

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. An induction neckloop, for use with a hearing aid, will be available soon.

Kaleidoscope Concert Series

Gather up some youngsters 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!

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:

Leadership Council meeting, Saturday, February 13

Worship Workshop, Saturday, February 20

Kaleidoscope Concert Series-FishCastle, Saturday, February 27

Mission Accomplished



February 7, 2016
Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

A Welcoming Congregation
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Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek
Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister
~ Order of Service ~
February 7, 2016

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

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude "There Is Peace" Jim Papoulis

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

"Stuck" by Oliver Jeffers

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 "Find a Stillness" #352

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn "Comfort Me" #1002

Meditation

Offering "Deep Peace" Bill Douglas

Reading

Sermon *Mission Accomplished* Rev. Pelley

Postlude "Bridge Over Troubled Water"

Paul Simon, arr. Kirby Shaw

*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 "Calm Soul of All Things" #88

* 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 --

Today's music is provided by the UUSMC choir, Kristen Tosh-Morelli, director; Pam Allenstein, pianist; with Diana Saunders on flute.

Next Week – "Should You Choose to Accept It" with Rev. Pelley.

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.

Visitors' Reception

Visitors, please join us in the MacArtor Library after today's service for a special introduction to our community. We will be happy to provide information about Unitarian Universalism, to orient you to our church, and to answer any questions you may have.

Leadership Council Meeting

Please join us on **Saturday, February 13 at 9:30 am** (note earlier start time) for a special Leadership Council meeting. We will take a few minutes for committee leaders to offer any emerging issues in their ministries. The bulk of our time, however, will be exercises and conversations about our core values as part of the DNA process. Lunch will be provided and babysitting will be made available. Please let Rev. Greg know if you need babysitting. Other questions can be directed to Judy Pappenhagen (judyppenhagen@gmail.com).

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.