

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.)

Big Music Sunday- call for performers

Big Music Sunday will be held on March 20 this year. We have such a wonderfully talented congregation, and so again we will follow a recital format, inviting members and friends to perform. As we did last year, we urge performers to match their performances with one of the monthly themes of our church year. The themes are: Generosity; Compassion; Courage; Grace; Resilience; Mission; Laughter, Song & Dance; Belonging; Forgiveness; Authenticity. Please contact Kristen if you or your family members are interested in performing: music@uusmc.org. Thank you!

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

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).

Upcoming events

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

Social Justice meeting, today after church service

Big Music Sunday, March 20

Service Auction, Saturday, April 16

Annual Meeting, Sunday, May 22



March 6, 2016

Linda Lucero

A Welcoming Congregation
302-369-2712
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Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek
Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister
~ Order of Service ~
March 6, 2016

Welcome & Announcements Mattie Janis
Prelude Abigail Cowan
Chalice Lighting Becky Rusch
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

A Play for All Ages Miranda & Karina Stomberg
“The Paper Bag Princess” by Robert Munsch (adpt.)

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 Are Dancing Sarah’s Circle” #212

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn “Spirit of Life” #123

Silent Meditation

Offering “How Could Anyone” #1053

Offering Music

Readings

Sermon Linda Lucero

Empower Women – Empower Humanity!

Postlude

Extinguish Chalice Maggie McLaughlin

*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 “If Every Woman” #1026

* Stand as you are able.

Welcome, visitors and guests. We hope you’ll stay with us after the service for coffee, tea, & conversation. We welcome you to all meetings and social activities. To discuss joining, 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 Service - Our guest speaker is Linda Lucero, who is a member of UUSMC and has been a feminist and activist for more than 40 years advocating for the rights of women and girls. She is pleased to be joined by our Junior and Senior High young women to celebrate **Women's History Month and International Women's Day on March 8.**

Music and dance today are provided by Abigail Cowan, dancer and Jenna Knaster, piano. Kate Nolan and Becky Rusch perform the offering music.

Abigail Cowan, 14, trains in all forms of dance, and is a third year member of the award winning Delaware Arts Conservatory Performance Company. Most recent performances include performing at Lincoln Center with The Broadway Dreams Foundation, and performing in *Tappin' Thru Life* with Maurice Hines. Abigail is performing a dance to “Green Light” from The Orchestral Soundtrack from *The Great Gatsby*; Craig Armstrong, composer.

Jenna Knaster is a graduate student studying music education and performs around the Delaware and Pennsylvania areas.

Today's Flowers are given by Linda Lucero in honor of her mother who introduced her to the women's movement, supported her when she was a young single mom and always modeled what it looked like to be a social activist.

Share Our Plate

For the months of March and April we will be donating half of our undesignated plate offerings to **Premier Charities**. This organization serves a seasonally appropriate, full-course meal of fresh food to the homeless of Wilmington every Sunday, rain or shine.

Social Justice Committee meets today after service.

Please remember to contact the office to schedule any meeting requiring meeting space - especially on Sundays. We have seen an increase in activity - that's a good thing! - and we want to avoid scheduling conflicts. Contact the office at 302-369-2712 or administrator@uusmc.org.