

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.)

From our Music Department

There will be a **planning meeting** for the Kaleidoscope Concert Series, Season 3, on Sunday, Feb. 21 after church. We are gathering names and contact information for potential Season 3 performers- everyone who has something to contribute should attend this one-time meeting.

A **hearing assist system** is available for congregants who would like to use it. Please express interest to the sound system volunteer, located at the back of the sanctuary, or to a Greeter, to receive a belt pack and headphones or neckloop (for use with a hearing aid).

Nominations welcome for UUSMC leadership positions. The activities of UUSMC are guided by a Board of Trustees. This year we will be electing three new board members and a fourth person to serve as president of the congregation, all for a two-year term. The Nominations Committee is tasked with identifying and formally nominating candidates for approval at the congregational meeting in May and welcomes input from the congregation. Know someone that you think would do a great job? Nominate them! Nomination forms and drop box are located in the gathering space or by visiting www.uusmc.org. Self-nominations are also welcome. All nominations will be accepted until Leap Day (Feb 29). Talk to Pam Allenstein, Matt Doty, or Jamie Kegerise with any questions.

Upcoming events

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

Worship Workshop, Saturday, February 20

Kaleidoscope Concert Series-FishCastle, Saturday, February 27

Big Music Sunday, March 20

Service Auction, Saturday, April 16

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

Welcome & Announcements Maggie McLaughlin, Worship Associate

Prelude **“Girl From the North Country”** Bob Dylan

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

“Robots in Love” adapted from Aaron McEmrys

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 **“We’re Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table”** #407

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn **“When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place”** #1008

Meditation

Offering **“At My Most Beautiful”**
Peter Buck, Mike Mills, Michael Stipe

Reading

Sermon **Should You Choose to Accept It** Rev. Pelley

Postlude **“Falling Slowly”**
Glen Hansard and Markéta Irglová

***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 **“We’ll Build a Land”** #121

* 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 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.

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

Valentine’s Day music is performed by Pam Allenstein, Jamie Kegerise and Andy Levin.

Next Week – join us as we welcome guest speaker Rev. David Pyle, the Joseph Priestly District Executive.

Worship Workshop – Saturday, February 20, 9 am – 12 noon.

Join Rev. Greg and the Sunday Services team as we brainstorm our worship themes for March and April (Laughter, Song & Dance and Belonging, respectively). We will be offering our questions and wonderings about these themes and we will be planning music, readings, and stories. This is a great way to help build meaningful worship experiences for the congregation. Everyone is welcome! Contact Rev. Greg with questions.

Family Promise Support

St. Mark’s church will be hosting homeless families this week – February 14-20. Volunteers and food donations are needed. You can now volunteer via the church website; read more at <http://www.uusmc.org/sign-up-to-help/> or contact Ivonne Antongiorgi at Ivonne.antongiorgi@gmail.com.

Kaleidoscope Concert Series

Gather up some youngsters – adults too! – and join us for our next Kaleidoscope Concert, featuring **FishCastle Music: Saturday, February 27 at 11:00am**. Tickets are \$10 for all ages. FishCastle is a delightful "musical confabulation", featuring local multi-instrumentalists Cyril Caster and Catherine Braik Selin. The focus here is FUN!

This year’s Service Auction is set for Saturday, April 16 and now is the time to begin thinking about your donation! More information will follow in the coming weeks regarding this annual Mill Creek event. In the meantime, contact Adam Kegley with questions, yelgek@gmail.com.