

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.)

Generosity As most of you are well aware, we are shifting the way we think, respond, and celebrate the generosity of this congregation. As part of that re-imagining, we are also shifting the calendar on our annual financial commitment campaign from a fiscal-year to a calendar year.

This is part of a strategy that is designed to change the way we think about funding our church from merely *sustaining this church* to *funding our highest aspirations*. By separating the funding initiative (“pledge drive”) from the fiscal (budget) year, we shift our experience from scarcity to abundance, from “keeping the doors open” to the wide open and transformative possibility that is Mill Creek.

Right now, we are in the midst of a transitional pledge campaign where we are asking every member and friend to make a financial commitment for the latter six months of 2017 (July 1-December 31). If you have already received your pledge card, but have not yet turned it in, *please do so today*. We are asking that all financial commitment (pledge) cards be submitted by **noon on April 17, 2017**.

If you have not yet made your commitment, or if you have not yet been contacted by one of our Stewardship Ambassadors, please contact the office (administrator@uusmc.org) and we'll get you connected. If you have questions, please contact a member of our Stewardship Team: Steven Selph, Fran Loeffelholz, MQ Riding, Melissa Bryson, Ram Ray, Judy Pappenhagen, or Rev. Greg.

Family Promise Host Week – Tues., May 2nd & Thurs., May 4th Help us feed the homeless! Provide simple main meals, help to serve, or provide simple breakfast/lunch foods. Contact Chitra Vaidy, cvaidy226@gmail.com or Lauri Rickard, rickardlauri@gmail.com

Upcoming events

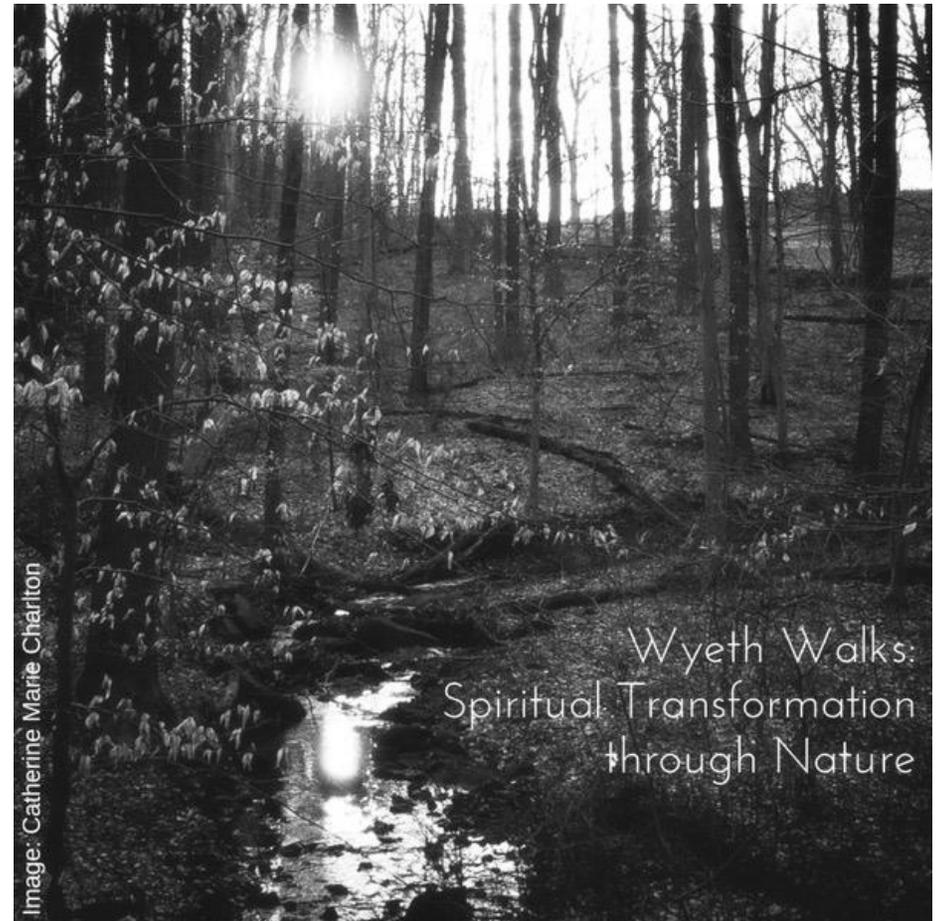
Kaleidoscope Concert Series-EMMA'S REVOLUTION, Friday, April 7

Earth Day Celebration, Saturday, April 22

Service Auction, Saturday evening, April 22

Family Promise Host Week – May 2-May 4

Mill Creek Annual Meeting, Sunday, June 4



April 2, 2017
Catherine Marie Charlton

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Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister
 ~ Order of Service ~
April 2, 2017

