sign up today to reserve your copy (on the bulletin board near the Gathering Room). We ask you to donate \$4 per devotional. Delivery expected the end of October.

## **Volunteers Needed Urgent**

We are in need of Ushers for October. If you are available, please sign up this Sunday on the bulletin board outside the church office.

## **Neighbors in Need Offering**

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities. UCCSV will be taking offerings on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **Calendar**

Fellowship Committee Meeting (11:15am) –October 7  
CE Committee Meeting (11:15am) – October 7  
Chancel Choir Practice (7:30pm) – October 11  
Pizza Night at Ledos – October 9  
Firepit and Smores Party at Beth & Lauras (7:00pm) –  
October 12  
The Soul of Aging – Part 1 (9:30am) – October 13  
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  
Butler's Orchard Children & Youth (10:00am) – October  
20  
Stewardship Campaign Begins – October 21  
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  
Christmas Basket Offering – October 28  
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