

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.)

Drum Circle – please join us for this potluck event on Friday, Mar. 19th at 6:30 pm. Bring a dish to share. Contact Phil Lowe with questions, 302-533-4149.

Book Groups – both book groups meet in the MacArtoe Library unless otherwise noted. For more information about these selections, visit the online church calendar.

Evening Book Group will meet on Tuesday, March 23rd at 7:30 {meeting room TBA} to discuss Hillary Jordan's novel *Mudbound*.

Contact Amy White, amywwhite@comcast.net or 302-652-1952.

Sunday After Services Book Group will meet April 11th to discuss Elizabeth Strout's Pulitzer Prize winning book, *Olive Kitteridge*.

Contact Cyndy Falcoff, cjofal@comcast.net.

Flowers are a lovely complement to Sunday services. The office can order an arrangement from the florist for \$30, \$40 or \$50, or members can bring in an arrangement from another source or even one they've made themselves. A sign-up board to reserve your date for flowers is in the foyer for either option. Please provide the office with your choice of option and dedication information which will be printed in the order of service; send to administrator@uusmc.org

Upcoming events

Service Auction, Saturday, March 13th

Drum Circle, Friday, March 19th

Big Music Sunday, March 28th

Attic Treasures Sale, Saturday, April 17th

Women's Retreat, Fri-Sun, April 23-25, Rehoboth Beach, DE

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF MILL CREEK

A Welcoming Congregation

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In Like a Lion, Out Like a Lamb

March 7, 2010

Rev. Nancy D. Dean

Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek

Rev. Nancy D. Dean, Minister

~ Order of Service ~

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♥ Please turn off sound to all pagers & cell phones, and hold applause to end of service.

Welcome Kate Bowen, Worship Associate

Children's Message

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

Announcements Kate Bowen

Prelude

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.

Worship Associate Reflection

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.

*Hymn "We Sing of Golden Mornings" #44

Visitor Welcome and Congregational Greeting

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn "Spirit of Life" #123

Spoken Prayer and Silent Meditation

Offertory

Offering *Half our offering goes to outreach in the wider community.*

Readings

Interlude

Sermon *In Like a Lion, Out Like a Lamb* Rev. Dean

*Hymn "We Laugh We Cry" #354

Postlude

*Benediction

*As we go from this place of sanctuary,
Confronted by the realities of poverty, injustice and war,
May we be guided by Love, Hope for Peace, the
Desire to do good, and belief in the redeeming
Possibilities of each new day.*

♥ Audio phones for hearing assistance are available in the lobby.

* Stand as you are able.

"We are a liberal religious community which explores and celebrates life through the spiritual, rational, and emotional in ourselves, each other, and the wider world. We are committed to living the Unitarian Universalist principles in all our relationships, and welcome everyone to join with us in celebration and service."

--Mission Statement of UUSMC

WELCOME!

A special welcome to visitors and guests. We hope you sign our guest book, and we invite you to stay with us after the service for coffee, tea, and conversation. We welcome you to all meetings and social activities. To discuss joining, please contact Shirlee Andersen at (302) 239-7586 or slandersen@comcast.net; or Rev. Dean; Office: (302) 369-2712; email: minister@uusmc.org. We hope you have found the service meaningful and our fellowship warm, and that you will be with us again.

Visit our web site at www.uusmc.org

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

Today's music is provided by Lucille Avakian Karnik on piano.

Big Music Sunday, March 28th, is no longer in danger of cancellation but we're still looking for more adults to perform- singing, dancing, or instrument playing. Please email music@uusmc.org or slip a note in the Music Director folder outside the office. In the words of Sesame Street, "don't worry that it's not good enough for anyone else to hear... just sing, sing a song!" **NOTE:** Don't miss the upcoming performance on March 14th when the combined choirs of UUSMC & UUFN will perform.

Share Our Plate charity for March and April is Wings for Success, which provides confidence through clothing to disadvantaged women entering the workforce in Chester County, PA.

Next Week – Second Sunday Pot Luck. Please join us!

Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday, March 14th. Remember to set your clocks forward one hour.

Many thanks to those of you who contributed to the Snow Plow Fund. Your generous contributions will help to offset the unexpected high cost of plowing & sanding the church grounds this winter.

Annual Budget Drive – we have launched our annual drive, **Stepping Up to the Side of Love** which runs through April 18th. We ask each member to contemplate the worth of our church and to carefully consider how they will "step up" and support our church financially. Commitment forms were included in the March Grist email; they will also be available after Sunday services. Feel free to contact Jamie Kegerise with questions at pledge@uusmc.org

UUSMC's Spring Fling – An AnnUUal Affair! Our Service Auction is next Saturday, March 13th. Don't miss this year's spectacular event. Festivities begin at 6 pm. For more information contact Kim Anderson, kimnjb@comcast.net

Social Action Committee meeting today after service in the MacArtor Library. Please join us if you're interested in our work, have a project in mind or would like to see what we do. All are welcome!