



The Seneca Valley Voice

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Christian Education

UCCSV Youth Group Update



The youth of UCCSV are back to work. They participated with the confirmation class in preparing and serving at the Community Based Shelter the first night UCCSV was assigned. They served about 14 women and had a lovely dinner with them, talking and sharing during the meal.



The youth would like to invite one and all to the 4th annual Halloween Party! This year we will return to the UCCSV gathering room for the festivities with the help of the fellowship board. There will be a pot luck dinner to start, followed by tons of games and prizes. Please wear your best costume for our contest; everyone will have a vote! Look for the pot luck sign-up on the youth group's bulletin board.

Lilly Grant

We have received notification from the Lilly Foundation that the request for a grant for Carolyn Roberts' sabbatical has been denied. More information will follow.

Social Concerns

Community Based Shelter (CBS)

Thanks to all who have volunteered and also to those who have provided needed funds to purchase supplies. We appreciate it and so did all the women we served at CBS!

Social Concerns Board



Open and Affirming

Please plan to attend the special congregational meeting on Sunday, October 21, at 10:30 am, in which a vote by UCCSV members will consider the adoption of the following proposed Open and Affirming Statement by the United Church of Christ of Seneca Valley:

As an Open and Affirming congregation, the United Church of Christ of Seneca Valley welcomes people of all sexual orientations and all gender identities and expressions.

We welcome everyone seeking God's presence to our service of worship and into the full life and leadership of the church. Whatever your background might be, your race, your nationality, your age, your physical or mental ability, your gender identity or expression, your sexual orientation, whoever you are and wherever you come from, we welcome you into our community of faith.

Fellowship

Ladies Night Out

Okay ladies. Ready, set.... write this down! It's easy to forget about this great opportunity just for the gals to get together and eat, drink and chat up a storm, so don't let it get past you this time. Ladies Night Out is held on the fifth Tuesday of a month, which only occurs a few times a year. One is coming up on **Tuesday, October 30, at 7 pm.** at Café Mileto in Germantown. The sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board outside the office. All are welcome! *See you there!*

Christmas is Coming!

Looking ahead to that wonderful holiday season, the fellowship board is looking for some generous and helpful souls to **sign up** to bring donations of home baked holiday goodies to be served after music programs, coffee hour on Sundays and Christmas Eve. It doesn't have to be a sweet. Mmmmm. We all can't wait to taste your favorites. (If you don't like to bake, something from the grocery store or bakery would also be great to have.)

Sanctuary Flowers

Can you Help with Flowers for the Sanctuary?

The sanctuary is in need of some simple lovin'. To put it simply, *we need flowers!* Few people sign up to help and it has been suspected that most of us just plain don't know exactly what helping with the flowers means. So here are a few suggestions. If you'd like to help, you can:

- Bring in a bouquet from your garden or from the grocery store. The church has vases, or you can bring your own.
- Bring a potted flowering plant, such as a chrysanthemum, hydrangea, miniature rose, orchid, etc. Mums are beautiful this time of year!
- Bring a florist's arrangement from Beall's Florist, the Amish Market, Johnson's Flower and Garden Center, etc. A \$15-\$20 arrangement should do just fine.

After we all enjoy the flowers during worship, you can take them home to brighten up your day. (That way, you get to enjoy them twice!) Not to mention how warm and fuzzy you feel for helping out.

Stewardship



Pledge Drive Coming Soon

UCCSV's annual pledge campaign will begin on Sunday, October 14, with some special messages for adults and children alike and will end with Stewardship Sunday on November 11.

Pledges provide a way for the church's leadership to make plans for the coming year and provide funding for all of UCCSV's ministries as well as staff salaries and the operation of the building.

So please start thinking about your level of pledging and how you might be able to give it a boost for the coming year. If you haven't pledged in the past, please considering doing so for 2008.

Stewardship



To the Members of UCCSV and the Staff,

Thank you all for the love, support, music, food, kindness and peace you brought to Helen and to me in Bob's illness and death. Thank you all for your continued prayers.

I feel so fortunate to be a part of this church family.

From the Family

An Invitation to a Spiritual Spa

'Tis the Season ... to Renew Body, Mind & Spirit

A Spiritual Spa Experience for Women with Faith@Work & St. Joseph Institute, Port Matilda, Central PA .

