

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.)

Congregational DNA Meeting – The Work Continues

Please join us on Saturday, February 25th to continue the creation of a vision of the future by combining all of the work we have done with members of chalice groups, the choir, the leadership team and others on discovering the values and beliefs that underlie our DNA. We will hear thoughts from the Ministers Study Group who explored the collection of essays on the future of Unitarian Universalism in the book “Turning Point” by Frederic Muir. We will also reflect on the themes that emerged during the workshop on December 10th, and the racial justice workshop with Chris Crass earlier this month. The meeting will start at 9:30 am and finish with a light lunch at about 12:30 pm. We value your participation and truly hope you can attend.

A Night at the Theatre! Join Linda Lucero and Greg Pelley on at 7 pm on Thursday evening, February 16th to watch the new play **White Guy on the Bus** presented by Delaware Theatre Company. This is another interesting and entertaining avenue to stimulate congregational conversation about cultural perceptions, bias and race in our country. After each performance, there is a community discussion inviting people to reflect on the play. We encourage people from Mill Creek to come together to enjoy this entertaining evening. For more information about the play, ticket information and directions to the theatre, visit: www.delawaretheatre.org or call 302-594-1100. You are invited to join us at around 5 pm at Harry's Seafood Grill in the bar area for drinks and appetizers before the show. Please RSVP to Linda if you will be coming to Happy Hour. lindajlucero@gmail.com.

Upcoming events

Stewardship Discussion – Saturday, February 18

Congregational DNA Meeting – Saturday, February 25

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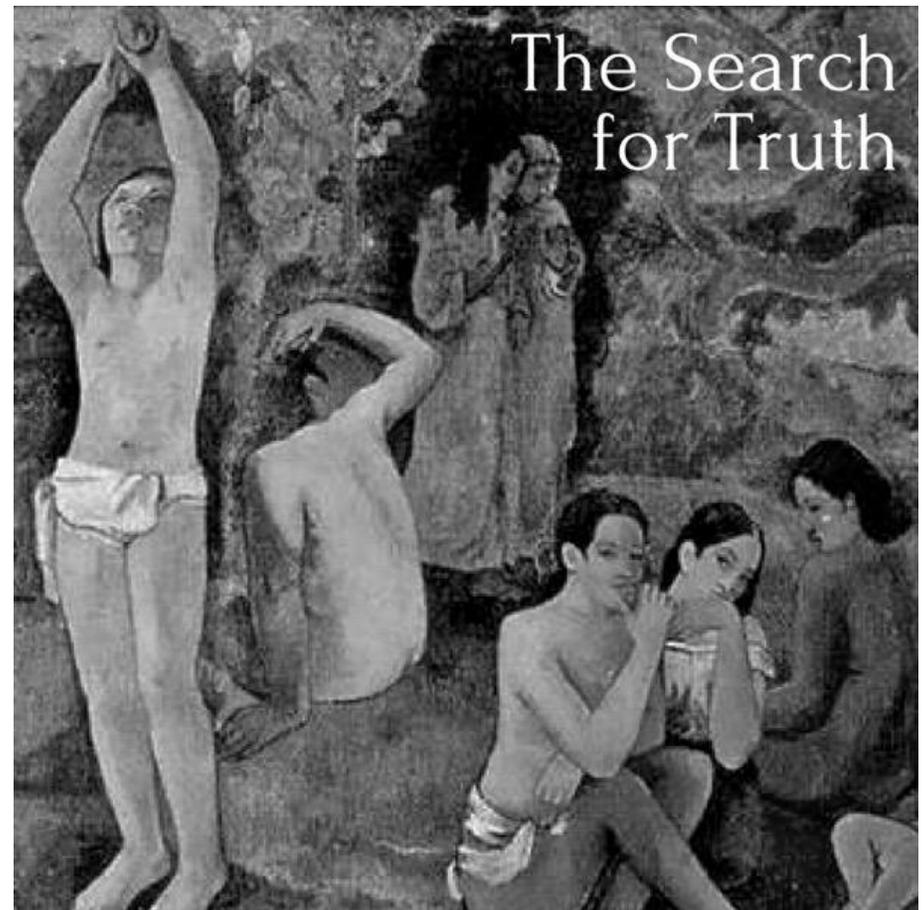


Image: Detail from Paul Gauguin, “Where do we come from? What are we? Where are we going?” (1897-98, oil on canvas)

February 12, 2017
Richard J. Grzywinski

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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 Maggie McLaughlin, Worship Associate

Prelude "Gloria" Vivaldi

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 Maggie McLaughlin

Story For All Ages Maggie McLaughlin

"It's Not My Problem" adapted from a Thai folk tale

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 "Let This Be a House of Peace" #1054

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn "Meditation on Breathing" #1009

Meditation

Offering "Kyrie"

Reading "Who Am I" by Carl Sandburg

Sermon *The Search for Truth* Richard J. Grzywinski

Postlude "A Benediction"

*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 "Filled with Loving Kindness" #1031

* 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, Helen Springer, helenspringer@icloud.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, Richard J. Grzywinski. Richard has spoken on more than 35 occasions before UU congregations in the Tri-State Area. He has served UUCSJS, his home congregation, as: 3-times delegate to the General Assembly, construction manager for their "green" building, founder of the men's group, social justice chair, and many others. He currently chairs the Worship Committee and is a member of the choir. He and his wife, Cynthia, are Secular Buddhists, Animal Rights Activists, and vegans.

Today's music is provided by the Mill Creek Choir, Kristen Tosh-Morelli, director; Pam Allenstein, pianist.

Children's Religious Education – Today our youth are visiting the Islamic Society of Delaware. We will be inviting the Muslim youth to visit us in the near future, and hope to work together with them on justice issues. An Earth Day planning meeting is scheduled for next Sunday, February 19, after the service. We are seeking a few more adults and youth to assist.

Potluck Lunch – everyone is invited to remain with us after today's service to enjoy our potluck lunch.

Share Our Plate For the months of January and February we will be donating half of our undesignated plate offerings to Planned Parenthood.

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

All Church Meeting - Stewardship Discussion
Saturday, February 18, 2017, 10:00 am – 12 noon
Lunch and childcare provided

The Board, Rev. Greg, and the Finance Committee have completed some preliminary work over the last year regarding stewardship, fundraising, and pledging. The Board has asked a small group of members to design a new way to fund the promise, values, and work of Mill Creek. **Next Saturday** we will have a meeting to explain the changes to our fundraising and explore how you can be an integral part of making changes for the better, for our community and the community beyond us. Everyone is welcome. In the meantime, if you have any questions, you can ask Steve Selph, Melissa Bryson, Bob Broesler, Fran Loeffelholz, M.Q. Riding, or Judy Pappenhagen.