

This community affirms and promotes the Unitarian Universalist principles:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement of spiritual growth in our congregations
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large
- The goal of a world community with peace, liberty and justice for all
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part

Announcements (Cont'd.)

Adult RE Class at UU Fellowship of Newark

Sexuality & Values Workshop - Wednesday, October 7th, 7- 9 pm.

What is the intersection between sexuality and values in the 21st century? How do values about sexuality change over time? Where is the intersection of sexuality and spirituality? Explore these and other questions on Wednesday, October 7th from 7-9 pm at the Sexuality & Values Workshop held at UUFN. Trained facilitators will be leading this session from the Adult Our Whole Lives sexuality education program. Space is limited! To register, email Isabella Weber:

iceweber@gmail.com

Help Wanted for Exterior Painting

Dick Cronin is coordinating an effort to scrape, prime, and paint the weathered white exterior door frames along the southern exposure of the church, as well as the wooden framing of the sign on Polly Drummond Hill Road. Project includes a few touch-ups in other locations. Miscellaneous materials - primer, paint, rags & brushes - are stored in the Mechanical Room. See Dick to volunteer. Thank you!

Upcoming events

Check the weekly news or the online calendar for more information about these and other events at UUSMC:

Adult RE Class at UUFN, Wednesday, Oct. 7

UUSMC Charity Gala, Saturday, October 10

Racism Workshop, Thursday, Oct. 29

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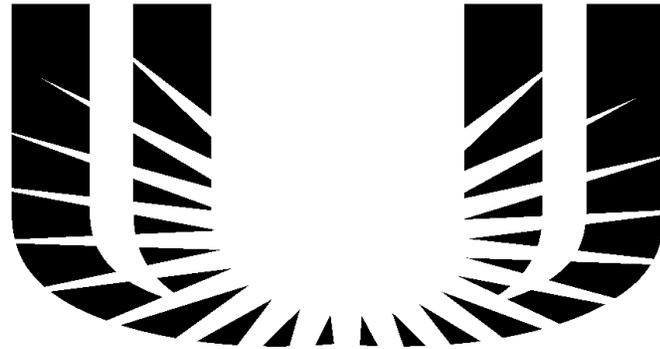
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SOCIETY OF MILL CREEK

Breathe With Me

October 4, 2015

Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

A Welcoming Congregation
302-369-2712
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Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek
Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister
~ Order of Service ~
October 4, 2015

♥ Please silence cell phones, and hold applause until the end of service.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude **"One Love"** Bob Marley

Chalice Lighting

Response:

We gather this hour as people of faith, with joys and sorrows, gifts and needs. We light this beacon of hope, sign of our quest for truth and meaning, in celebration of the life we share together.

Congregational Greeting Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

Story For All Ages Rev. Pelley

"The Wounded Seal" Scottish Folktale

Opening Words

Sacred is this place of acceptance, this home for the spirit. Here, all are welcome, with all our differences, who come in peace and with an open heart. We enter in celebration, to learn, to share, and to grow together in our Unitarian Universalist faith. Blessed be this gathering.

*Hymn **"Blessed Spirit of My Life"** #86

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn **"Comfort Me"** #1002

Meditation

Witness to These Hopes Amy Kauffman

Offering **"Begin the Beguine"** Cole Porter

Homily ***Breathe With Me*** Rev. Pelley

The Heart of It **A Forum on Race & Privilege**
Linda Lucero & Apryl Walker

Postlude **"Jamaica Farewell"** Lord Burgess

***Unison Benediction**

*May we go from here with Love in our hearts,
Hope in our minds, Help in our hands,
To live our Principles and give of our gifts,
For those whose lives we touch, whose lives touch ours.*

*Hymn **"There is More Love Somewhere"** #95

* Stand as you are able.

Welcome, visitors and guests. We invite you to sign our guest book, and hope you'll stay with us after the service for coffee, tea, & conversation. We welcome you to all meetings and social activities. To discuss joining, please contact Maggie McLaughlin, mmclaughlin13123@gmail.com or Jack Guerin, jackguerin7@gmail.com, or our minister, Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, minister@uusmc.org. We hope you have found the service meaningful and our fellowship warm, and that you will be with us again.

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-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

Today's music is provided by Mike Cook, aka "SteelHappiness.com". Mike retired from DuPont in 2014 as a global leader for several continuous improvement initiatives over his 30 years of service. A few years ago, Mike studied steel drum at the University of Delaware, and he enjoys bringing happiness to others through live steel drum music for any happy occasion. Mike and his wife, Rae, live in Newark. Today's hymns are accompanied by Peg Duffy.

Today's flowers are in memory of Judy Pappenhagen's mother, Barbara F. Stewart, 1927-2015.

Share Our Plate During the months of September and October we will be sharing half our undesignated plate offering to assist with the Conference on Racism from the Coalition to Dismantle the New Jim Crow. The conference, "Hope, Opportunity, and Race: Breaking the Poverty Prison Connection", will be held at the Chase Riverfront on Saturday, November 14, 2015.

