

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.)

Congregational DNA Meeting – The Work Continues

Please join us on Saturday, February 25th to continue the creation of a vision of the future by combining all of the work we have done with members of chalice groups, the choir, the leadership team and others on discovering the values and beliefs that underlie our DNA. We will hear thoughts from the Ministers Study Group who explored the collection of essays on the future of Unitarian Universalism in the book “Turning Point” by Frederic Muir. We will also reflect on the themes that emerged during the workshop on December 10th, and the racial justice workshop with Chris Crass earlier this month. The meeting will start at 9:30 am and finish with a light lunch at about 12:30 pm. We value your participation and truly hope you can attend.

Upcoming events

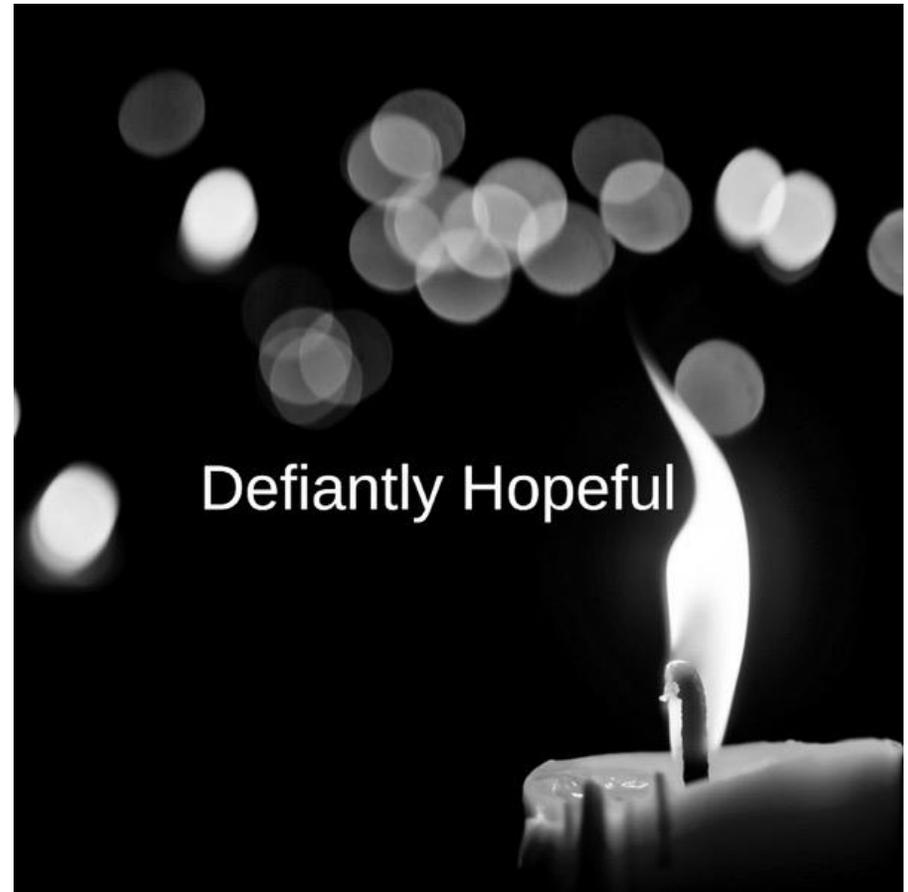
Souper Bowl Sunday – Sunday, February 5

Kaleidoscope Concert Series – Minas Brazilian Jazz – Saturday, Feb. 11

Congregational DNA Meeting – Saturday, February 25

Mill Creek Professional Staff

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January 29, 2017
Debbie Cole

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~ Order of Service ~

January 29, 2017

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

Welcome & Announcements Stephen Petersen, Worship Associate

Prelude "Deep Peace" Bill Douglas

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 Debbie Cole

Story For All Ages Debbie Cole

"The (H)Edge of the World" by Aaron McEmrys

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 "Freedom is Coming" #1035

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn "Spirit of Life" #123

Meditation

Offering "Da Pacem Domine"

Reading Excerpt from "Hope in the Dark: Untold Histories, Wild Possibilities" by Rebecca Solnit

Sermon *Defiantly Hopeful* Debbie Cole

Postlude "When There is Light In the Soul" Elizabeth Alexander

*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 "There Is More Love Somewhere" #95

* 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.

