

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.)

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

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, 7:30 pm

Christmas Eve Service, Thursday, December 24, 7:30 pm

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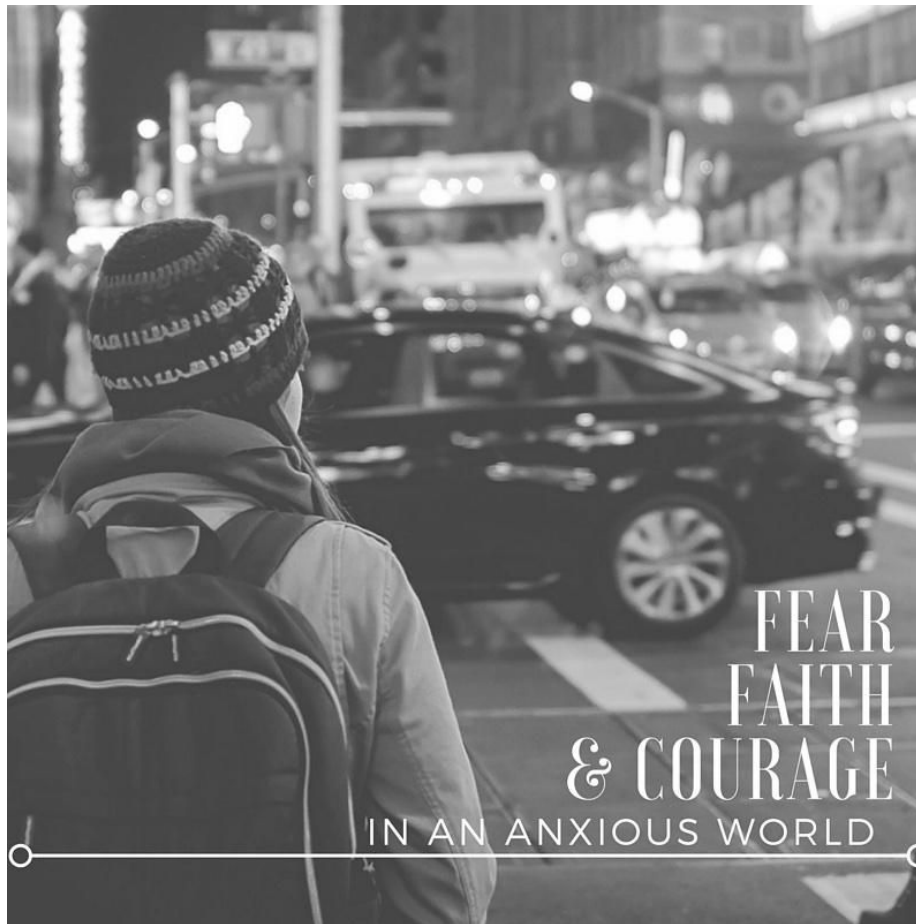
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November 29, 2015
Steve Mortenson

A Welcoming Congregation

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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 Kathe Erikson, Worship Associate

Prelude **"Shelter"** Ray Lamontagne

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 Steve Mortenson

Story For All Ages **"Enemy Pie"** by Derek Munson

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 **"River"** Joni Mitchell

Reading

Sermon ***Fear, Faith and Courage***
in an Anxious World Steve Mortenson

Postlude **"Just the Other Side of Nowhere"** K. Kristofferson

***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 **"God of Grace and God of Glory"** #115

* 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 guest speaker is UUSMC member Steve Mortenson.

Today's music is provided by E Shawn Qaissaunee and S.C. Luvisi.

Brian Hanson is our hymn leader.

E. Shawn Qaissaunee (kay-saw'-nee) - --- guitarist, bassist, keyboardist, composer and teacher was born in Kabul, Afghanistan. Shawn, also known as "Q", attended Berklee College of Music with a focus on Jazz Composition and Music education. He has released numerous recordings of his original music, is currently working on a recording of his vocal compositions and arrangements, and in high demand as a performer. He also performs on two indigenous Afghan instruments, the 20-string rubab (roo-bob) and the dutar (doo-tar). In 2015 Shawn has continued to be in high demand as a soloist and accompanist and is busy writing and performing his original music, teaching private music lessons and doing musical outreach in the community.

Singer-songwriter **S.C. Luvisi's** love for music started in the church, where she sang with her mother, as choir director, at the helm. She studied voice through high school and into college at Northwestern University – and then University of Arizona where she graduated in 2010. Luvisi, influenced by everything from Lucinda Williams and Bob Dylan to Sarah Vaughn and Nino Simone, has spent the years since school traveling the U.S. as a reporter, while absorbing the sights and sounds into her musicality.

Next Week – Rev. Greg returns to the pulpit on Sunday, December 6 to begin our month of Grace.

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! Please bring a dish to share!