Witness to These Hopes: Amy Kaufman is the president and founder of the Shauna Rose Kaufman Foundation, an organization working to make the world a better place through art, equality, and education. They have been doing tremendous work in Nepal following the earthquakes there in April and May of this year. The Shauna Rose Kaufman Foundation will be one of the recipients of the proceeds from the 2nd Annual Charity Gala. For more information: <http://www.shaurrose.com>.

UUSMC Charity Gala – get your tickets today after service in the gathering space (\$20 each) for this fun and festive event to be held **this Saturday, October 10th from 6-9 pm**. There will be no solicitation at the event – your ticket price is your donation! Join us for international themed cuisine, cultural dances and open DJ dancing while supporting charities to help children and families. Charitable donations are gratefully accepted if you're unable to join us. Please consider bringing an appetizer or dessert on the night of the event. Look for the sign-up sheets in the gathering space.

Racism Definitions

Racism:

Racism is the one-way, institutionalized mistreatment of Africans, Indigenous Peoples, Asians, Chicanos/Chicanas, Mestizos/Mestizas, Arabs, and others and their descendants—people of color. These are the groups of people targeted by racism. Racism conditions people of European descent—white people—to act as agents of this mistreatment. All people are deeply hurt by racism. However, this system—of unequal access to the resources of society supported by violence, threats of violence, misinformation, lies, isolation, and greed—is directed at people of color and carried out by white people. (United to End Racism)

Internalized Racism:

Racist attitudes can be so harsh, pervasive, damaging and overpowering that they are absorbed by people of color. Racism shapes the way people of color think and feel about themselves. It can coerce and pressure people of color into seemingly agreeing with the conditioning and distortions of racism, and lead people of color to mistreat themselves—and other members of their group—in ways that are similar to the mistreatment they have received from the agents of oppression. This is called "internalized" racism. (United to End Racism)

Individual Racism:

Individual racism refers to an individual's racist assumptions, beliefs or behaviors and is a form of racial discrimination that stems from conscious and unconscious, personal prejudice. Individual Racism is connected to/learned from broader socio-economic histories and processes and is supported and reinforced by systemic racism. (Calgary Anti-Racism Education)

Systemic Racism:

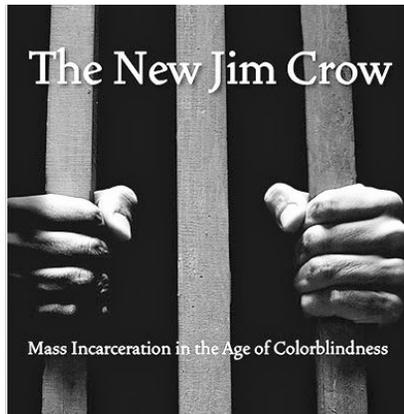
Systemic or Institutional Racism refers to forms of racism which are structured into institutions. It occurs when organizations discriminate, either deliberately or indirectly, against certain groups of people. It regularly and systematically advantages some ethnic and cultural groups and disadvantages and marginalizes others. (NSW Government, Education and Communities/Racism: No Way)

Institutional racism refers specifically to the ways in which institutional policies and practices create different outcomes for different racial groups. The institutional policies may never mention any racial group, but their effect is to create advantages for whites and oppression and disadvantage for people from groups classified as non-white. (W.K. Kellogg Foundation)

No individual intent is necessary. (Calgary Anti-Racism Education)

White Privilege:

White Privilege refers to the unquestioned and unearned set of advantages, entitlements, benefits and choices bestowed on people solely because they are white. Generally white people who experience such privilege do so without being conscious of it. (W.K. Kellogg Foundation)



Coalition to Dismantle the New Jim Crow – The name comes from Michelle Alexander’s book, *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*. This is a group of concerned Delaware citizens who have come together to address issues of judicial, educational, economic and legislative injustices that impact the lives of African Heritage people. A subcommittee of the coalition is focusing on Racism and its impact on the world. We work toward ending racism as an institutionalized oppression that negatively impacts every sector of our society.

A workshop, **The Heart of It: An Introductory Workshop on Recognizing and Dismantling Racism**, will be held on **Thursday, October 29th from 6:30-9 pm at UUSMC** to provide tools that will assist people in taking additional steps toward recognizing and dismantling racism in their families and communities. Look for the sign-up sheet in the gathering space or email administrator@uusmc.org

Workshop leaders:

Apryl Walker (aprylwalker1@hotmail.com) and

Linda Lucero (llandat@aol.com)

YOU ARE INVITED!

Community Forum: *Hope, Opportunity and Race –
Breaking the Prison Poverty Connection*

When: Saturday, November 14, 2015

Time: 8 am – 4:30 pm

Where: Chase Center on the Riverfront, Wilmington, DE

Cost: Free – donations accepted & appreciated!

More Information: www.endnewjimcrowde.org