

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.)

Family Promise Host Week We have a commitment with Family Promise to provide and serve meals to the homeless at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Stanton on Tuesday, February 7th and Thursday, February 9th. There are many ways you can help! **Provide** simple main meals for the dates above - main dishes, sides or desserts; **help** to serve these meals; **provide** simple breakfast and lunch foods (no serving involved). If you're interested in helping with the main meal foods and/or serving, contact Chitra Vaidy, cvaidy226@gmail.com; If you're interested in helping with the lunch foods, contact Lauri Rickard at rickardlauri@gmail.com

Ladies Art Night continues to meet here at Mill Creek with local artist Jo Redbird [joworme@gmail.com]. The group meets from **6:30 - 8:00 pm every Wednesday evening in classroom 3**. Child care (supervised art creation!) is available in classroom 1. This group is open for all skill levels. (ALL levels - whether you have never held a brush, or you are working on your next gallery show!) Everyone is welcome, as is any art medium... crafting, handwork, anything! You may bring a project you are working on, or let your inner muse loose on the canvas. No need to bring anything ... feel free to experiment and create from the communal supplies. Jo will offer in depth instruction, or feel free to just do your own thing! Expect artistic freedom and fun, stories and sharing, laughter and tears, and a very therapeutic creative outlet - you might even discover a spiritual practice!

Upcoming events

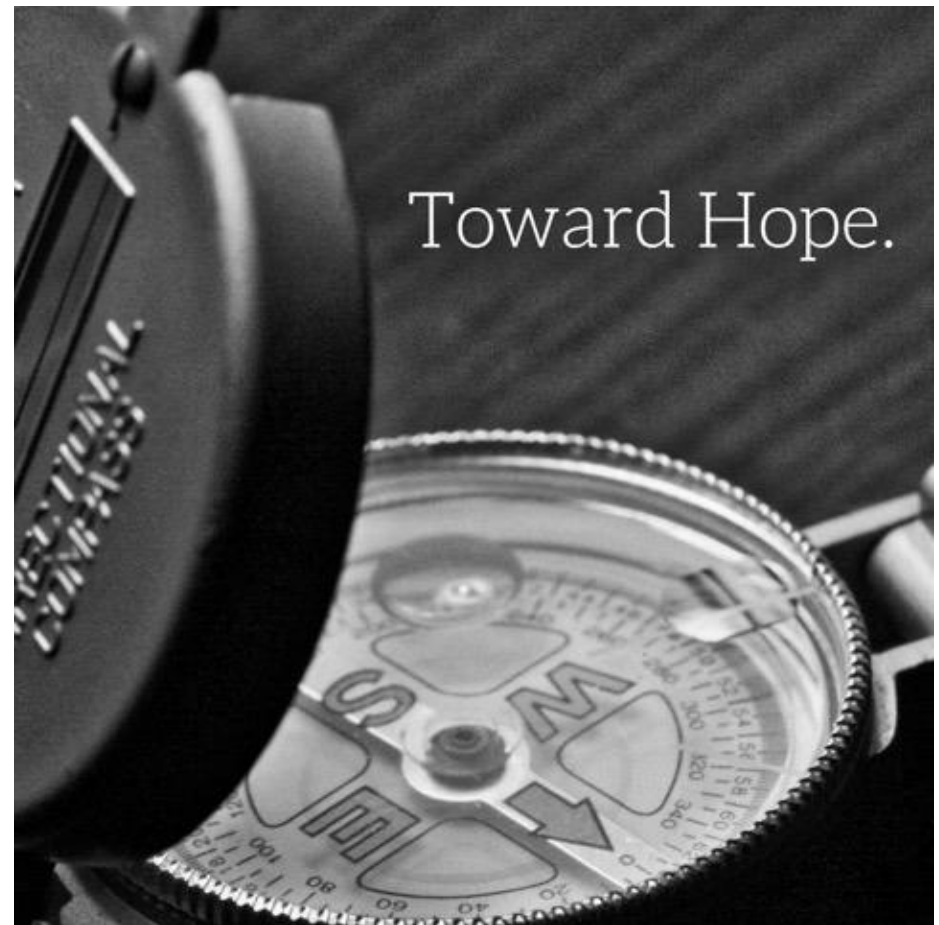
Women's March on Washington, Saturday, January 21

Ladies Art Night, every Wednesday evening

Family Dinner and Movie Night, Saturday, January 28

Mill Creek Professional Staff

Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister minister@uusmc.org
>>Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, 9 am – 1 pm, and by appointment
Debra Damiani, Office Administrator administrator@uusmc.org
>>Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 am – 1 pm
Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Music Director music@uusmc.org



January 22, 2017
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~ Order of Service ~
Sunday, January 22, 2017

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

Welcome & Announcements Maggie McLaughlin, Worship Associate

Prelude "Prelude of Olympus" Y. Shimomura/Arr. M. Hubner

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 Lost Ticket" 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 "Far Too Long By Fear Divided" #160

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn "Spirit of Life" #123

Meditation

Offering "Lord, Be Our Light" B. Farrell/Arr. M. Hubn

Sermon "Toward Hope" Rev. Pelley

Postlude "Postlude of Fantasy" N. Uematsu/Arr. M. Hubner

*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 "Joy Thou Goddess" #327

* 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.

Music today is by the Gold and Blue Brass ensemble, comprised of 4 Music Majors currently studying at the University of Delaware. With a strong focus in music education, these four members also bring many things to the table including a background in music composition, music business, and music performance. All male members are brothers in the musical service fraternity of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity and every individual in this group is also a part of the UD Trumpet Ensemble. Derek Dillman, Ayanna Posipanko, Benjamin Rossman and Steven Riddle.

Children's Religious Education – 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**. Dinner is provided - All are welcome!

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 --

Social Justice Committee Meeting Everyone is welcome to join us today after church service. We will discuss planning for Souper Bowl Sunday, Family Promise Host Week, and other events.

Souper Bowl Sunday 2017 is February 5th. Plastic containers, to be filled with your own delicious homemade soup, are available in the gathering space today and the next two Sundays. Filled and labeled containers should be brought in on Sunday, February 5th for the sale. Breads and muffins are also welcome. All proceeds benefit the Food Bank of Delaware.