

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.)

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.

Book Group - the next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 7:30 in the church library to discuss "*The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*" by Michelle Alexander. Looking ahead, on Thursday, May 5 we will discuss "*The Book of Unknown Americans*" by Cristina Henriquez.

Social Justice Committee will meet after church service next Sunday, March 6.

Upcoming events

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

Book Group, Thursday, March 3

Social Justice meeting, Sunday March 6

Big Music Sunday, March 20

Service Auction, Saturday, April 16

Annual Meeting, Sunday, May 22



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF MILL CREEK

The Faith that We Live

February 28, 2016

Rev. Larry Smith

A Welcoming Congregation
302-369-2712
www.uusmc.org

Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek
Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister
~ Order of Service ~
February 28, 2016

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

Welcome & Announcements Kathe Erickson, Worship Associate

Prelude *Allemande and Courante*

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. Larry Smith

Story For All Ages read by Laura Bonner

“Sky Color” by Peter H. Reynolds

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 Laugh, We Cry”** #354

Joys and Sorrows

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

Meditation

Offering *Sarabande*

Responsive Reading **“To Be of Use”** #567

Sermon **The Faith that We Live** Rev. Smith

Postlude *Gigue*

***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 **“Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire”** #34

* 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 --

Meet Our Guest Speaker, the Reverend Larry Smith. Rev. Smith is a graduate of Meadville/Lombard Theological School. A U.U. Ordained in 1999, he has served as minister to thirteen congregations, mostly in the interim ministry, including UUSMC. He is currently working toward an M. S. in Pastoral Counseling at Neumann University.

Music today is from Bach's French Suite in E Major : *Allemande and Courante, Sarabande and Gigue*, performed by Hiroko Yamazaki, piano. Ms. Yamazaki has performed throughout the United States and abroad in Rome, Italy; Helsinki and Imatra, Finland; and Lausanne, Switzerland. Currently, she is the pianist of Pyxis Piano Quartet, the ensemble in residence at the Delaware Art Museum. She is also the Associate Head of the Piano Department and Master Piano Faculty with Distinction at The Music School of Delaware.

Next Week – join Linda Lucero for a multi-generational service celebrating International Women’s Day.

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