November 2-4, 2007

6:00 pm Friday through 12:30 pm Sunday



Gather your women friends to:

- ~ Rest and Renew yourselves before the holiday season
- ~ Listen for the Spirit's invitation to live an integrated life
- ~ Experience a Spiritual Spa setting, with full services, and lovely woods for hiking

www.StJosephInstitute.com

- ~ Leadership Team: Tiffany Montavon, Linnea Nilsen Capshaw, & Jenny Sheetz
- ~ \$225 by October 15, 2007; \$300 after October 15 for a double room
- ~ \$325 by October 15, 2007; \$400 after October 15 for a single room
- ~ Above rates include food & lodging. Spa services are booked independently.

See **www.FaithAtWork.com** for reservations and details.

Note: See the poster on the bulletin board and Suzanne Schmidt for more info.

Gerald Harwood

It is with sadness we announce the passing of Gerald Harwood on Friday, September 21, 2007. Gerry, along with his late wife, Carolyn, were former members of UCCSV. He leaves behind his wife, Marjorie G. Seeman and two adult children. Memorial contributions may be made to Asbury Methodist Village Benevolent Care Fund, 201 Russell Ave., Gaithersburg, MD 20877; or Hospice of Montgomery Village, 1355 Piccard Drive, #100, Rockville, MD 20850 or Plan of Maryland-DC, Inc., 8555 16th Street, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

A Memorial Service for Gerald will be held at The United Church of Christ of Seneca Valley on Monday, October 8, at 2:00 pm



October Scripture Readings

Sunday, October 7

Sermon Title: *The Good Treasure*

Lamentations 1:1-6

Lamentations 3:19-26 or Psalm 137
or Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

Psalm 37:1-9

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10

Sunday, October 14

Sermon Title: *On Our Way Rejoicing*

Jeremiah 29:1,4-7

Psalm 66:1-12 or 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Psalm 111

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Luke 17:11-19

Sunday, October 21

Sermon Title: *TBA*

Jeremiah 31:27-34

Psalm 119:97-104 or Genesis 32:22-31

Psalm 121

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Luke 18:1-8

Sunday, October 28

Sermon Title: *Shaped by the Word*

Joel 2:23-32

Psalm 65 or Sirach 35:12-17

or Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

Psalm 84:1-7

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18


Luke 18:9-14

The October Calendar of Events is on page 5.





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:30p – Hope 7:30p – CE	2 8:30p - AA	3	4	5	6 8:30a – 8p - 7 th Day
7 Communion Sunday 4-7p - Confirmation 8:30p - AA	8 7:30p – Social Concerns	9 8:30p - AA 7:30p – Mind, Body, Spirit	10 7:00p – <i>Saving Jesus</i> 7:30p – <i>One Anothing</i>	11 7:30p – Choir 7:30p – Boy Scouts	12	13 8:30a – 8p - 7 th Day
14 Stewardship Kick-off 8:30p - AA	15 7:00p – Property Ops	16 7:30p – Council 8:30p - AA	17 7:00p – <i>Saving Jesus</i> 7:30p – <i>One Anothing</i>	18 7:30p – Choir 7:30p – Boy Scouts	19	20 8:30a – 8p - 7 th Day
21 10:30a - Congregational Meeting on ONA 4:00-7:00p - Confirmation 8:30p - AA	22 7:30p - Council	23 8:30p - AA	24 7:00p – <i>Saving Jesus</i> 7:30p – <i>One Anothing</i>	25 7:30p - Choir 7:30p – Boy Scouts	26	27 8:30a – 8p - 7 th Day
28 5:00-7:00p- Halloween Party/Pot luck 8:30p - AA	29 Pastoral Relations	30 8:30p - AA	31 7:00p – <i>Saving Jesus</i> 7:30p – <i>One Anothing</i>			

Please watch the bulletin boards and Sunday bulletins for October calendar updates.

Groups who meet regularly at UCCSV;

Sunday/Tuesday nights: 8:30p – AA

Thursday nights: 7:30p – Boy Scouts

Saturdays: 8:30a-1:00p and 4:00-8:00p – 7th Day Adventists