

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.)

Book Group – please join us at our next meeting on Thursday, Nov. 5 at 7:30 in the MacArtor Library to hear a discussion of **Song Yet Sung** by James McBride. Looking ahead, the Book Group will discuss *The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid* by Bill Bryson on Thursday, Jan. 7. For more info, contact Amy White at amywwhite@comcast.net

Upcoming events

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

Conversation about RE, today after service

Book Group, Thursday, November 5

Community Forum, Saturday, November 14

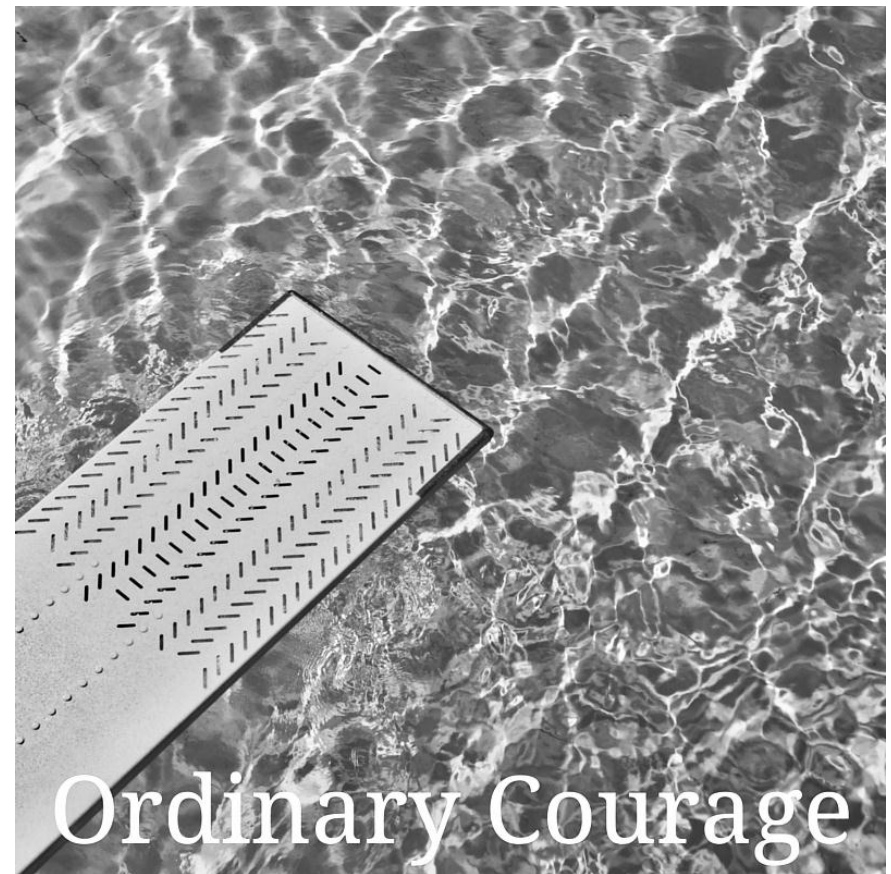
2016 Service Auction, Saturday, April 16

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“Courage is a heart word. The root of the word courage is cor - the Latin word for heart. In one of its earliest forms, the word courage meant "To speak one's mind by telling all one's heart." Over time, this definition has changed, and today, we typically associate courage with heroic and brave deeds. But in my opinion, this definition fails to recognize the inner strength and level of commitment required for us to actually speak honestly and openly about who we are and about our experiences -- good and bad. Speaking from our hearts is what I think of as "ordinary courage."

— Brené Brown, *I Thought It Was Just Me: Women Reclaiming Power and Courage in a Culture of Shame*



Ordinary Courage
November 1, 2015
Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

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~ Order of Service ~

November 1, 2015

♥ Please silence cell phones.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

“For Good” From *Wicked*; S. Schwartz

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

“We Utter Our Cry”

#137

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn

“Meditation on Breathing”

#1009

Meditation

New Member Recognition

Responsive Reading

“Blessed Are Those”

#728

Offering

Reading

Courage by Anne Sexton

Sermon

Ordinary Courage

Rev. Pelley

Postlude

“River in Judea” Marcus, Feldman & Leavitt

***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

“Building Bridges”

#1023

* 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 or Jack Guerin, jackguerin7@gmail.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.

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-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

Today's music is provided by the UUSMC choir, Kristen Tosh-Morelli, director; Pam Allenstein, accompanist. Today's soloists are Kate Nolan and Becky Rusch.

Today's flowers are provided by Trudy MacArtor, "For you all, who meant so much to my parents, Frank and June MacArtor."

Share Our Plate For the months of November and December we will be sharing half our undesignated plate offering with Limen House, which provides assistance to recovering alcoholics.

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, November 1st, 12-1:30 pm, and next Sunday, November 8th 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.

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 15th (corrected date); they will be distributed to Kennett Food Pantry and YWCA Homelife in downtown Wilmington.

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