

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.)

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

### **A Request**

We invite all who join us for worship to be mindful of their presence in community and the impact we make upon one another. We know that perfumes and scented lotions and soaps are often expressions of our individual identity - which we prefer to honor. However, those same perfumes and scented products can pose a serious health issue, particularly for those with respiratory difficulties such as asthma, COPD, or allergies. We are also aware that some products designed to relieve medical conditions carry strong scents as well. So, we request that members and friends, to the extent they can, carefully consider limiting or refraining from strongly scented products while attending UUSMC. Please feel free to talk with Rev. Greg if you have concerns or questions.

### Upcoming events

**RE-Imagineers meeting**, Tuesday, March 7

**Book Group**, Thursday, March 16

**Being White in Black Lives Matter Movement**, Saturday March 18

**Generosity Gathering**, Sunday, March 19

**Kaleidoscope Concert Series-EMMA'S REVOLUTION**, Friday, April 7

**Service Auction**, Saturday, April 22

**Mill Creek Annual Meeting**, Sunday, June 4

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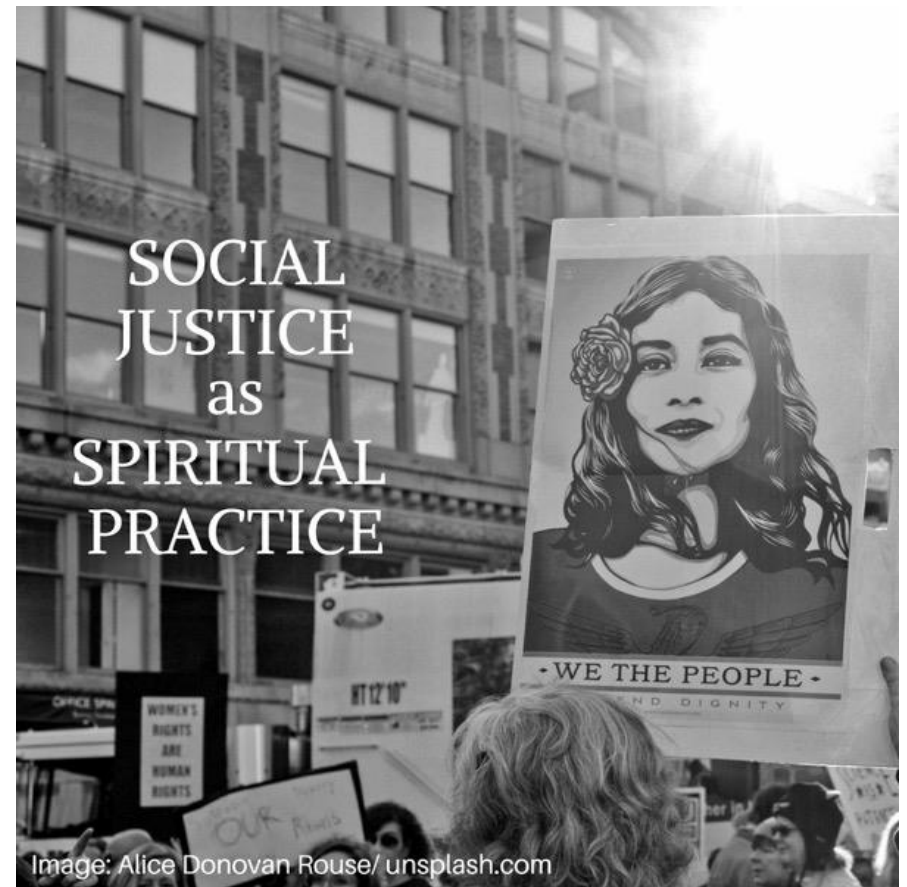


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**March 5, 2017**  
**Rev. Greg Chute**

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

Welcome & Announcements Ellen Justice, Worship Associate

Prelude **“Allegro comodo”** Beethoven, arr. by S. Bowlick

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 Ellen Justice

Story For All Ages Rev. Greg Chute

**“What If Everybody Did That”** by Ellen Javernick

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 **“Be Thou My Vision”** #20

Joys and Sorrows

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

Meditation

Offering **“Andante Cantabile”** Mozart, arr. by A. Evans

Reflection **Social Justice as Spiritual Practice** Rev. Chute

Postlude **“Rondo Allegretto”** Beethoven, arr. by S. Bowlick

**\*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](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.

**Meet our guest speaker, Rev. Greg Chute.** Rev. Chute was raised in the Unitarian faith, was ordained in 1994 and is currently serving part time at the UU's of Central Delaware. Greg lives in Newark with his wife, two dogs, two cats, and a rose garden.

