



Spirit News

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This Sunday at UCCSV

How does God desire us to live together here on earth? How are we to treat and act towards our coworkers, our neighbors, and our family members? How should we handle illness and the times we are feeling weak? What responsibilities do those in leadership have in terms of how they wield their power? Are there laws God requires we adhere to and are those the same things as civic "law and order"? The news this week causes us to ask all these questions and more. Join us for worship on Sunday at 10am as we seek to find the answers and enjoy connection and time with God.

As per usual the Zoom room will open 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>

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! Starting this Friday, October 9th 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/kbPBtQKFgY>

Advent and Christmas Worship Planning Meeting

Planning for Advent and Christmas in any normal year is always a fun but complicated task. As you might imagine this year will be especially challenging. As such we really need partners in this process. There will be an Advent and Christmas Worship Planning Meeting on

Wednesday, October 14th at 7pm via Zoom. We want your ideas on how to make this Advent season special even as we remain worshipping online. There are many things we will miss out on this year but maybe there are new traditions we can make together, and with our families, that will help us truly celebrate this special season. If you would like to join us please email Holly so she can send you some preparatory documents before the meeting.

Wednesday, October 14th, 7pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86055791061?pwd=L2pTZDBsTDBUcDVqUHZpZis0VnFkdz09>

Fox Chapel Donations

Thank you UCC Seneca Valley for your wonderful donations for our local Fox Chapel Elementary school! We know they will go to good use. Today we donated the following to the Linkages for Learning Program for students in need at Fox Chapel:

10 pair of headphones
25 digital timers
10 computer mice
5 desk lamps
17 student planners
21 flash drives
2 chairs



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

Simply place your completed ballot in the return envelope, sign the oath on the envelope, seal the return envelope and take it to a drop off box in the county. Ballot drop off boxes will be delivered at different times. The drop boxes will be available through Tuesday, November 3rd. Your ballot must be dropped off by 8 pm on Tuesday, November 3rd.

Please make sure your oath is signed on the return envelope or the ballot will not count. Ballot drop off boxes are monitored and secured by trusted election officials. Ballots are retrieved from the boxes at least twice daily by election officials. The drop off boxes are not property of the United States Postal Service. If you have any questions, please contact your local election office. This list may be updated to include new drop box locations as they become available. For location updates, go to elections.maryland.gov/2020. *This list is subject to change.*

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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Fire Pit Fridays

Our Fire Pit Friday scheduled for October 16th has been cancelled and is rescheduled for 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).

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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Social Action Committee Meeting

Day of Week-Sunday, 4-5:30 pm
Event Name-Social Action Team Meeting
Date and Time-Once a month, the 2nd Sunday of the month
Short Description: Monthly Social Action Team meeting, all who wish to learn about our church's commitment to Social Action are welcome.
Location or virtual meeting information-By Zoom

Zoom Meeting Info:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83855241117?pwd=ZXhuSWRXL0NuKyszSWJ0YTNGbFFSdz09>

Meeting ID: 838 5524 1117

Passcode: 352620

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Contact person name and e-mail and/or phone
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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 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!

Chat and Chew Lunch Bunch

This Friday, October 9th
2nd and 4th Fridays in October
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

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

October 11- Faith and Technology - How sharing our message has changed through the years

October 18- Racial Justice and Voting

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

November 1 - A Blessing for the Election

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>

Please note that we are in need of a Liturgist and Usher on October 18th!

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.)