

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 **next 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Mill Creek Book Group** meets on Thursday, March 16 at 7:30 pm in the MacArtor Library to discuss “Another Brooklyn” by Jacqueline Woodson. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact group leader Amy White at [amywwhite@comcast.net](mailto:amywwhite@comcast.net) or (302) 652-1952.

#### Upcoming events

**Congregational DNA Meeting** – Saturday, February 25

**Family Game Night** – Saturday, February 25

**Visitor Reception** – Sunday, February 26

**Book Group**, Thursday, March 16

**Kaleidoscope Concert Series-emma’s revolution** – Friday, April 7

#### Mill Creek Professional Staff

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Image: Detail from Arthur Sussman, *Jacob Wrestles the Angel*, 1995.

**Rev. Gregory S. Pelley**

**February 19, 2017**

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~ Order of Service ~  
February 19, 2017

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

Welcome & Announcements Diana Saunders, Worship Associate

Prelude **Fantasia Impromptu, Op.66** Chopin

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

**The Fox and the Star** by Coralie Bickford-Smith

Story For All Ages Rev. Pelley

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 **“Tis a Gift to Be Simple”** #16

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn **“When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place”** #1008  
(verse 2 only, no repeat)

Meditation

Offering **Impromptu in G-flat major Op. 90, No. 3** Schubert

Reading

Sermon **Soul Fights** Rev. Pelley

Postlude **Impromptu in A-flat major Op. 90, No. 4** Schubert

\*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 **“Wake, Now, My Senses”** #298

\* 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](mailto:mmclaughlin13123@gmail.com), Helen Springer, [helenspringer@icloud.com](mailto:helenspringer@icloud.com), Eileen Selph, [caldwelleileen@hotmail.com](mailto:caldwelleileen@hotmail.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.

**Today's music** is provided by Tristan Leung. Tristan Leung is an undergraduate student from Wilmington, Delaware, studying Music Education (Instrumental) with a concentration in piano at the University of Delaware. He currently studies with Professor Christine Delbeau. Tristan is involved with the school's Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, the Xi Mu chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Music Fraternity, and also accompanies students within the music department.

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

**Children's Religious Education** – We welcome the children to classroom 1 after Rev. Greg's story. Today we are planting Milkweed seeds and other flowering plants that the children will be caring for at home. The seedlings will be planted in the meadow and in our new Butterfly Garden this coming Earth Day.

**Next week** – Rev. Greg will conclude our monthly ministry theme of Solitude.

**-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --**

**Our Sound System Team is in search of new members.** If you would like a volunteer opportunity in our church community but don't want to miss the service, this is a great fit for you! Operating our sound system is about as easy as setting up a radio, tv, or DVD player, and training and support are provided. Please talk to Matt Doty, who can be found at the sound board most Sundays, or send an email to [music@uusmc.org](mailto:music@uusmc.org). Thank you!

**Family Game Night** Join us on Saturday evening, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 pm for a fun evening with the family. Please bring your favorite board or card games and snacks and/or drinks to share.

**Visitor Reception** There will be a Visitor Reception after church service next Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> in the MacArtor Library. Contact Maggie McLaughlin with questions, [mmclaughlin13123@gmail.com](mailto:mmclaughlin13123@gmail.com)