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

Welcome & Announcements Diana Saunders, Worship Associate

Prelude *Sarabande from the Suite No. 2 for Solo Cello* J.S. Bach

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 Diana Saunders

Story For All Ages Catherine Marie Charlton

“The Wild Woods” by Simon James

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 “In Time of Silver Rain” #60

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn “Spirit of Life” #123

Meditation *A Walk* by Catherine Marie Charlton

Offering *Off at Sea*

Adapted from *Fugue BWV 853* J. S. Bach by Catherine Marie Charlton

Reading From *Nature* by Ralph Waldo Emerson

Sermon *Wyeth Walks: Spiritual Transformation through Nature* Catherine Marie Charlton

*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 “My Life Flows On in Endless Song” #108

* 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, Helen Springer, helenspringer@icloud.com, Eileen Selph, caldwelleileen@hotmail.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.

Meet our guest speaker, Catherine Marie Charlton. Catherine Marie Charlton is a pianist, composer, and recording artist who has been exploring the spiritual depths of creativity through her Wyeth-inspired nature walks and photography, blogging these on Instagram as "@cmcriverdawn". Her piano album of compositions inspired by the Wyeth family of painters will be released in June 2017. She serves on the Sunday Services committee at UUSMC, delivering lay sermons regularly here and throughout our region, and is also on the Board of Governors of the Philadelphia chapter of the Recording Academy ("The Grammys"). catherinemariecharlton.com **Catherine performs for us today, along with cellist Jennifer Stomberg.** Jennifer received her Bachelor of Musical Arts degree, magna cum laude, from the University of Michigan, and her Master of Music degree from Rice University. She has held several positions as principal cellist and has many years of orchestra experience and performances. Jennifer is a committed teacher and registered Suzuki instructor and currently serves as core master faculty and string department head of The Music School of Delaware. **Today's hymns** are accompanied by Peg Duffy.

Children's Religious Education – Today our children will be listening to the story *Waiting for Wings*, by Lois Ehlert. They will also be looking at butterfly jewelry and discussing the life cycle of the Monarch butterfly, and then will be flying to the music of Chopin and Schumann!

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.

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

Big Music Sunday has been TRANSFORMED into "Flash Choir"! This year, on April 23 we will have something new- a short-term commitment, fun and easygoing singing group. We're performing the music of the rock group QUEEN. Come and transform yourself into a rock star for a FLASH of just three weeks: rehearsals are April 9, 16 and 23 from 9:30 to 10:15am, and we'll perform at the service on April 23. Some friends from the UU Fellowship of Newark are coming, too! We encourage everyone, no matter age, gender or prior singing experience, to join us! According to an NPR article, singing with others can change your life and bring you happiness. Come and sing!

Kaleidoscope Concert Series presents...

Emma's Revolution

When: Friday, April 7th, 2017 at 7:30pm

Tickets: \$18 advance / \$22 door

Advance Tickets: <http://www.emmasrevolution.com/live/> or today after church service

Smart, funny and informative -- like Rachel Maddow and Jon Stewart with guitars.

If there was ever a time for a powerful, loving transformative revolution, that time is now--and this is the music to fuel it! Emma's Revolution (Pat Humphries and Sandy O.) are grassroots, activist musicians whose songs have been used as tools in movements for social justice around the world, keeping people inspired & energized in the work for a world we all want to live in. This concert celebrates the release of their latest album "Revolution Now." Covering issues from killer drones to wind energy, from the Black Lives Matter movement to the sustaining power of love, the songs span folk to jazz to funk and will keep you going through this unimaginable time and beyond.

Performing at Unitarian Universalist coffeehouses, convocations and congregations across the country, **Emma's Revolution** is well known to UU audiences. Since their 2005 appearance with Pete Seeger at General Assembly in Fort Worth, the duo has performed at General Assemblies from Salt Lake City to Portland, OR.



▲ **2017 U.U.S.M.C.** ▲
ANNUAL SERVICE AUCTION

**THE
ROARING
TWENTIES**

april 22, 2017

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5:00pm
CHECK IN & GET YOUR BIDDER NUMBER COCKTAILS & APPETIZERS
50/50 RAFFLE SALES SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

6:00pm
BUFFET DINNER

6:30pm
SILENT AUCTION ENDS

7:00pm
LIVE AUCTION AUCTIONEER: ANDY LEVIN

9:00pm
WRITE YOUR CHECKS AND GO HOME DELIRIOUSLY HAPPY

**TICKETS ARE \$15 PER PERSON IN ADVANCE.
\$20 AT THE DOOR. 16 AND UNDER ARE FREE
CHILDCARE WILL BE PROVIDED**

**Tickets: \$15 per person
On sale today in the
Gathering Space!**

>> Have you made your donation yet? <<