

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.)

RE Imagineers – Organic Religious Education

The team working on providing religious education for this church year the RE Imagineers, has developed a welcoming program that can expand as needed. We call it an organic organization because it is one that is very flexible and is able to adapt well to changes. ***We are looking for adults to support our efforts by promising to invest one or more of their Sundays in the future of our young people. We encourage you to join us, the RE Imagineers, to make a difference in a child's life! Contact MQ Riding, mq.riding@comcast.net or 302-463-1022 if you'd like more details.***

Newark Community Day Mark your calendar for Sunday September 18 and join us on the U of D Green, 11 am-4 pm. This is a wonderful outreach opportunity to offer information about UUism and awareness of the presence Mill Creek to the local community. Your participation is encouraged! For more info, contact Steve Selph, mutiny397@yahoo.com or Eileen Selph, caldwelleileen@hotmail.com.

Adult RE Class – Creating Meaning in Our Lives (Listening to Our Lives Part 2) This class is designed for those who have already participated in Rev. Greg's "Listening to Our Lives." If you have participated and want to continue further exploring some of the topics, a group will be meeting for 6 more sessions on the following Wednesdays from 7-9 pm: Sept. 28; Oct. 5 & 26; Nov. 2 & 30; Dec. 7. We will attempt to create meaning in our lives through discussion of the following topics: multicultural perspectives of the Divine; naming the Divine; personal experiences with the Divine; where you want to share your gifts and why; how to support your gift giving; being attentive to others. See the signup sheet in the gathering space or email karenrege@gmail.com by Wednesday, Sept. 21.

Upcoming events

9/11 Remembrance Vigil, September 11

Newark Community Day, Sunday, September 18

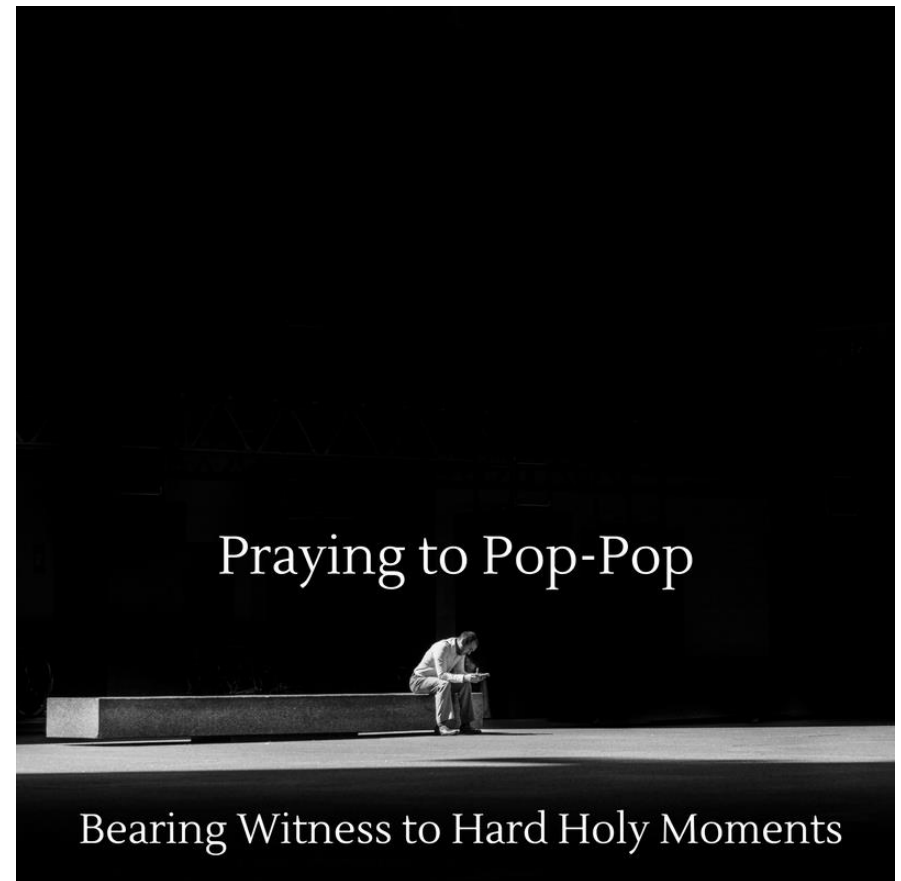
Women's Beach Retreat, Friday-Sunday, September 23-25

Creating Meaning in Our Lives, Wednesday, September 28

Membership Workshop, Saturday, October 1

Delmarva Cluster Retreat, October 7-9

Charity Gala, Saturday, October 15



Praying to Pop-Pop: Bearing Witness to Hard Holy Moments

September 4, 2016

Rev. Colleen Clark

A Welcoming Congregation
302-369-2712
www.uusmc.org

Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek
Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister
~ Order of Service ~
September 4, 2016

