

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.)

Community Forum – *Hope, Opportunity and Race – Breaking the Prison Poverty Connection* will be held on Saturday, November 14th, 8 am-4:30 pm at the Chase Center on the Riverfront in Wilmington. Visit www.endnewjimcrowde.org for more info.

Code Purple Training– today at 11:30 at UUFN with Jan Owens.

UU Men's Third Thursday Lunch Group - For over 20 years the men of UUFN and their friends have gathered at a different restaurant on the third Thursday of each month for food and fellowship. We are expanding to invite & welcome any interested men from UUSMC and First Church. Please contact Bob Lillich at blue.phrog@comcast.net or call 302-290-3415 if you would like to attend on Thursday, November 19. We usually have 6-15 men and make reservations. If you can't join this time but want to be on the group email list for monthly reminders, contact Bob.

"Living Life Fully: Release, Receive and Return on the Labyrinth" - Saturday, November 21, 9:30am - 12:30pm, at UUFN. Free of charge and includes mid-morning snacks. In this workshop, learn about the history and types of labyrinths. We will discuss how to walk the labyrinth mindfully as a way to find out more about yourself. Registration is required; email Karen Barker at kjbarker13@gmail.com

Upcoming events

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

Conversation about RE, today after service

Community Forum, Saturday, November 14

UU Men's Lunch Group (UUFN), Thursday, November 19

Labyrinth Workshop at UUFN, Saturday, November 21

2016 Service Auction, Saturday, April 16

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Inspired by the Jane Campion film "The Piano"



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and
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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 Catherine Kegley, Worship Associate

Prelude **“Big My Secret”**

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 Music **“Silvered Fingered Fling”**

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.

Joys and Sorrows

Musical Meditation **“Deep Sleep Playing”**

Witness to These Hopes Doug Harrell

Offering **“Attraction of the Pedaling Ankle”**

Homily Rev. Pelley

Music **“The Heart Asks Pleasure First”**

***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 **“Once to Every Soul and Nation”** #119

* 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 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. www.uusmc.org

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

Today's music, performed by Pam Allenstein, is from the movie, "The Piano." A powerful score composed by Michael Nyman expresses a young woman's thoughts and emotions as she courageously challenges life's oppressions. Meant to be her own creations, the songs weave old Scottish folk tunes into eclectic unconventional styles to convey her musical voice. "Big My Secret" reveals deep passions awakening. The playful "Silver-Fingered Fling" invokes a frenetic Scottish dance, while "Deep Sleep Playing" provides insights into the turbulent subconscious mind. A strong will asserts itself through unpredictable mood shifts in "The Attraction of a Pedaling Ankle." The recurring impassioned theme, "The Heart Asks Pleasure First," draws from a poem by Emily Dickinson about the complexities of love.

Next Week – join us as we welcome back Rev. Libby Smith, who will continue with our monthly theme of Courage.

Share Our Plate For the months of November and December we will be sharing half our undesignated plate offering with Limen House, which provides assistance to recovering alcoholics.

Join the Conversation!

Over the last several weeks, there have been some wonderful conversations about our Religious Education (a.k.a. Religious Exploration) programs here at UUSMC. We have been listening to teachers, volunteers, and parents on their hopes and dreams for our children and youth. The RE program at UUSMC is a core part of who we are as a religious community and we all have a voice in supporting our Religious Education Director and the Religious Exploration team. So - we would like to invite you to join that conversation -- even if (especially if!) you don't have children in the program. Please join us immediately after the worship service **TODAY**. Childcare is available!

Share Our Bounty –boxes will be available after service today to take home and fill. Please return next Sunday, November 15th; they will be distributed to Kennett Food Pantry and YWCA Homelife in downtown Wilmington.