

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.)

Worship Workshop –Saturday, December 19, 2015, 9 am - 11:30 am.

Join Rev. Greg and the Sunday Services team as we brainstorm our worship themes for January and February (Resilience and Mission, respectively). We will be offering our questions and wonderings about these themes and we will be planning music, readings, and stories. This is a great way to help build meaningful worship experiences for the congregation. Everyone is welcome! Contact Rev. Greg with questions.

Upcoming events

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

Sunday Potluck & Holiday Decorating, Sunday, December 13

Kaleidoscope Concert Series – CoroAllegro, Friday, December 18

Worship Workshop, Saturday morning, December 19

Holiday Party, Saturday evening, December 19

Solstice Service, Tuesday, December 22

2016 Service Auction, Saturday, April 16

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WHERE ARE OUR WOUNDS?



November 22, 2015
Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

A Welcoming Congregation

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Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek
Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister
~ Order of Service ~
November 22, 2015

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

Welcome & Announcements Maggie McLaughlin, Worship Assoc.

Prelude **"Thanksgiving Song"** Mary Chapin Carpenter

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 **"Fairy Penguins"** as told by Rev. Pelley

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 **"Who Would True Valor See"** #106

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn **"When Our Heart is in a Holy Place"** #1008

(verse 2 only, no repeat)

Meditation

Welcoming the New Member *See insert*

Offering **"Homeward Bound"** Keen & Althouse

Reading

Sermon ***Where Are Our Wounds?*** Rev. Pelley

Postlude **"I Need to Wake Up"** Melissa Etheridge

***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 **"I Know I Can"** #1015

* 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.

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

Today's music is provided by the UUSMC choir, Kristen Tosh-Morelli, director; Pam Allenstein, accompanist. "Thanksgiving song" is Mary Chapin Carpenter's beautiful, tender song that touches the heart with its simple message of gratefulness as families and friends join together in prayer, in song and in celebration. "Homeward Bound" is a heartfelt piece, elegant in its simplicity and touching with its warmth and sincerity. "I Need to Wake Up" is Melissa Etheridge's 2007 Oscar-winning song from the documentary "An Inconvenient Truth". It encourages us all to "wake up, shake up, change, speak out" about things that matter. Let the song stir you into action...go and DO, friends!

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.

Second Sunday Potluck & Holiday Decorating

Join us as we deck the halls for the holidays during December's potluck lunch on **December 13**. We'll put some music on, pull out the boxes, bags and baubles, and have a merry time making our church home look festive! Remember to bring a dish to share.

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. For more info about the Series, check out www.uusmc.org/concerts

WELCOMING THE NEW MEMBER

By [Manish Mishra-Marzetti](#)

New Member Covenant (new members recite in unison)

We enter this faith with hope and possibility in our hearts,
pledging to participate in and support
the ministries of this church.

We covenant to remain true to the spirit of love
that flows through this church
and guides us.

We seek your welcome as we join you in this faith.

Congregational Response (congregation responds in unison)

We welcome you as once we were welcomed ourselves.

We seek to be open and inclusive;
respecting your inherent dignity,
your ideas and your vision,
in times when it is easy
and in times when it is difficult.

We seek to be supportive,
not only when you reach out in courage to us,
but also when you need us to reach out to you.
In return we ask that you recognize our humanity:

We will not always live up to our ideals.

And, when we fall short
we invite you to stay in relationship with us
and help us more fully bring alive the spirit of love.

We welcome you as an equal member
of this congregation,
of this faith,
and of our shared spiritual journey.

Welcome A Guest at Your Table



Over the past 40 years, UUSC's Guest at Your Table program has become a cherished tradition that celebrates how we can be partners in advancing human rights. Through this annual multigenerational program, we learn about inspiring global examples of local people making a big difference in their communities. We join together in solidarity, offer our support, and take action.

Visit uusc.org/guest to learn more.

Join UUSC!

Your generous participation in Guest at Your Table makes you part of the change that UUSC works toward throughout the world. UUSC's work is made possible by the activism and generosity of more than 42,000 supporters. UUSC membership benefits begin at \$40 or above, and gifts of \$125 or more are eligible to be matched dollar for dollar by the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock in Manhasset, N.Y.

About UUSC

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) is guided by the values of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the principles of Unitarian Universalism, which uphold the inherent worth and dignity of all people.

UUSC champions human rights on many fronts: economic, environmental, political, and social. Visit uusc.org for more information about current campaigns and partnerships. UUSC is an independent human rights organization and receives no financial support from the Unitarian Universalist Association or the federal government.



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THE NEW MEMBER

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Our Covenant (recited in unison)

and possibility in our hearts,
participate in and support
the life of this church.

True to the spirit of love
which this church
desires for us.

We join you in this faith.

Prayer Response (recited in unison)

When we were welcomed ourselves.

When we were open and inclusive;
When we recognized our inherent dignity,

When we lived your vision,

When it was easy

When it was difficult.

When we were supportive,

When we showed our courage to us,

When we reached out to you.

When we recognized our humanity:

When we lived up to our ideals.

When we did not fall short

When we had a relationship with us

When we kept alive the spirit of love.

When we were an equal member

of your congregation,

