

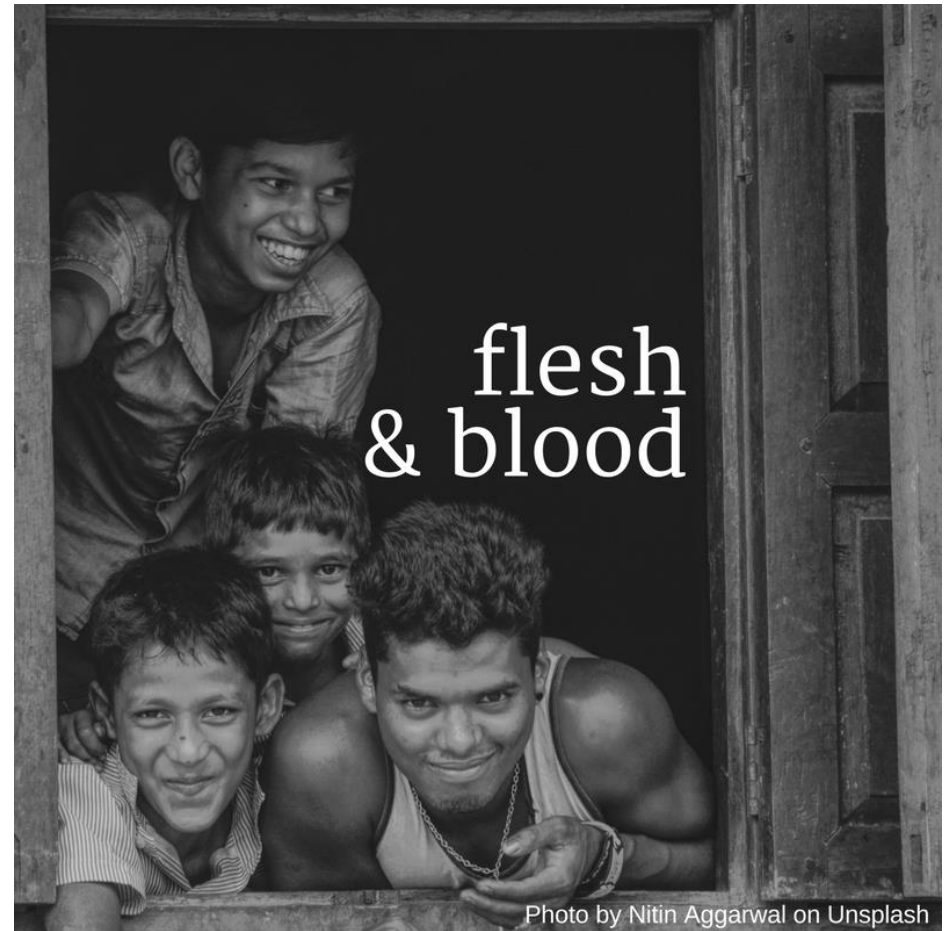
This community affirms and promotes the Unitarian Universalist principles:

- 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.)

Share Our School Supplies Drive

A special thank you to everyone who participated in our annual school supplies drive. All supplies will be distributed to school kids in our area.



August 13, 2017
Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

We are a community that invites you to awaken to love.

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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

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

Brothers, Coats, and Dreams

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

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn

Meditation

Blessing of the Backpacks

Offering

Reading

Sermon

flesh & blood

Rev. Pelley

Postlude

*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.*

* 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.

Potluck Lunch Today

Please remain with us after today's service and enjoy a potluck lunch.

Share Our Plate

For the months of July and August we will be donating half of our undesignated plate offerings to **Arts Holding Hands and Hearts** (AHHAH) in West Chester, PA. AHHAH is an expressive arts and literacy based program, serving disadvantaged youth and their families in communities in Chester County, with the primary focus as Coatesville, PA. Their programs are designed to engage youth in mindful, artistic initiatives in order to establish positive pathways towards building a productive and fulfilling future.

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

Solar Panel Project Update

During today's potluck lunch, we will have an opportunity for everyone to provide their input on the installation of solar panels at Mill Creek. The ad hoc committee, assembled to evaluate the feasibility of solar panels, has reviewed competitive proposals from three potential vendors. At this meeting, the committee will present their recommendation for signing a contract with a specific vendor and provide information about funding the cost of the project.

Chalice Circle Opportunities

Chalice Circles are small groups that provide an environment where people are encouraged and supported in the sharing of stories, experiences, and ideas to get to know each other on a deeper level and develop a richer spirituality. They are designed to augment and strengthen Sunday's spiritual experience. There are currently four Chalice Circles that meet in the evening, including a men's Circle. And there is also a new Daytime Circle. If you'd like to join a Circle or want further information, please contact Joanne Knowles at [302 239-2021](tel:3022392021) or joannebchn@aol.com.