Meet our guest speaker, Debbie Cole. Debbie Cole is a Unitarian Universalist Candidate Minister with a Master of Divinity degree from Meadville Lombard Theological School. She completed a year-long Chaplain Residency program with Christiana Care Health System last August and has now accepted a Palliative Chaplain Fellowship with Bon Secours Health System in Richmond, VA.

Today's music is provided by the Mill Creek choir, directed by Kristen Tosh-Morelli.

Children's Religious Education Today the children will be decorating our reconditioned Blue Bird houses that we hope to install outside next Sunday.

Share Our Plate For the months of January and February we will be donating half of our undesignated plate offerings to Planned Parenthood.

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

Souper Bowl Sunday 2017 is next week - February 5th. Today is the last day to take home empty plastic containers, to be filled with your own delicious homemade soup. Filled and labeled containers should be brought in next Sunday, February 5th for the sale. Breads and muffins are also welcome. All proceeds benefit the Food Bank of Delaware.

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; donate non-perishable breakfast, lunch and snack items: granola/breakfast bars; fruit cups (no sugar); instant oatmeal; boxed juice/milk; instant soups; peanut butter & jelly; serving size chips/snacks. See the collection box in the gathering space. If you're interested in helping with the main meal foods and/or serving, contact Chitra Vaidy, cvaidy226@gmail.com.

Kaleidoscope Concert Series presents...
Minas Brazilian Jazz
Saturday, February 11th at 7:30 pm

Minas takes Brazilian and American roots to create a sound that is fresh and innovative, from ballads tinged with melancholic traits of Blues and Choro, to Folk coasting on the subtle coolness of a Bossa Nova pulse, to upbeat Sambas elaborated with instrumental jazz improvisation, scat singing and whimsical whistling.

With recordings of original music and a collection of over 100 songs, Orlando and Patricia's compositions have been compared to classics by Cole Porter and Antonio Carlos Jobim. Capturing the essence of great songwriting with memorable melodies, inventive harmonies, and poetic lyrics, the music of Minas is engaging and timeless.



“Minas blends north and south, creating original music that is evocative and imaginative... Brazilian guitar and jazz piano... male and female vocals... English and Portuguese poetry... Minas creates uplifting, subtle and complex beauty that transports listeners to another place and time.”
– www.minasmusic.com

Tickets are \$10 per person at the door, or in advance using this link:
<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2786123>

Dear Fellow Members,
David Pyle of the Central East Region of the Unitarian Universalist Association asked the UUSMC board to consider and sign the following declaration. At the last board meeting the assembled members agreed to sign it and post the declaration on our web site.
All the best, Judy Pappenhagen

DECLARATION OF CONSCIENCE
UUA AND UUSC

At this extraordinary time in our nation's history, we are called to affirm our profound commitment to the fundamental principles of justice, equity and compassion, to truth and core values of American society.

In the face of looming threats to immigrants, Muslims, people of color, and the LGBTQ community and the rise of hate speech, harassment and hate crimes, we affirm our belief in the inherent worth and dignity of every person. In opposition to any steps to undermine the right of every citizen to vote or to turn back advances in access to health care and reproductive rights, we affirm our commitment to justice and compassion in human relations.

And against actions to weaken or eliminate initiatives to address the threat of climate change – actions that would threaten not only our country but the entire planet – we affirm our unyielding commitment to protect the interdependent web of all existence.

We will oppose any and all unjust government actions to deport, register, discriminate, or despoil.

As people of conscience, we declare our commitment to translate our values into action as we stand on the side of love with the most vulnerable among us.

We welcome and invite all to join in this commitment for justice.

The time is now.