

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.)

T'ai Chi Chih, Joy Thru Movement - A Six-Week Course

The *T'ai Chi Chih*® discipline is a moving meditation composed of 19 moves and one pose whose purpose is to circulate and balance the 'Chi' or Vital Force energy inside the body. *T'ai Chi Chih* practice tends to develop a sense of inner discipline and spirituality, no matter what philosophical framework is most meaningful to you. *T'ai Chi Chih* is known to bring great peace and serenity to those who practice regularly. Check out www.taichichih.org for additional information.

Weekly classes begin tomorrow evening, January 2nd at 6:30 pm with an informative demo and introduction. We will begin regular sessions in earnest from 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm next Monday, January 9th for a total of 6-weeks during which we will learn approximately the 1st half of the movements. Classes are not designed for drop-ins once regular class instruction begins on January 9th – registration is appreciated. Please see the sign-up sheet in the gathering space or email your interest (or any questions) to the class instructor, Debbie Cole, debcole.uu@gmail.com

Mill Creek Book Group meets on Thursday, January 5 at 7:30 pm in the MacArtor Library to discuss *Annie's Ghosts: A Journey into a Family Secret* by Steve Luxenberg.

Upcoming events

T'ai Chi Chih class introduction, Monday January 2

Book group, Thursday January 5

Chris Crass Workshop, Saturday January 14

Sunday Service featuring Chris Crass, Sunday January 15

Women's March on Washington, Saturday, January 21

DNA Workshop, Saturday, January 28

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

Welcome & Announcements Diana Saunders, Worship Associate

Prelude "Snowflight" Andrew York

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

Covenant

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 "Come, Children of Tomorrow" #110

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn "Spirit of Life" #123

Meditation

Offering "Gavottes I & II from Suite No. 6 in D" J.S. Bach

Homily Continuum Rev. Pelley

Reading *In Between* by Kate Walker

Threshold Ritual

Postlude "El Noi de la Mare" Miguel Llobet

*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 "To Mercy, Pity, Peace, and Love" #93

* Stand as you are able.

Welcome, visitors and guests. We invite you to fill out a contact information card, 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 membership, please contact Maggie McLaughlin, mmclaughlin13123@gmail.com, Helen Springer, helenspringer@icloud.com, Eileen Selph, caldwelleileen@hotmail.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.

Today's music is provided by Kevin J. Cope. Kevin is a graduate of the University of Delaware where he received master's degrees in composition and guitar performance. He has received from the DE Division of the Arts the 2011 Emerging Artist Fellowship and the 2015 Established Professional Fellowship in music composition. He was featured on the cover of Soundboard Magazine's 40th Anniversary Edition, "Composing for the Guitar." Kevin is also currently the president of the Philadelphia Classical Guitar Society which will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary this season (www.phillyguitar.com). More information including extended bio, sheet music, and recordings can be found at www.kevinjcope.com.

Share Our Plate For the months of January and February we will be donating half of our undesignated plate offerings to Planned Parenthood. Planned Parenthood delivers vital reproductive healthcare, sex education and information to millions of women, men, and young people worldwide.

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

**Chris Crass Workshop at Mill Creek:
"Courage for Racial Justice,
Courage for Collective Liberation"
Saturday, January 14, 2017, 9:30 am-3:00 pm
REGISTER ONLINE: <https://bit.ly/racialjusticeworkshop>**

We are privileged to have Chris Crass here at Mill Creek for what will be a transformative, challenging, and inspiring weekend. Chris Crass is a longtime organizer, educator, and writer working to build powerful working class-based, feminist, multiracial movements for collective liberation. He gives talks and leads workshops on campuses and with communities and congregations around the U.S. and Canada, to help support grassroots activists' efforts. He balances family with his public political work and believes they are deeply interconnected, as both are about working to bring our vision and values into the world. He is a Unitarian Universalist and works with faith-based communities to help build up the spiritual Left. **Reserve your seat - register online today!**