

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.)

Chalice Circles There are currently four Chalice Circles that meet in the evening, including a men's Circle. There is also a new Daytime Circle, and we are looking for a few more people to join. It meets one Tuesday a month at 12:30 pm in the MacArtor Library. You are welcome to bring your lunch to the Circle. 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. If you'd like to join the Daytime Circle or another Circle, or want further information, please contact Joanne Knowles at 302-239-2021 or joannebchn@aol.com.

Catherine Marie Charlton: The Wyeth Album

Friday, September 29, 7 pm - World Cafe Live, Philadelphia
Please support Mill Creek member Catherine in celebration of a four-year project deep in passion and spirit, as she performs music from *I Dream About This World: The Wyeth Album* in this great Philadelphia venue. See today's insert for more information.

Upcoming events

Family Fun Night-Autumnal Equinox Celebration, Saturday, Sept. 23
Catherine Marie Charlton: The Wyeth Album, Friday, September 29,
World Cafe Live, Philadelphia
Blessing of the Animals, Sunday, October 1

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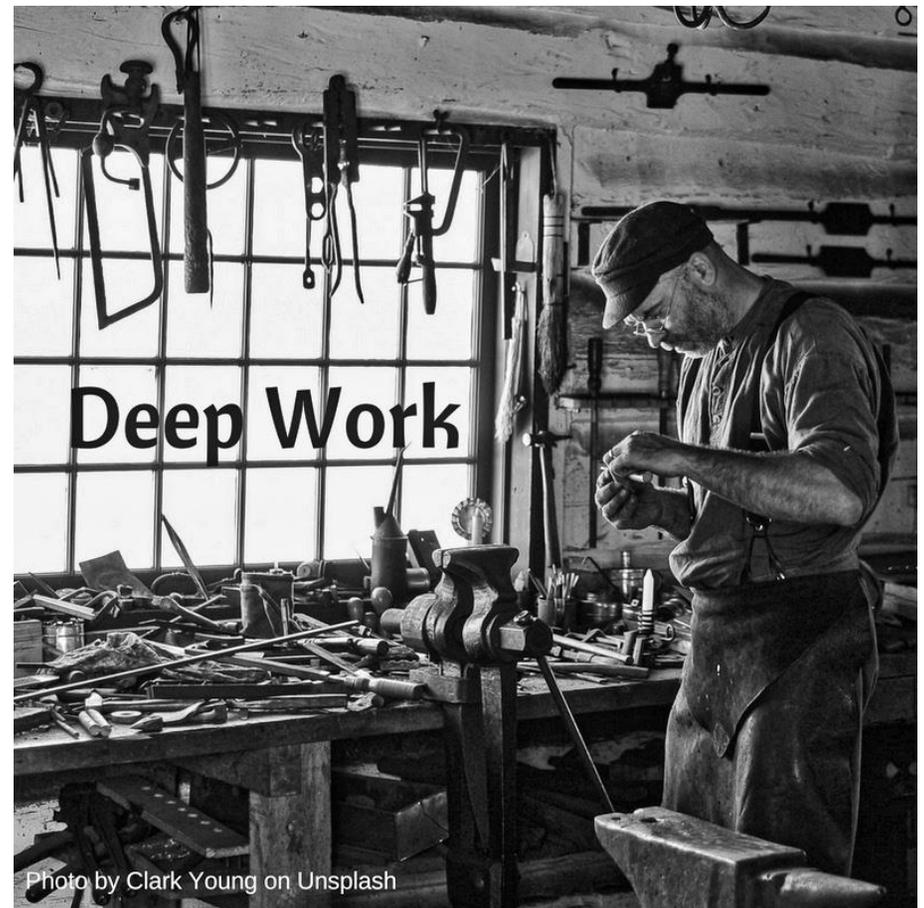


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September 17, 2017
Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

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

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A Welcoming Congregation
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~ Order of Service ~
September 17, 2017

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

Welcome & Announcements Maggie McLaughlin, Worship Associate

Prelude Down to the River to Pray

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

The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt & Oliver Jeffers

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 Bright Morning Stars #357

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn Comfort Me #1002

Meditation

Offering At the River Copeland

Reading Excerpt from *Deep Work* by Cal Newport

Sermon **Deep Work** Rev. Pelley

Postlude Make Our Garden Grow Bernstein

***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.**

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.

Today's music is performed by the Mill Creek Choir, directed by Kristen Tosh-Morelli; Pam Allenstein, pianist.

Children's Religious Exploration Welcome to the Opening Day of the Religious Exploration Year! We are looking forward to an amazing year of fun, fellowship, and learning. Please remember to pick up your child from their classroom immediately following the worship service. Children will not be dismissed from their classes until they have been signed out by their parent or guardian.

Share Our Plate For the months of September & October, we'll be donating half of our undesignated plate offering to Family Promise of Northern New Castle County, DE, a coalition of volunteers, faith communities, and donors working to prevent and end homelessness. Family Promise helps families access affordable housing, in many cases bypassing the homeless shelter system, and works to mentor families, teaches financial literacy, helps to find jobs, and advocates for public policies to promote the economic stability of low-income families.

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

Change of Date - Autumnal Equinox Celebration! We've changed the date and added **S'mores** to our next Family Fun Night on Saturday evening, September 23, 6:30 PM. Come out and celebrate the arrival of fall with fellowship and a camp fire!

Blessing of the Animals: Sunday, October 1st

On October 1st, our worship service will be centered on the tradition of the Blessing of the Animals. This will be a multigenerational worship service where members and friends are invited to bring their well-behaved live pets; or a photograph of them; or even a stuffed animal to be blessed. We will also create space during the service to honor those animals that have died and remain in our memory - bring a photo or an object of remembrance of a beloved deceased pet and we will create a memorial altar. If you choose to bring a live animal, they must be restrained **at all times** and well-socialized. If you have allergies, please know that there will be live animals in our sanctuary, take care of yourself, even if that means having to miss this service.