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

Welcome & Announcements Maggie McLaughlin, Worship Associate

Prelude "We Will Be a Shelter For Each Other" Long/Pote

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. Colleen Clark

Story For All Ages Rev. Clark

"Prince, the Rock'n Roll Cat" adapt. fr. Aaron McEmrys

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 "Wake, Now, My Senses" #298

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn "Spirit of Life" #123

Meditation

Offering "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" arr. M. Bonds

Reading "Clinical Pastoral Education"
fr. Pastrix, by Nadia Bolz-Weber

Sermon "Praying to Pop-Pop" Rev. Clark

Postlude "At the River" adapt. A. Copeland

*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 "We Celebrate the Web of Life" #175

* 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, Jack Guerin, jackguerin7@gmail.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.

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

Meet Our Guest Speaker, Rev. Colleen Clark. Colleen Clark is an ordained interfaith minister, a chaplain intern with Nemours/A.I. duPont Hospital for Children, and a chaplain volunteer with Seasons Hospice. Colleen has her B.A. in psychology and a Masters of Mental Health Counseling, and has also achieved the status of Competent Toastmaster. Colleen has been parasailing, hang gliding, and zip lining. When she turned 50 she took up surfing and went skydiving. She recently submitted her 170-page thesis entitled Trauma and the Spirit: Creating a New Story, which is the final requirement for receiving her Masters of Interfaith Divinity. Her goal is to become a board certified chaplain.

Today's music is provided by Lynne Claire Morse, soprano; Elaine Atz, accompanist. Lynne Claire is a member of the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) and teaches vocal lessons in Hockessin. For more info: www.lynnecairemorse.com Welcome back, Lynne Claire!

Next Week – join us for our annual Ingathering Celebration with Rev. Greg. Everyone is invited to bring a small amount of water to pour into the common bowl – symbolic water from your life – be it from your kitchen tap or your favorite stream. This will be a multigenerational service featuring the return of our beloved choir, directed by Kristen Tosh-Morelli. Afterward we'll enjoy fellowship over a delicious potluck lunch. Please bring a dish to share!

Share Our Plate During the months of September and October we will be sharing half of our undesignated plate offering to the newly formed advocacy organization, Unitarian Universalist Delaware Advocacy Network (UUDAN). UUDAN has a leadership team with representation from all 5 Delaware congregations. It offers a new dimension for UU social justice programs in Delaware, providing a vehicle to research and draft legislation and lobby for reform measures in Dover.

Sept. 11 Remembrance Vigil

Everyone is welcome to join Rev. Andrew Weber at UU Fellowship of Newark at 8 pm on Sunday, September 11. On this 15-year anniversary, we will come together for a time and space to light candles, speak our feelings and be in community.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

REGISTRATION:

- Register online at <http://registration.uudelmarva.org/>
- Send your payment to First Unitarian Church of Wilmington, 730 Halstead Road, Wilmington, DE 19803
- Housing is allotted on a first-come-first-served basis. A registration is considered received when the check is received at First U. Note – NO online payments will be accepted.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

- Rooms available within the conference center (new this year!)
- Navajo Cottages – familiar & cozy
- Tent Camping – more rugged
- Off-site accommodations available

SATURDAY WORKSHOP:

How We Can Live Out Our Shared Mission by Working Together
Join Rev. Greg Pelley for a collaborative workshop along with Rev. Greg Chute, Rev. Paula Maiorano, and Rev. Roberta Finkelstein. For as long as liberal religion has existed, the idea of autonomous congregations working together for both mutual support and the greater good has been a part of our story. From the Radical Reformation to the Puritans of the Cambridge Platform to contemporary times we have always tried to be a community of autonomous congregations. That is, we maintain our autonomy as separate and unique congregations, but we work together to allow ourselves to be more effective, more efficient, and sometimes even more fun together!

We begin this workshop with the panel of ministers who will briefly share their thoughts on the history and theology of this idea of being better together. Then we will break into smaller groups to consider how we contemporary UU's might live up to the ideals of our ancestors.

FIND OUT MORE! <http://uudelmarva.org/cluster-retreat>

UU Delmarva Retreat!! October 7-9 2016



Come in fellowship to share your part of the tree of UU growing on the Delmarva Peninsula.

- Come for the weekend or just for the day. Full day of programming Saturday. Worship Sunday.
- Saturday workshops and Sunday service lead by teams of our ministers!
- All of the fun Camp Tockwogh activities: campfires, hiking, boating, archery, music, yoga, dancing, etc.
- New lodging and conference center

Breath of Life Tree of Life UU Life



Offers of help or questions, contact: jon.claney@gmail.com (302) 300-6637, Registrations and donations for scholarships: uudelmarva.org/cluster-retreat Facebook: Delmarva UU Retreat 2016