

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

CHURCH CANCELLATION PROCEDURES AND NOTIFICATION METHODS

We hate to cancel our Sunday morning services, classes, or any event due to inclement weather. However, we also want everyone to be safe, so on occasion, we must - from an abundance of caution - cancel. Board policy leaves the decision to the minister and the board president. We always endeavor to make such decisions in a timely fashion. If the **decision to cancel is made we will: send out an email to all congregants, post notice on Facebook (both the public and private UUSMC pages), and post notice on the UUSMC.org website.**

We are now linked with the local SnoWatch system. SnoWatch reports are broadcast on 1150 AM WDEL and 93.7 FM WSTW and are available online at wdel.com and wstw.com

So, now through March, if the weather calls for any kind of precipitation, please check the above media or call the church before heading out. We want you to be safe!

New Way of Giving to Mill Creek!

For those who love the convenience of online giving via credit/debit card, we now have the ability to accept gifts online through our website at uusmc.org. Go to the **CONNECT** button at the top of the church website and scroll down to **DONATE**.

On that page, you will see four links - depending on how you want to direct your gift. Select either a **General contribution**, a **Share our Plate contribution**, **Agape fund contribution**, or a **Pledge payment**. Please note that the church incurs processing fees for online donations; consider adding 3% to your gift to cover those fees.

Upcoming events

Book group, Thursday January 5

T'ai Chi Chih class begins, Monday January 9

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

Family Dinner and Movie Night, Saturday, January 28



January 8, 2017
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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 Catherine Kegley, Worship Associate

Prelude

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 "The Rabbi's Gift" Rev. Pelley

Children to Religious Education – "Go Now in Peace" #413

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 "Peace! The Perfect Word" #161

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn "When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place" #1008
(verse 2 only, no repeat)

Meditation

Welcoming the New Member [see insert for New Member Covenant]

Offering

Reading Matthew 2

Sermon Among Us Rev. Pelley

Postlude

*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 "We Shall Overcome" #169

* 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 Sharon Sable and E. Shawn Qaissaunee. Sharon Sable and E. Shawn Qaissaunee create a beautiful soundscape that is both bold and understated, appealing to music lovers of all kinds. The musical paths that have brought them together are rich and varied and weave elements of jazz, world, pop and much more into their memorable and engaging performances. All of this is delivered with a strong sense of humor, humility and respect for their craft. Most recently, Sharon and Shawn performed the Yuletide Jazz Series at Winterthur Museum and Gardens in addition to many frequent area appearances. They also had the honor to share the stage with legendary musical visionary Stevie Wonder at a performance in Philadelphia.

"(Sharon Sable's) voice is a gift... phraseology is pitch perfect... and her performance implores us to follow." - Delaware Today Magazine
"Qaissaunee's ability to transcend the confines of a single style of music speaks volumes of his skills as an artist...one is immediately struck by the versatility and breadth of talent." - Sheldon T. Nunn of jazzreview.com

Children's Religious Education – We welcome children to come to Classroom One after Rev. Greg's story.

Save the date! Multi-generational Family Dinner and Movie Night, Saturday, January 28, 6:30 PM. We will be introducing our Nature-based RE curriculum to parents and families and watching the Monarch Butterfly documentary, **Flight of the Butterflies**.

Next Week – join us for a very special and much anticipated worship service with Chris Crass - longtime organizer, writer, and educator focusing on anti-racist organizing and racial justice. He is one of the leading voices in white communities for racial justice and Black Lives Matter. See today's insert for more information.

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.

WELCOMING THE NEW MEMBER

By Manish Mishra-Marzetti

New Member Covenant (new members recite in unison)

We enter this faith with hope and possibility in our hearts,
pledging to participate in and support
the ministries of this church.

We covenant to remain true to the spirit of love
that flows through this church
and guides us.

We seek your welcome as we join you in this faith.

Congregational Response (congregation responds in unison)

We welcome you as once we were welcomed
ourselves.

We seek to be open and inclusive;
respecting your inherent dignity,
your ideas and your vision,
in times when it is easy
and in times when it is difficult.

We seek to be supportive,
not only when you reach out in courage to us,
but also when you need us to reach out to you.
In return we ask that you recognize our humanity:

We will not always live up to our ideals.

And, when we fall short
we invite you to stay in relationship with us
and help us more fully bring alive the spirit of love.

We welcome you as an equal member
of this congregation,
of this faith,
and of our shared spiritual journey.

Martin Luther King Day Weekend

Saturday, January 14, 2017

Chris Crass Workshop at Mill Creek

“Courage for Racial Justice, Courage for Collective Liberation”

REGISTER ONLINE: <https://bit.ly/racialjusticeworkshop>

Sunday, January 15, 2017

Chris Crass preaching at Mill Creek

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.

Lunch included.

Childcare available.

Transformation possible.

