

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 1:31 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.

Souper Bowl Sunday 2016 is February 7th. Plastic containers, to be filled with your own delicious homemade soup, are available in the gathering space today and next two Sundays. Filled and labeled containers should be brought in on Sunday, February 7th for the sale. Breads & muffins are also welcome. All proceeds benefit the Food Bank of Delaware.

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:

Social Justice meeting, today after service

Leadership Council meeting, Saturday, January 23

Kaleidoscope Concert Series - Serafin String Quartet, Sunday, Jan. 31

Souper Bowl Sunday, February 7

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January 17, 2016
Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

A Welcoming Congregation
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Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek
Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister
~ Order of Service ~
January 17, 2016

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

Welcome & Announcements Maggie McLaughlin, Worship Associate

Prelude "Just a Single Voice" Albrecht & Althouse

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

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 "Guide My Feet" #348

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn "Comfort Me" #1002

Meditation

Offering "When?" Toby Tate

Reading *Five Score and Four Score*

Sermon *Dear Martin* Rev. Pelley

Postlude "Shed a Little Light" James Taylor, arr. G. Jasperse

***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 "I'm On My Way" #116

* 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 UUSMC choir, Kristen Tosh-Morelli, director, Pam Allenstein, pianist, and featuring Jamie Kegerise, soloist on "Shed a Little Light."

Today's reading, *Five Score and Four Score* was arranged for two voices by the Rev. Lynnnda White. The text is from excerpts of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s speech delivered during the March on Washington on August 28, 1963; and the text of President Abraham Lincoln's *Gettysburg Address* delivered on November 19, 1863 at the dedication of the Soldiers' National Cemetery in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Next Week – Rev. Andrew Weber from UUFN joins us with his message, "The Cost of Discipleship"

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.

Leadership Council Meeting – Saturday, January 23

Please join us on Saturday, January 23 at **9:30 am** (note earlier start time) for a special Leadership Council meeting. We will take a few minutes for committee leaders to offer any emerging issues in their ministries. The bulk of our time, however, will be exercises and conversations about our core values as part of the DNA process. Lunch will be provided and babysitting will be made available. Please let Rev. Greg know if you need babysitting. Other questions can be directed to Judy Pappenhagen (judyppenhagen@gmail.com).

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