

**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](http://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:*

**Kaleidoscope Concert Series-FishCastle**, Saturday, February 27

**Big Music Sunday**, March 20

**Service Auction**, Saturday, April 16

**Annual Meeting**, Sunday, May 22

### **UUSMC Professional Staff**

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**February 21, 2016**  
**Rev. David Pyle**

A Welcoming Congregation  
302-369-2712  
[www.uusmc.org](http://www.uusmc.org)

**Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek**  
**Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister**  
**~ Order of Service ~**  
**February 21, 2016**

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

Welcome & Announcements Susan Klugerman, Worship Associate

Prelude "Changamano" Albrecht and Althouse

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 **Speaking Truth to Power** by Rev. David Pyle

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 "Turn the World Around" #1074

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn "When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place" #1008

Meditation

Welcoming the New Member See insert

Offering "I Dream a World" arr. Andre Thomas

Reading Excerpt from "A Door Set Open" by Peter Steinke

Sermon **Held by a Mission** Rev. David Pyle

Postlude "Keepers of a Light" T. Benjamin

**\*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 "The Fire of Commitment" #1028

\* 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) or Jack Guerin, [jackguerin7@gmail.com](mailto:jackguerin7@gmail.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.

**-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --**

**Meet our guest speaker, the Reverend David Pyle.** Rev. David Pyle is the District Executive of the Joseph Priestley District, and a UUA Central East Regional Congregational Life Consultant. He serves as our congregation's Primary Contact with the UUA Staff. He has served as a minister for congregations in California, Michigan, and Illinois, and as a Church Administrator for a congregation in Texas. Since 2007, Rev. Pyle has also served as a U.S. Army Reserve Chaplain, currently serving with a Medical Command unit at Ft. Dix, New Jersey.

**Today's music** is provided by the UUSMC choir, Kristen Tosh-Morelli, director; Pam Allenstein, pianist. "Changamano" is a joyful piece with seven Swahili phrases (and translations), urging us to work together, uniting our voices, hands and works into one. A wonderful reminder of working together to accomplish our 'mission'. "I Dream a World" is a beautiful setting of the introspective, contemplative Langston Hughes poem that looks toward a more peaceful and just world. "Keepers of a Light" is a UU anthem, reminding us of one of our missions.

**Share Our Plate** For the months of January and February we will be donating half of our undesignated plate offering to The Adult Literacy Program (ALP) in Kennett Square, PA. The mission of the ALP is to provide free educational instruction to community adults and to improve the literacy of the educationally disadvantaged to levels of proficiency necessary to function on the job, in the family and in society.

**Service Auction 2016**

This year's auction is set for **Saturday, April 16** and now is the time to begin thinking about your donation! Last year's live offerings included everything from vacation packages and beach house weekends; themed dinners, lunches, picnics & BBQ's; to babysitting and transportation services; boat rides, music performances, and guided hikes & tours. The silent offerings included artworks, handmade jewelry, baked goods, tutoring services and gift baskets of every description. And so much more! What will your offering be? Contact Adam Kegley, [yelgek@gmail.com](mailto:yelgek@gmail.com)

# WELCOMING THE NEW MEMBER

By Manish Mishra-Marzetti

## **New Member Covenant (new members recite in unison)**

We enter this faith with hope and possibility in our hearts,

pledging to participate in and support the ministries of this church.

We covenant to remain true to the spirit of love that flows through this church and guides us.

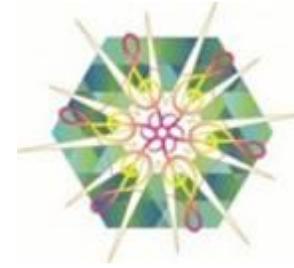
We seek your welcome as we join you in this faith.

## **Congregational Response (congregation responds in unison)**

We welcome you as once we were welcomed ourselves.

We seek to be open and inclusive;  
respecting your inherent dignity,  
your ideas and your vision,  
in times when it is easy  
and in times when it is difficult.

We seek to be supportive,  
not only when you reach out in courage to us,  
but also when you need us to reach out to you.  
In return we ask that you recognize our humanity:  
We will not always live up to our ideals.  
And, when we fall short  
we invite you to stay in relationship with us  
and help us more fully bring alive the spirit of love.  
We welcome you as an equal member  
of this congregation,  
of this faith,  
and of our shared spiritual journey.



## **Kaleidoscope Concert Series presents...**

### **FishCastle Music**

FishCastle is a delightful "musical confabulation", featuring local multi-instrumentalists Cyril Caster and Catherine Braik Selin. Join us on **Saturday, February 27 at 11 am** for this fun and interactive musical experience for all ages. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

