

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.)**

**"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](mailto:kjbarker13@gmail.com)

### **Kaleidoscope Concert Series – featuring CoroAllegro**

Join us on Friday, December 18 at 7:30 pm to hear CoroAllegro – Delaware’s Chamber Choir, perform. CoroAllegro is an ensemble of dedicated avocational singers (professional and experienced amateur) devoted to the accomplished performance of a wide variety of fine choral literature, with particular emphasis on less frequently performed works. Under the direction of Jeffrey Sean Dokken, CoroAllegro sings throughout Delaware and in surrounding states. Tickets are \$15 in advance (<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2386399>) or \$18 at the door (cash or check only). For more information about the ensemble, check out [www.coroallegro.com](http://www.coroallegro.com). For more info about the Series, check out [www.uusmc.org/concerts](http://www.uusmc.org/concerts)

### **Upcoming events**

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

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

**Labyrinth Workshop at UUFN**, Saturday, November 21

**Kaleidoscope Concert Series – CoroAllegro**, Friday, December 18

**Solstice Service**, Tuesday, December 22

**2016 Service Auction**, Saturday, April 16

### **UUSMC Professional Staff**

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TRUMPET VINES  
DANDELIONS &  
MUSTARD SEEDS



**November 15, 2015**  
**Rev. Libby Smith**

A Welcoming Congregation

302-369-2712

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**Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek**  
**Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister**  
**~ Order of Service ~**  
**November 15, 2015**

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

Welcome & Announcements Ellen Justice, Worship Associate

Prelude *Birds Flower* Catherine Marie Charlton

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 Ellen Justice

Story For All Ages as told by Rev. Libby Smith

*Tale of Mulla Nasruddin* trad. Islamic fable

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 “When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place” #1008

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn “Love Knocks and Waits for Us to Hear” #1029

Meditation

Offering *Gnossienne #4* Erik Satie

Reading Mark 4:30-32

Sermon *Trumpet Vines, Dandelions and Mustard Seeds*

Rev. Libby Smith

Postlude *Autumn Leaves* Joseph Kosma

\*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 “Go Lifted Up” #1057

\* Stand as you are able.

## **WELCOME!**

Welcome, visitors and guests. We invite you to complete a visitor contact form, 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](mailto:mmclaughlin13123@gmail.com) or Jack Guerin, [jackguerin7@gmail.com](mailto:jackguerin7@gmail.com), or our minister, Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, [minister@uusmc.org](mailto: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 --**

**Meet our guest speaker, the Rev. Libby Smith.** Rev. Smith received her M.Div. from Harvard Divinity School in 1992. She has served Unitarian Universalist congregations in Rockport, MA, Warrington, PA, and Langhorne, PA and was chaplain for five years at Unitarian Universalist House, a small nursing home in Philadelphia. Now retired from congregational service, she provides rites of passage, pulpit supply and workshops on request.

**Today's music** is provided by Catherine Marie Charlton. Catherine is a member of UUSMC. She will be performing these musical selections with her trio at her New York City debut at The Metropolitan Room this coming Friday, November 20. There is a charter bus taking a group from UUSMC, leaving at 4 pm and returning that night after the concert. We are also trying to coordinate a meeting up for dinner and/or the concert with some members of All Souls UU church in Manhattan. Please see Catherine after service if you are interested in coming along. *AXS* called her latest record Maiden's Voyage "a triumph... a new form of jazz...born of feelings rather than flash."

**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.

**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](mailto:blue.phrog@comcast.net) or call 302-290-3415 if you would like to attend on Thursday, November 19. If you can't join this time but want to be on the group email list for monthly reminders, contact Bob.