

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.)

**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 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Racism workshop** – *The Heart of It: An Introductory Workshop on Recognizing and Dismantling Racism*, will be held on Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9 pm at UUSMC to provide tools that will assist people in taking additional steps toward recognizing and dismantling racism in their families and communities. Look for the sign-up sheet in the gathering space or email [administrator@uusmc.org](mailto:administrator@uusmc.org)

**Community Forum** – *Hope, Opportunity and Race – Breaking the Prison Poverty Connection* will be held on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 8 am-4:30 pm at the Chase Center on the Riverfront in Wilmington. Visit [www.endnewjimcrowde.org](http://www.endnewjimcrowde.org) for more info.

### Upcoming events

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

**Visitor/new member orientation**, today after service

**Conversation about RE**, today after service

**Racism Workshop**, Thursday, October 29

**Kaleidoscope Concert Series**, Friday, October 30

**Book Group**, Thursday, November 5

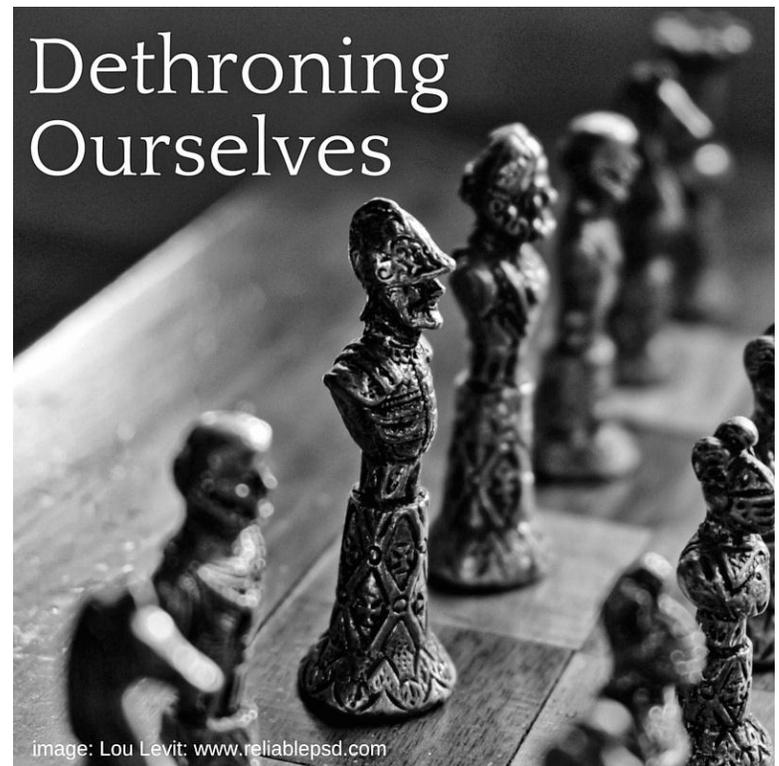
**Community Forum**, Saturday, November 14

**2016 Service Auction**, Saturday, April 16

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**October 25, 2015**  
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# Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek

Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister

~ Order of Service ~

October 25, 2015

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

Welcome & Announcements Maggie McLaughlin, Worship Associate

Prelude "Desert Crossing" written & arranged by Q

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

"The Dog and the Heartless King" Adapted

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

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn "Comfort Me" #1002

Meditation

Offering "Afghan Song – MMJ" Trad., arranged by Q

Reading Charter For Compassion

Sermon Dethroning Ourselves Rev. Pelley

Postlude "Turnaround" written & arranged by Q

\*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!

Welcome, visitors and guests. We invite you to sign our guest book, 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 joining, 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.

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## -- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

**Today's music** is provided by E. Shawn Qaissaunee, "Q," and Scott Lynch. Q was born in Kabul, Afghanistan and raised in the USA. He attended Berklee College of Music and is a prolific composer, passionate performer and dedicated educator. He is high demand as a multi-instrumentalist and musical educator. Scott Lynch grew up in Newark, Delaware and began his music studies at age nine. A graduate of the University of Delaware, he is an active freelance musician and music educator in the Delaware area. Q and Scott will perform with the Afghan Jazz Project at UUSMC's Kaleidoscope Concert series opener this Friday, October 30 at 7:30pm. See today's program insert for more information about this and all concerts in the 2015-16 Series.

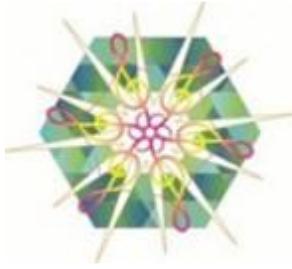
**Next Week – Sunday, November 1** - join Rev. Greg for the start of our month-long look at Courage. \*\*Note – Daylight Saving Time ENDS – remember to set your clocks back one hour the night before service.

