

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.)

Become a Chalice Lighter! A Chalice Lighter is a pledge to respond to three calls per year with a contribution of \$20 or more to aid Unitarian Universalist congregations in our area grow through grants to organize new congregations, expand staffing at existing congregations, build or renovate worship spaces, or develop innovative growth strategies. Please add your name to our growing list of Chalice Lighters from this congregation. **Sign up next Sunday, December 4th** and help us exceed our goal of 25% participation! See Laura Bonner in the gathering space after worship on December 4.

Congregational Conversation: Black Lives Matter

Join us immediately after worship next Sunday, December 4 for a congregational conversation about the Black Lives Matter movement and our congregational responses. This will be a time for us to listen deeply to one another, to ask our questions, to sit both with our knowing and our unknowing. We won't make any decisions, but rather begin to frame our discernment, knowing that whatever our response may be, we will be changed by the conversation. Rev. Greg will facilitate.

Consider alternative gift giving with Heifer International

Stop by the HI table after church service next Sunday, December 4th and 11th for more information about this worthwhile organization, and to honor your friends or family by making symbolic purchases of animals. Lauri Rickard will be available to answer your questions and assist you. Learn more at www.heifer.org

Upcoming events

Congregational Conversation, Sunday, December 4

Congregational DNA meeting, Saturday December 10

Winter Solstice Celebration, Wednesday December 21, 7:30 pm

Christmas Eve service, Saturday, December 24, 7:30 pm

Christmas Day service, Sunday December 25, 10:30 am

Chris Crass Workshop, Saturday January 14

Sunday Service featuring Chris Crass, Sunday January 15

Women's March on Washington, Saturday, January 21



November 27, 2016
Doug Harrell

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Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister
~ Order of Service ~
November 27, 2016

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

Welcome & Announcements Diana Saunders, Worship Associate

Prelude **“Benjamin”** James Taylor

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 Doug Harrell

Story For All Ages Doug Harrell

“Turkish Folktales about Nasreddin Hodja”

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 **“What Wondrous Love”** #18

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn **“Spirit of Life”** #123

Meditation

Offering **“Tervendada”** Chris Braddock

Reading from: **“A New Earth: Awakening to Your Life's Purpose”**
by Eckhart Tolle

Sermon **Only Love Can** Doug Harrell

Postlude **“Abi Gezunt”** Abraham Ellstein/Molly Picon

***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 **“Abide With Me”** #101

* 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.

Meet our guest speaker, Mill Creek member Douglas Harrell. Doug attended his first UU service while visiting friends in 2001 and quickly realized that he had been a UU his whole life without knowing it. An engineer by profession, Doug has a passion for history, including religious history. He is a firm believer in studying the lessons of the past to gain insight into the problems of today, as he does in today's sermon, “Only Love Can.”

Today's music is provided by Jeanmarie Braddock, violin and Christopher Braddock, guitar. **Christopher Braddock** holds a Bachelor of Music Degree in classical guitar performance from the University of Delaware and is a past recipient of an Individual Artist Fellowship in music composition from the Delaware Division of the Arts, as well as a 2010 DDOA Opportunity Grant. He teaches at The Music School of Delaware, where he serves as Master Faculty, Guitar Department Head, director of five small student ensembles, and coordinator of the school's Cultural Crossroads Series. **Jeanmarie Braddock** is active both as a soprano soloist and violinist throughout Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. She has taught choral and string music in northern Delaware for over fifteen years, with many of her students having been selected for All-State Choir and Orchestra. Jeanmarie is currently a director of elementary school orchestras in the Brandywine School District. A graduate of West Chester University, she majored in voice and minored in violin.

Share Our Plate During the months of November and December we will be sharing half of our undesignated plate offering with Meeting Ground, Inc. Meeting Ground is a faith-based organization that has responded to the needs of homeless people in Maryland and Delaware since 1981.

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

Share Our Warmth

The Social Justice Committee begins the annual tradition of collecting hats, gloves, mittens and scarves to be donated to the needy in our area. Handmade and store-bought items are welcomed. A collection box will be placed in the gathering space soon.



ALL women, femme, trans, gender non-conforming and feminist others, including male allies, are invited to participate in the **Women's March on Washington** on Saturday, January 21, 2017 in Washington DC, the day following the inauguration of the President elect. This march is a show of solidarity to demand our safety and health in a time when our country is marginalizing us and making sexual assault an electable and forgivable norm.

The group will march from the Lincoln Memorial to the White House to demonstrate the strength, courage, and power of women; with the aim to illuminate issues including sexual assault and workplace discrimination. "We're strong, but this has been a very difficult election for a lot of women," says Fontaine Pearson, an organizer in Memphis.

"The Women's March on Washington will send a bold message to our new administration on their first day in office, and to the world that women's rights are human rights. We stand together, recognizing that defending the most marginalized among us is defending all of us," writes the national organizers of the march.

Mary Higgins and Linda Lucero are in the preliminary stages of organizing transportation for anyone interested in going to this march. As soon as possible, we need a commitment from those of you who want to join us so we can move forward on securing a bus. We are estimating a cost of approximately \$55 per person. If you are unable to go, you might consider gifting a ticket to those who cannot afford the cost.

Please see Mary or Linda after this Sunday's service to put your name on the sign-up sheets. You can also email or call: Linda: lindajlucero@gmail.com (302-463-1894). Mary: marychulakhiggins@gmail.com (610-932-2696).

Martin Luther King Day Weekend

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