

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.)**

### **UU Fiber Friends**

UU Fiber Friends is a group of folks who enjoy knitting, sewing, cross-stitch and any other kind of needlework, or just the simple pleasure of warm conversation. Everyone is welcome. The group meets monthly on the second and fourth Tuesdays. Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, January 12 at 7 pm in the MacArtor Library. Please join us!

### **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.

## **Upcoming events**

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

**Listening to Our Lives**, begins Wednesday, January 6

**Age of Reason class**, begins Wednesday, January 6

**Book Group**, Thursday, January 7

**UU Fiber Friends**, Tuesday January 12

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

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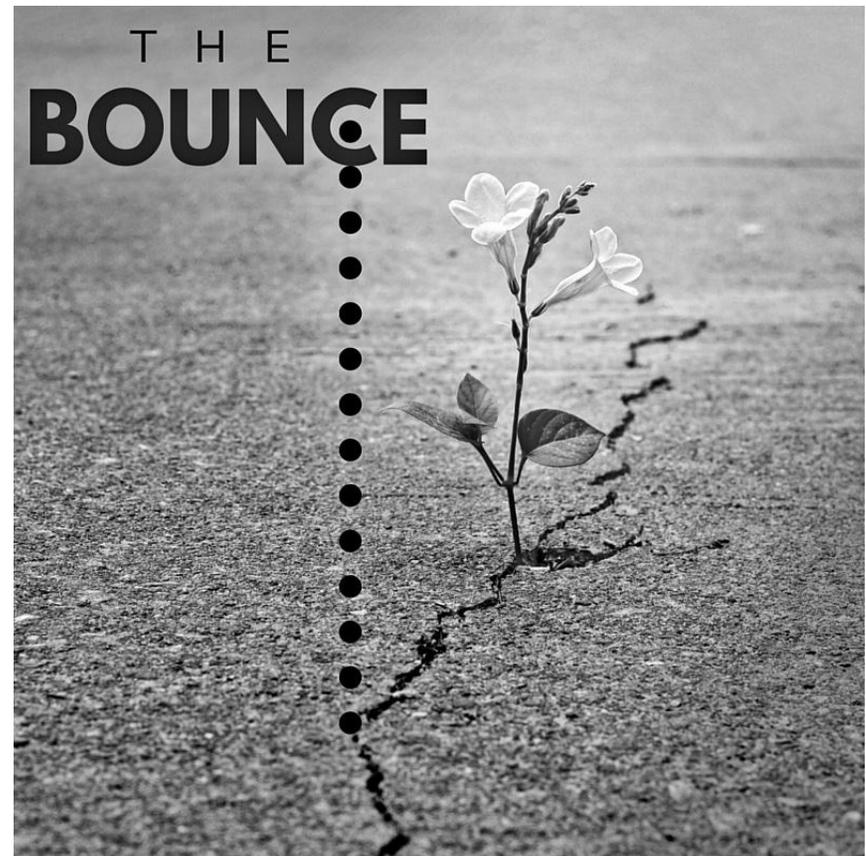
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**January 3, 2016**  
**Rev. Gregory S. Pelley**

A Welcoming Congregation  
302-369-2712  
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Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek  
Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister  
~ Order of Service ~  
January 3, 2016

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

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude "Ain't No Mountain High Enough" arr. D. Sharon

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

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 "Love Knocks and Waits For Us to Hear" #1029

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

Offering "Breaths" #1001

Reading *We Are Whole* by Beth Lefever

Sermon *The Bounce* Rev. Pelley

Threshold Ritual

Postlude "Since U Been Gone"  
From *Pitch Perfect*, arr. D. Sharon

\*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 Know I Can" #1015

\* 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](mailto:mmclaughlin13123@gmail.com) or Jack Guerin, [jackguerin7@gmail.com](mailto:jackguerin7@gmail.com), or our minister, Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, [minister@uusmc.org](mailto: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 women of the UUSMC choir – trying our hand at some a cappella pop today!

**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.

**Adult RE Opportunity – Listening to Our Lives** This class is designed for those who wish to engage seriously and open-heartedly with perennial religious topics. Wednesday evenings from **6:30-8:30 pm** beginning **January 6, 2016 and continuing through March 2** (9 sessions). Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the gathering space or contact Rev. Greg if you're interested: [minister@uusmc.org](mailto:minister@uusmc.org).

**Age of Reason** The program is for children who are age **7 to 9**. Our Director of Religious Education, Stefanie Anderson will lead this **nine-week** program to be held **Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm, beginning January 6, 2016 and continuing through March 2**. Contact Stefanie Anderson, DRE, for registration and further information: [dreuusmc@gmail.com](mailto:dreuusmc@gmail.com).

**Book Group** – please join us at our next meeting on Thursday, January 7, 2016 at 7:30 pm in the MacArtor Library to participate in a discussion of Bill Bryson's humorous memoir, *The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid*. Everyone is welcome! For more info, contact Amy White at [amywwhite@comcast.net](mailto:amywwhite@comcast.net)

# 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.

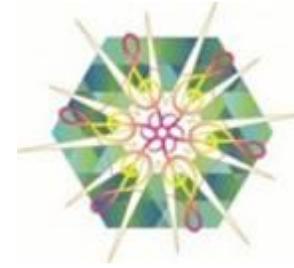
We seek your welcome as we join you in this faith.

## **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.



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