

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.)

Kaleidoscope Concert Series – Serafin String Quartet

Please join us on **Sunday, January 31 at 1:30 pm** for this special concert with all proceeds benefitting UUSMC. Serafin String Quartet is comprised of nationally and internationally acclaimed musicians Kate Ransom (violin), Lisa Vaupel (violin), Esme Allen-Creighton (viola) and Lawrence Stomberg (cello). This concert features quartets by Shostakovich and Grieg as well as two short pieces, *Veil of Leaves* and *Between the Accidental*, by noted young composer Julia Adolphe.

Family Promise Support – St. Mark's church will be hosting homeless families the week of February 14-20. Details about how you can support as a volunteer will be announced soon. All interested may contact Ivonne Antongiorgi at ivonne.antongiorgi@gmail.com.

Upcoming events

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

What's Next? Tuesday, January 12

Social Justice meeting, Sunday January 17

Leadership Council meeting, Saturday, January 23

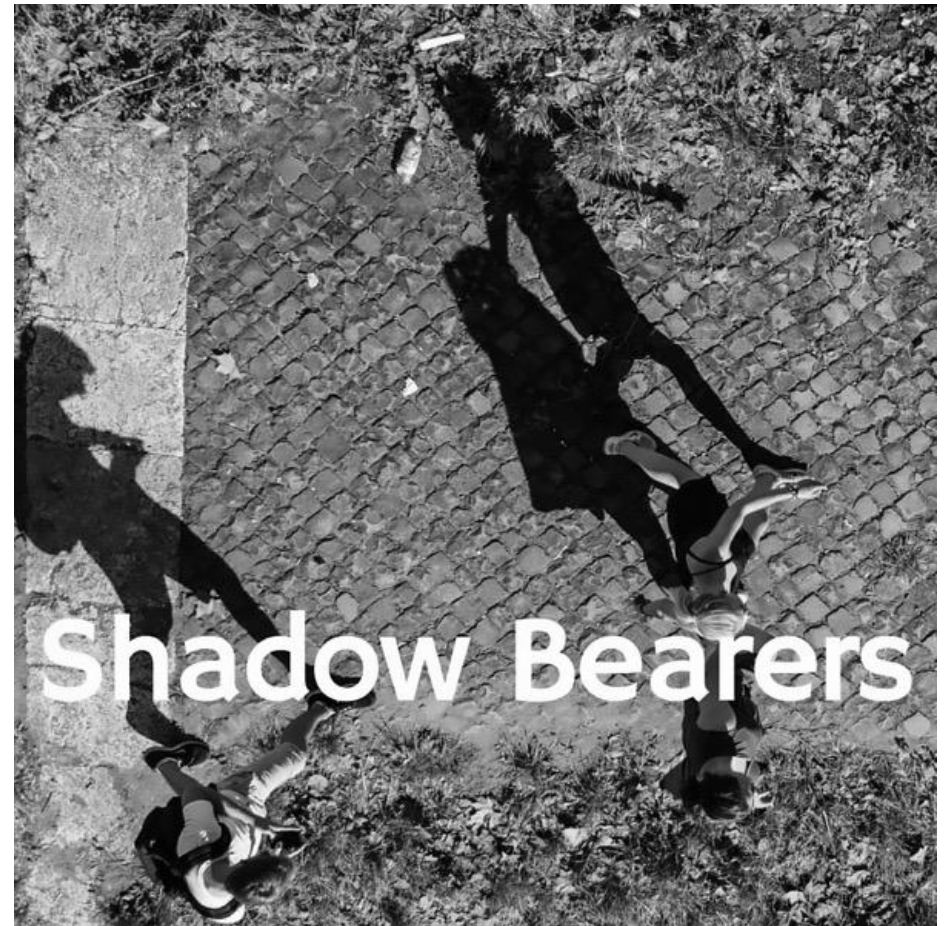
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Souper Bowl Sunday, February 7

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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 Linda Lucero, 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 Rev. Pelley

Children to Religious Education – “Go Now in Peace” #413

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 “How Sweet the Darkness” #1055

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn “Spirit of Life” #123

Meditation

Witness to These Hopes Linda Lucero

Offering

Reading *We Are Whole* by Beth Lefever

Sermon *Shadow Bearers* 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 Begin Again in Love” #1037

* 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 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.

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

Today’s music is provided by the Clarion Brass: Gordon Roth and Kristen Tosh-Morelli, trumpets; Wendy Myers, horn; Tom Hartline, trombone; Brian Hanson, euphonium and Amanda Ostrusky, tuba. Today’s selections include pieces that feature both light (major) and dark (minor) modalities, as both are necessary and beautiful in their own right.

Please remain with us after today’s service for food and fellowship at our monthly potluck luncheon. You need not have brought anything, just come and enjoy!

Share Our Plate For the months of January and February we will be donating half of our undesignated plate offering to The Adult Literacy Program (ALP) in Kennett Square, PA. The mission of the ALP is to provide free educational instruction to community adults and to improve the literacy of the educationally disadvantaged to levels of proficiency necessary to function on the job, in the family and in society.

What’s Next? Hope, Opportunity & Race. You are invited join us **Tuesday, January 12 at 6:30 pm** for a follow-up conversation about *What’s Next?* Even if you have not been able to participate in any prior conversation thus far, you are welcome to join Rev. Greg, Linda Lucero, and our special guest, **Dr. Yasser Payne**, University of Delaware Associate Professor of Black American Studies. This is an extraordinary opportunity for Mill Creek, don’t miss it!

Souper Bowl Sunday 2016 is February 7th. Plastic containers will be available to take home on the next three Sundays and should be returned on Sunday, Feb. 7th filled with your delicious homemade soup. These will be sold on that day and all profits will go to the Food Bank of Delaware. Muffins and breads are also welcome to sell.

The Social Justice Committee will meet after church next Sunday, January 17th, to discuss Souper Bowl Sunday sale, Family Promise and Planned Parenthood.