

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 is underway and will run for several weeks in the gathering space. We are providing book bags for sale for \$10; lists of suggested school supplies are also provided. **Please return all supplies by next Sunday, August 13.** These will be donated to students at East Side Charter School in Wilmington.

Solar Panel Project Update - Please join us during the potluck lunch next Sunday, August 13 to provide your 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:302-239-2021) or joannebchn@aol.com.

Upcoming events

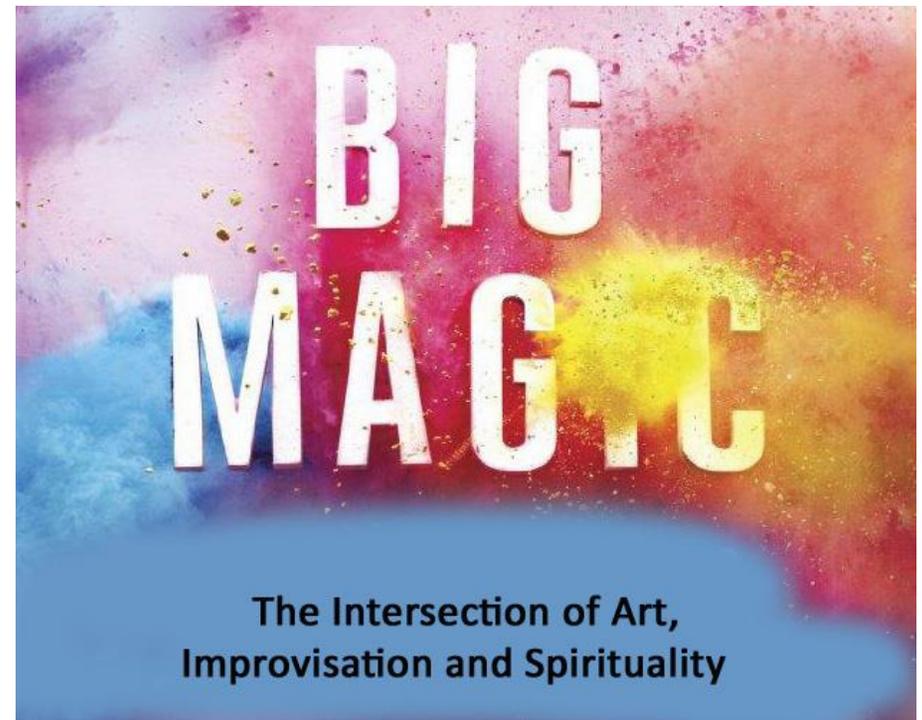
Potluck Pool Party – today after service

RE Imagineers meeting – Tuesday, August 8

Solar panel project update – Sunday, August 13

Mill Creek Professional Staff

Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister minister@uusmc.org
>>Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, 9 am – 1 pm, and by appointment
Debra Damiani, Office Administrator administrator@uusmc.org
>>Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 am – 1 pm
Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Music Director music@uusmc.org



August 6, 2017

Dr. Karen Rege

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

Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek
A Welcoming Congregation
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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 Maggie McLaughlin, Worship Associate
Prelude *The Truth* Cyril Caster & Catherine Braik Selin

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 Dr. Karen Rege
Story For All Ages Dr. Rege

The Flute Player a Japanese folk tale

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 *There's a River Flowin' In My Soul* #1007

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn *Spirit of Life* #123

Meditation

Offering *Angels Asleep in the Snow* Catherine Braik Selin

Readings

Sermon **Big Magic:** Dr. Rege
The Intersection of Art, Improvisation and Spirituality

Postlude *Karenina's Blues* Karen Rege

*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 *Peace* Cyril Caster
(see handout)

* 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, Dr. Karen Rege. Dr. Karen Rege is a professional musician and amateur photographer who works a “day job” as a college administrator. Having grown up in Massachusetts with more than 100 years of UU ancestors, she began exploring the connection of her faith to the arts in the mid-1990's. Since her first trip to the Star Arts workshop on Star Island in 2009, Karen has been sharing what she has learned through her journey from artistic challenges to creative healing. Karen will be reading from “Free Play: The Power of Improvisation in Life and the Arts” by Stephen Nachmanovich, and “Drumming at the Edge of Magic” by Mickey Hart.

Today's music is performed by FishCastle Music, a delightful musical confabulation featuring local multi-instrumentalists Cyril Caster and Catherine Braik Selin.

Children's Religious Education The children will be outside today, “painting” our Asian Pears with clay to protect them from insects. This is a non-chemical, inexpensive way to help protect fruit as it is ripening on the trees. Join the next **RE Imagineers meeting** this Tuesday evening, August 8th at 7 pm.

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 --

Mill Creek Potluck Pool Party Join us after church service today at Chitra & Prakash Vaidy's house for a relaxing afternoon poolside. Bring your swimsuit & towel and a dish or beverages to share. See Steve Selph or Chitra with questions.