



Spirit News

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Prayer Requests

- Pray for all those living with cancer and serious illness and those recovering from surgery. Pray for all those rebuilding their lives. Pray for America to become a more trusting and loving nation. Special prayer for Maridell Mason (anonymous).
- Pray for Sean, my cousin's son who was shot in back in robbery attempt in St. Louis – thankful that he's now stable. Pray for Jonah, my niece's son, hiling in Columbia River Gorge, OR and trapped by fires. Hopefully will be able to hike out (Susan Percy).
- 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 Helen who is battling cancer for the third time in her young life (Dee Dee 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

Welcome back to church! It's a homecoming celebration as we return to church after a long summer of fun and vacations and lazy Sunday mornings. When the Fall begins for many of us our schedules start to ramp up and before you know it, it will be Halloween. How do you keep your sanity in the midst of busyness? How do you stay grounded even when the world around you seems out of control? How do you figure out what you should be doing with your time and how to stay on target? Join us for worship at 10am and find out! We'll start with Havruta adult bible discussion and choir practice both at 9am. Then at 10am we will gather for meaningful worship that will make you think. We'll enjoy a slide show of our Flat Jesus pictures from this Summer. Holly will preach. The choir will sing a beautiful anthem under the direction of Virginia Lum. Sunday School for both PreK-Elementary Schoolers and Middle and High Schoolers will begin after the Children's Message with brand new curricula. Then join us after worship for a potluck lunch. Find out what your old UCCSV friends have been up to this summer and meet some new friends. Come back to church this Sunday and prepare yourself for the week to come!

Feed Your Body and Soul: Soup, Salad, and Spirit



For many at UCCSV Lenten Soupers are a valued way to have dinner with friends and feed our souls and minds with discussions and activities.

We have decided to try to extend that experience throughout the year with once a month dinners on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Sign up here to bring food to share or to help out with set up or clean up:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d48afae28abfa7-wednesday>

We will eat together from 6:30pm to 7:30pm and then have a time of discussion or participate in an activity together from 7:30 to 8:30pm. Come

for part of the evening or for the whole experience. Have dinner with us. Bring a friend.

Feed your body and your soul! Families are welcome.

Our first Soup, Salad, and Spirit will be on Wednesday, September 13th.

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 Russell Shelley will focus the discussion on Deuteronomy 5:12-15 and Mark 6:30-32.

Copies of the scripture are located in the Narthex.

Microwave

Oh my! Our church microwave has bit the dust. UCCSV is looking for a kitchen angel who can provide us with 1 new mid to large microwave.



Out of concern that we could end up with a dozen or so microwaves, please email or call Nita Stone at uccsv@verizon.net to arrange.

Volunteers Needed!

Please sign up this Sunday on the bulletin board outside the church office. We are in need of a Liturgist for 9/24 and Liturgists and Ushers for the **month of October** (we prefer to have 2 Ushers each Week). Many thanks for all your help!





Grubby Sunday

We'll hold a "Grubby Sunday" after worship on Sunday, Sept 17.

Come to church dressed in your working clothes and we'll attack projects both inside and outdoors. There will be something to do for every ability level, and we'll even have pizza for lunch!

Doing the work ourselves relieves us of the cost of hiring from outside. Plus, many hands make light – and fun – work!

Pulp Pilgrims Book Group

We are currently reading 'The Shack' by William P. Young. "In a world where religion seems to grow increasingly irrelevant 'The Shack' wrestles with the timeless question, 'Where is God in a world so filled with unspeakable pain?'. The answers will astound you and perhaps transform you as it did [the main character]." (From the library abstract.)

There are 35 copies in the library and the books are scattered among the branches so placing a hold is probably necessary. There are also electronic formats.

We will meet on Sunday September 24 at 11:30am in the Narthex. Bring your coffee and join us. Contact: Deborah Tomblyn.

Adopt-A-Road

Montgomery County's Adopt A Road (AAR) program encourages residents and businesses in the County to participate in a community activity by keeping our roadsides litter free. Currently there are more than 2,500 volunteers who have adopted over 450 road segments and cleaning over 1100 miles of road in an effort to Keep Montgomery County Beautiful. You can be a part of this program too! Your participation will help reduce trash and litter along County roads and maintain a clean and attractive environment. Ultimately it helps protect the Chesapeake Bay. Litter that is washed into storm drains, travels to nearby creeks, streams, major rivers, and eventually can reach the Bay.

Join UCCSV friends and members as we make a part of Middlebrook Road beautiful.

When: This Saturday, September 9th
Where: Meet at Seneca Valley High School
Time: 9:00am



Calendar of Events

Adopt-A-Road (9:00am) – September 9

Welcome Sunday – September 10

Deacon's Meeting – September 11

Soup, Salad and Spirit (6:30pm) –
September 13

Men's Breakfast (9am) – September 16

One Anothering at Deb's (10:00am) –
September 16

Fellowship Committee Meeting (11:15am) –
September 17

Grubby Sunday – September 17

Trustees Meeting (6:00pm) – September 18

Council Meeting (7:00pm) – September 18

Social Action Committee Meeting (11:15am) –
September 24

Pulp Pilgrims Book Group (11:30am) –
September 24

PFLAG (2:30pm) – September 24

Evening Hours with Holly at Panera Bread
(6:30pm – 8:30pm) – September 27

Congregational Speed Dating "Get to Know Me"
(7:00pm) – September 29