

# Catoctin Association

## Prayers for Oct. 18-23

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### **Oct. 18 – Jefferson UCC, Jefferson** [www.facebook.com/jeffersonucc](https://www.facebook.com/jeffersonucc)

Heavenly Father, as your people at Jefferson United Church of Christ and all the churches in the Catoctin Association struggle with so many world concerns, we ask that you give them the courage to step out in faith and demonstrate Christ's love through their words and actions. Bless and protect all those who work in the health and emergency services as they continue to face a continuing crisis. May we all find peace in your accepting embrace. Amen

### **Oct. 19 - St. Stephen's UCC, Highfield**

As Autumn settles in around us, we remember anew the delight in experiencing the cooler air and changing colors of Creation. Help St. Stephen's embrace all the seasons of their life, and appreciate those seasons for the magic and glory they inspire in us. Let your blessings rain down upon St. Stephen's, O God, and let your love settle into their deepest spaces. Help St. Stephen's to see the good in one another and the love you have for us. Remind them again that they are beloved by you, so they may treat each other kindly when our reserves are low. Guide them to live more fully into Your will. Amen.

### **Oct. 20 – St. John's UCC, Woodsboro** [www.facebook.com/stjohnsuccwoodsboro/](https://www.facebook.com/stjohnsuccwoodsboro/)

Heavenly Father, we ask you to bless the people of St. John's UCC with love, peace, and the joy that comes from serving others in your name. As they reach out to love and support the people of Woodsboro, may they find their gifts broken, blessed, and multiplied for the people of Woodsboro, that all might celebrate your abundance and love. Amen.

### **Oct. 21 – Mt. Tabor UCC, Rocky Ridge** [www.facebook.com/mttaborucc](https://www.facebook.com/mttaborucc)

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church at Mt. Tabor in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace they may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Oct. 22 – St. Matthew's UCC, Pleasant Valley** [www.facebook.com/St-Matthews-United-Church-of-Christ-140582009303136](https://www.facebook.com/St-Matthews-United-Church-of-Christ-140582009303136)

God of all things, You are with us in our births and our beginnings, You are with us through the storms and the sunshine, You are with us in our sunsets and our memories. You meet us, always, where we are. And for that we give thanks. Be with St. Matthew's UCC now, and in the days ahead, as they strive to be the church they need to become: For their children, for their elders, for their community. Help them to cherish the traditions they have always loved as they go forward and adapt becoming the church they need to be for the present age. Help them to celebrate the ways they are growing, and set their hearts on doing the hard work of desiring only to serve you, in all things. Amen.

### **Oct. 23 – Christ Reformed UCC, Sharpsburg**

Gracious and good God, we come before you to give you thanks for your closeness, as near to us as every prayer that we breathe in times of hope and courage and in our times of uncertainty and despair. We pray this day for the congregation of Christ Reformed UCC in Sharpsburg. People come to the town to remember the terrible battle of Antietam. As their sanctuary served as a hospital for the injured after that terrible battle, may the congregation continue to be a place of healing and hope for those wounded by today's battles. Bless and prosper the work they do in the name of Jesus, the great Healer. Amen.