



Spirit News

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Prayer Requests

- Prayer for Ally. She was sent back to the hospital. Please pray for her. Keep her in your prayers (Chloe Jackson).
- Prayers for Carolyn Thurber and family on death of husband/father. Prayers of calm for people in Mexico, Texas, Florida and California after earthquakes, hurricanes and fire (anonymous).
- Pray for son in Puerto Rico. We have not heard from him and pray for the safety and all others in Puerto Rico (anonymous).
- 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.***

This Sunday at UCCSV

One bread, one body, One Lord of all. And yet each of us experiences God in different ways. Around the world this Sunday Christians will participate in the ritual of communion where we say God's grace and welcome are made real in the simple meal of bread and juice. There are huge differences in how we take communion, how we understand it, and the ways in which it is practiced. But for one moment on World Communion Sunday, we acknowledge that no matter our differences, we are one, united by God. Join us for worship at 10am when we will celebrate communion together. Aaron and Sabine Cox, Regina Domingo, and Adam DeBaugh will share with us what communion means to them. The choir will sing Cathedral of Praise. Sunday School for PreK-Elementary schoolers will begin at the start of worship so that the children will join us for communion at the end of the service. Celebrate World Communion Sunday with us and for one moment remember that we all belong to God, no matter our nation, race, language, or tradition.

Your Home, Your Yard: Steps You Can Take to Lower Your Carbon Footprint

We are co-hosting a special workshop on **Thursday, October 5th from 6-8pm.**

Ever wonder how your tiny carbon footprint really impacts the big picture of climate change? Though you might feel like your impacts are insignificant, the choices we make in our day-to-day life can play a major role in slowing climate change by changing economic markets and cultural norms.

This workshop will begin by reviewing the science of climate change and the urgency of action. We will then discuss the steps you can take to minimize your carbon footprint in your home and yard, from making your home more energy efficient and installing solar panels to maintaining healthy soils and plantings in your yard. Taken together, our actions make a positive impact on our world.

Speakers include:

David Fraser-Hidalgo: State Delegate District 15

Sara Via: PhD, Professor, University of Maryland, Climate co-lead, Chesapeake Physicians for Social Responsibility

Randy Gentry: Chair, Sierra Club Maryland Chapter subcommittee on energy efficiency and energy conservation

Rev. Holly Jackson: Pastor, United Church of Christ of Seneca Valley

Dinner will be provided. Event is free and open to the public.

Please Register at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/your-home-your-yard-steps-you-can-take-to-lower-your-carbon-footprint-tickets-37789987871>

Event is sponsored by **Chesapeake Physicians for Social Responsibility, Sierra Club - Montgomery County Group, and Safe Grow Montgomery.**

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.

No one tells us what to think, but we pray that God is present in our discussions and gives us new insights and ideas.

For this Sunday our focus will be on
Philippians 2:1-13

*Copies of the scripture are located in the Narthex.



Confirmation Class: Make A Difference For UCCSV's Youth

This past Sunday we kicked off this year's confirmation class with 10 youth! We can't wait to see how this class evolves and what they learn and in turn teach us about God and community. Now it's time for you to become part of this amazing process.

Sign up using the sign up genius to help provide lunch for our confirmands and teachers. Sign up to help lead a class (lessons and materials provided).

Be sure to ask the confirmands what their experience has been so far and be sure to share with them a story of your faith journey. This is a church wide effort as these youth are all our children. Make a difference and get involved today!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090849a4a722a02-ways>

Congregational "Speed Dating" ... Get to Know Me!

Do you ever wish you knew more about your fellow UCCSVerS? Now is your chance. This Friday, September 29th at 7:00 PM we will use the "speed dating" model to get to know each other a little better. The idea is that you will sit with a partner and you will ask each other a series of suggested questions that should be answered briefly with one or two sentences (any of which may be "passed" on) ... after a certain number of minutes a bell will ring and you will move on to the next person. It will be informative, fun and a light dinner will be provided.

Neighbors In Need Offering

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the UCC 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 the 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.

The Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM) is the voice for American Indian people in the UCC. CAIM provides Christian ministry and witness to American Indians and to the wider church. Justice issues that affect American Indian life are communicated to the whole UCC by CAIM.

Historically, the forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hockak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin and northern Nebraska. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC

congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. CAIM supports these local churches and their pastors. In addition, CAIM strives to be a resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations and to strengthen their participation in the life of the church.

Our congregation will receive the NIN offering this Sunday, **October 1, 2017** as part of our World Communion Sunday observance.

Calendar of Events

World Communion Sunday (Neighbors in Need Offering) – October 1

CE Meeting (11:30am) – October 1

Trustees Meeting (11:30am) – October 1

Deacon's Meeting (7:00pm) – October 2

Confirmation Class (11:30am) –
October 8 and October 22

Soup, Salad and Spirit (6:30pm) – October 11

New Member Class (11:30am) –
October 15 and October 29

Paint Night (6:30pm) – October 20

Men's Breakfast (9:00am) – October 21

Social Action Committee Meeting (11:30am) –
October 22

PFLAG (2:30pm) – October 22

Lord's Table at St. Martins (1:00pm) – October 24

Ladies Night/Mamma Lena's (7:00pm) – October 30