

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.)

Could you help us catch up? Our fiscal year ended on June 30, but we still had a number of pledges outstanding, and so we are a bit behind on our financial goals. Here's how you can help:

1. If you have not completed your 2014-15 pledge, please do so prior to September 30. (If you need to know your balance - please contact bookkeeper@uusmc.org)
2. If your circumstances have changed and you are unable to complete your pledge, or need to reduce it, please know that it's OK. We simply ask that you email bookkeeper@uusmc.org and let us know, so we may plan accordingly.
3. If you have not made a pledge for the current year (2015-16), you may stop by the office and fill out a pledge card or email pledge@uusmc.org

The generosity of your financial contribution is what keeps this home for our spirit energized and engaged, this place of acceptance open and welcoming. Our work together is made sacred by **all** the gifts you bring to this gathered and growing congregation!

Adult RE Class at UU Fellowship of Newark - Sexuality & Values Workshop - Wednesday, October 7th, 7-9 pm

What is the intersection between sexuality and values in the 21st century? How do values about sexuality change over time? Where is the intersection of sexuality and spirituality? Explore these and other questions at UUFN on Wednesday, October 7th from 7-9 pm at the Sexuality & Values Workshop. Trained facilitators will be leading this session from the Adult Our Whole Lives sexuality education program. Space is limited! To register, email Isabella Weber:

iceweber@gmail.com

Upcoming events

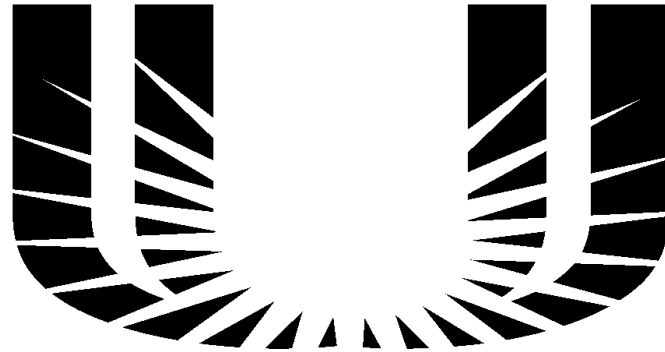
Check the weekly news or the online calendar for more information about these and other events at UUSMC:

UU Fiber Friends, Tuesday, Sept. 22

Women's Retreat, Friday-Sunday, September 25-27

Delmarva Cluster Fall Retreat, Friday-Sunday, October 2-4

UUSMC Charity Gala, Saturday, October 10



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
SOCIETY OF MILL CREEK

Cultivating an Open Heart

September 20, 2015

Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

A Welcoming Congregation
302-369-2712
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Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek
Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister
~ Order of Service ~
September 20, 2015

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

Welcome & Announcements Linda Lucero, Worship Associate

Prelude **"Two Lullabies"** Kevin J. Cope

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 **"The Miser"** adapt. from Pleasant DeSpain

Children to Religious Education – "Go Now in Peace" #413

Opening Words

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 **"Gather the Spirit"** #347

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn **"Spirit of Life"** #123

Meditation

Offering **"Twilight at Dawn"** Kevin J. Cope

Reading **"Go Boldly"** Jean M. Olson

Sermon ***Cultivating an Open Heart*** Rev. Pelley

Postlude **"Lullaby from Suite No. 2"** Kevin J. Cope

***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 **"Shabbat Shalom"** #214

* Stand as you are able.

WELCOME!

Welcome, visitors and guests. We invite you to sign our guest book, 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 joining, please contact Maggie McLaughlin, mmclaughlin13123@gmail.com or Jack Guerin, jackguerin7@gmail.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.

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-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

Today's music is provided by composer and guitarist Kevin J. Cope. Kevin is a graduate of the University of Delaware with a master's degree in music composition and a second master's degree in guitar performance. He is an experienced guitar teacher at the University of Delaware Community Music School and other area institutions. Kevin was the recipient of the 2011 Emerging Artist Fellowship for Music Composition and the 2015 Established Artist Fellowship for Music Composition from the Delaware Division of the Arts and has also been featured on the cover of Soundboard Magazine in their 40th Anniversary Edition with a focus on composition for the guitar. A member of two boards in the Philadelphia area, Orchestra 2001 and the Philadelphia Classical Guitar Society, Kevin continues to work to enhance the influence the classical guitar and contemporary art music in the Philadelphia area. Welcome back, Kevin!

Next Week – “A Mountain of Bread” with returning guest speaker and UUSMC member Rev. Keith Goheen.

Share Our Plate During the months of September & October we will be sharing half our undesignated plate offering to assist with the Conference on Racism from the Coalition to Dismantle the New Jim Crow.

UU Fiber Friends meets next Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 7 pm in the MacArtor Library. UU Fiber Friends is a group of folks who enjoy knitting, sewing, cross-stitch and any other kind of needlework, or just the simple pleasure of warm conversation. Everyone is welcome. The group meets monthly on the second and fourth Tuesdays.

Social Justice Committee meets today after service in the MacArtor Library.

Delmarva UU Cluster Fall Retreat – Friday-Sunday, Oct. 2-4

Look for brochures on the visitor's table in the gathering space. For more info and registration forms, visit uudelmarva.org/cluster-retreat.

Note: there will be Sunday service here at UUSMC at 10:30 am.