**Today’s music** is provided by Abigail Evans and Stirling Bowlick. **Abigail Evans** is currently a master's student at the University of Delaware, and previously studied viola performance and music composition at the University of Northern Colorado. Passionate about making music accessible to all audiences, Abi works to find alternative ways of presenting both traditional and non-traditional music. Abi and her colleague Stirling make up an ensemble entitled The Euphonic Syndicate ([www.euphonicssyndicate.com](http://www.euphonicssyndicate.com)).

**Stirling Bowlick** is a woodwind specialist, playing saxophone, clarinet, and flute. He completed his studies in performance at the University of Northern Colorado, where he studied both saxophone and clarinet formally. A self-proclaimed saxophone advocate, Stirling promotes the idea that saxophone has an important place in classical music.

**Children’s Religious Education** – We welcome the children to classroom 1 after the Story. Today we are feeding yummy Mealworms to our Blue Bird friends as we walk the meadow looking for signs of spring. Our next RE-Imagineers meeting is scheduled for this **Tuesday, March 7, at 7:00 PM** in Classroom One. All are welcome to help with our Children’s RE Program (childcare will be provided).

**Share Our Plate** For the months of March and April we will be donating half of our undesignated plate offerings to the Latin American Community Center. This agency, in the Hilltop section of Wilmington since 1969, empowers the Latino community through education, advocacy, partnerships and exceptional services.

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**Generosity Gathering** Please join us on **Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>** for an all-members & friends meeting after church to discuss a way from budget-driven funding to aspirational funding and a recognition of the energy that is invested in our church – by our members. **The Generosity Gang will provide lunch. Child care will be available.**

# **SERVICE AUCTION 2017**

## **SATURDAY, APRIL 22**

Planning is underway for this year's "Roaring Twenties" Service Auction and now is the time to think about your donation!

Here's a partial list of some of last year's best sellers:

- Themed dinners, lunches, picnics, BBQ's at your home or another location
- Vacation packages and beach house weekends
- Restaurant, movie, and retail gift cards
- A Night at the Theatre
- Musical performances
- Soup of the Month Club, Dessert of the Month Club
- Hand crafts (a beautiful hand-made quilt was donated last year)
- Fine arts, photography, jewelry, accessories
- Child care, pet care and rides to the Philly airport
- Gift baskets of every description
- And so much more!

The evening begins with a cocktail hour, then a delicious buffet dinner, followed by the live and silent auctions. Mark your calendar! We need your support to make this annual fundraiser a success.

**What will your offering be?**  
Contact David Bonner, [david@dlsk.net](mailto:david@dlsk.net)



We are pleased to offer an exciting four-week class, ***Being White in the Black Lives Matter Movement***, starting on **Saturday, March 18**. Subsequent Saturday classes will be held **on March 25, April 8 and April 15**. The two-hour classes will begin at 10 am and end promptly at noon.

Each class will provide a unique opportunity to deepen our awareness of how our white racial identity impacts our social/racial justice efforts and to understand this work as both spiritual and personal work. Also, as we find connection with each other, we will build courage to fulfill the larger purpose of actively and effectively supporting Black Lives Matter.

Please take a look at the link for UUA support of Black Lives Matter: <http://www.uua.org/statements/support-black-lives-matter-movement>

Classes will be led by Linda Lucero and Joyce Bremley. Linda and Joyce are both highly experienced leaders in racial justice work. They will provide a diverse leadership experience so many perspectives can be explored and discussed.

There will be suggested readings provided before each class.

Registration is required by email: Linda Lucero, [lindajlucero@gmail.com](mailto:lindajlucero@gmail.com), or Rev. Greg Pelley, [gpelley@uuma.org](mailto:gpelley@uuma.org) We strongly encourage attendance of all four classes. Child care will be provided. Class is limited to 20 participants.

If you have questions, please call Linda at 302-463-1894.