

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.)

Help is needed with the church sound system. Looking for team members. Training is provided, and the job is very easy. Please contact Matt Doty, Sound Team Captain: mattdoty@gmail.com or talk to Matt (he's the guy at the sound board) after service.

Sanctuary Artwork – the artwork now featured in our sanctuary is by Karoline Wileczek (wileczek@aol.com)



The Kaleidoscope Concert Series is back, for a third season! Join us in our sanctuary as we enjoy excellent music from *Brandywine Baroque* (November), *Minas Brazilian Jazz* (February) and *emma's revolution* (April). We are thrilled to present these concerts to our congregation and surrounding community as we provide the musicians with fair wages and a place to play.

Upcoming events

Daylight Saving Time Ends, Sunday, Nov. 6

Kaleidoscope Concert Series – Brandywine Baroque, Sat., Nov. 19

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LIVES & MATTERING

October 23, 2016

Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek

A Welcoming Congregation

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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 Stephen Petersen, Worship Associate

Prelude “Etude” S. Suzuki

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

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 “We Begin Again in Love” #1037

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 for New Member Covenant]

Offering “Just the Way You Are” arr. Billingsley

Reading “Chronos to Kairos”

Sermon *Lives & Mattering* Rev. Pelley

Postlude “A Sky Full of Stars” arr. Mac Huff

*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 “Raghupati” #178

* 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, Jack Guerin, jackguerin7@gmail.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.

Today’s music is provided by the Mill Creek choir, Kristen Tosh-Morelli, director; Pam Allenstein, accompanist. We look toward Diwali, the celebration of lights, with Coldplay’s “A Sky Full of Stars”. Today’s prelude is performed by violin student and Mill Creek youth member Joey Tosh-Morelli. Joey is in his fourth year of Suzuki violin study with teacher Edward Rosen-Wallberg.

Next Week – “Praying to An Imperfect God” with Rev. Keith Goheen.

Share Our Plate During the months of September and October we will be sharing half of our undesignated plate offering to the newly formed advocacy organization, Unitarian Universalist Delaware Advocacy Network (UUDAN). UUDAN has a leadership team with representation from all 5 Delaware congregations. It offers a new dimension for UU social justice programs in Delaware, providing a vehicle to research and draft legislation and lobby for reform measures in Dover.

**RE-Imagineers – Organic Religious Education
Exploring Imperfection Today!**

Parents are encouraged to initially have their children join the larger community in the sanctuary for Rev. Greg’s story and then come to the RE wing to explore our topic *Imperfection* for October. Children and youth are welcome! There will be storytelling and activities as well as our own community building. Next Sunday, October 30, we will have a Halloween costume and dance party for all children and youth. Children (and adults) are encouraged to come in costume.

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

Share Our Bounty – the Social Justice Committee begins this annual tradition of providing Thanksgiving meals to local needy families. Boxes, donated by Calvert Farms in Maryland, will be available after service today to take home and fill. Filled boxes (or even bags) are to be returned on Sunday, November 13th; they will be distributed to Kennett Food Pantry (PA) and YWCA Homelife in downtown Wilmington (DE). Thank you for your participation!

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.

Save the Date(s)!

Saturday, January 14, 2017

Chris Crass Workshop
at UUSMC

Sunday, January 15, 2017

Chris Crass preaching
at UUSMC

Monday, January 16, 2017

Martin Luther King Day of Service
with First Unitarian Church of Wilmington
and Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Newark

We are privileged to have Chris Crass here at Mill Creek for what will be a transformative, challenging, and inspiring weekend.

Chris Crass is a longtime organizer, educator, and writer working to build powerful working class-based, feminist, multiracial movements for collective liberation. He gives talks and leads workshops on campuses and with communities and congregations around the U.S. and Canada, to help support grassroots activists' efforts. He balances family with his public political work and believes they are deeply interconnected, as both are about working to bring our vision and values into the world. He is a Unitarian Universalist and works with faith-based communities to help build up the spiritual Left.

"Our goal is not to have white people sit alongside a person of color so as to affirm that those white people aren't racist. Our goal is to build and be part of beloved community united to end structural oppression and unleash collective liberation in our congregations, houses of worship, faith communities, schools, neighborhoods, workplaces, and throughout society." - Chris Crass