**Share Our Plate** During the months of September and October we will be sharing half our undesignated plate offering to assist with the Conference on Racism from the Coalition to Dismantle the New Jim Crow.

**Visitor and New Member Orientation Session** – anyone wanting to learn more about UUSMC is welcome to join us after service today in the MacArtor Library. Child care will be provided.

### Join the Conversation about Religious Education

Our Religious Education program is a key element in the life of this church. In an effort to support the RE Committee and Stefanie Anderson, Director of RE, in their mission to provide this core service to our community, a team has been created to obtain feedback from the membership about the program. We have set up several opportunities for RE parents and teachers to join the conversation on the following Sundays: **today, October 25th, 12 -1:30 pm; November 1st, 12-1:30 pm; November 8<sup>th</sup> after church service (open forum)**. Please allow your voice to be heard by attending the session that suits your schedule. Child care will be provided for all sessions.



**Kaleidoscope Concert Series**  
**- Series Opener -**  
**Friday, October 30, 7:30 pm**  
**Afghan Jazz Project**  
**led by guitarist**  
**E. Shawn Qaissaunee**

Afghan Jazz Project (AJP) performs a unique musical blend which combines elements of American jazz music and the traditional music of Afghanistan. The music is performed on both familiar Western instruments (e.g. guitar, bass and drum set) and more exotic ones such as the 20-stringed Afghan rubab (roo-bob) and dutar (doo-tar).

The AJP combines composition and improvisation in a way that is uniquely American while drawing much inspiration from the sounds and musical styles of Afghanistan. The AJP is exciting, engaging, entertaining and emotive!

**... TICKET INFORMATION ...**

Tickets are \$15 in advance – visit this link:

<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2346080>

\$18 at the door (cash or check only)

**Listen to music from the Afghan Jazz Project - visit this link:**

[http://esqmusic.com/afghan\\_jazz\\_project](http://esqmusic.com/afghan_jazz_project)

***Check out the other concerts in the Series!***

**CoroAllegro - Delaware's Chamber Choir**

CoroAllegro is an ensemble of dedicated avocational singers (professional and experienced amateur) devoted to the accomplished performance of a wide variety of fine choral literature, with particular emphasis on less frequently performed works. Under the direction of Jeffrey Sean Dokken, CoroAllegro sings in churches, schools and community facilities throughout the State of Delaware and in surrounding states.

**Friday, December 18, 2015 at 7:30 PM**

Tickets are \$15 in advance – visit this link:

<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2386399>

\$18 at the door (cash or check only)

**Fishcastle Music - a duo featuring Catherine Braik Selin and Cyril Everett Caster**

Vocalist and multi-instrumentalist Catherine Braik Selin is well known for her ingenious accompaniments in open tunings on the guitar, as well as for playing the banjo, bass, ukulele and recorders. Catherine has performed individually, with FishCastle and with numerous choirs both regionally and abroad.

Cyril Everett Caster has recorded as a featured performer or sideman on several major recording labels playing the guitar, trumpet, French horn, alto horn, flute, vocal, piano, organ and melodica. He has recorded or performed live with many people, including Big Joe Williams, Allen Ginsberg, Bruce Mackay, Elvin Jones, Bob Dorough, Don Cherry, The Family, Pete Seeger, David Blue, Nico and Colin Walcott. Together, Catherine and Cyril have created a unique and original musical confabulation.

**Saturday, February 27, 2016 at 11:00 AM**

Tickets are \$10 for adults & children, cash or check only at the door or visit this link: <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2386400>

**Andrew Lipke**

Andrew Lipke is a Philadelphia based, South African born multi-instrumentalist and composer active in many different styles of music. Lipke moved to Philadelphia to pursue a degree in composition at The University of The Arts and has since gone on to become a critically acclaimed and sought after arranger, producer, composer, performer, and educator. He has performed as a vocalist with several prominent American orchestras (Indianapolis Symphony, North Carolina Symphony, Colorado Music Festival Orchestra) in addition to touring the country with the critically acclaimed Led Zeppelin tribute band Get The Led Out. Andrew is currently working on a cross platform album/orchestral work based on the Herman Hesse book "Siddhartha" in addition to a number of other projects. Andrew will be performing as part of a rock trio this evening.

**Sunday, April 10, 2016 at 5:00 PM**

Tickets are \$15 in advance – visit this link:

<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2386402>

\$18 at the door (cash or check only)