

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

Service Auction 2018 – Saturday, April 14 Mark your calendar and join us for a fun evening of good food and great deals at our auction! Contact David Bonner with your donation(s) – david@dlsk.net

Desserts Needed! To make things easier for everyone we are asking for **finger foods & bite sized desserts** such as cookies, brownies, chocolate truffles, fresh fruit platter, pumpkin/banana/nut breads, mini cream puffs, etc. Please email cathyablanchet@gmail.com if you can help.

Big Music Sunday is April 15. Join us for our annual (mostly) all-music worship service! We invite performers of all ages, styles, and genres to celebrate their love of music on the theme **“Awaken to Love.”** If you have a musical gift you wish to share, please register at <http://bit.ly/BigMusicSunday>, before March 25. Contact our Music Director, Kristen Tosh-Morelli at music@uusmc.org for more info.

All-Church Common Read Our Social Justice Team is inviting us into an all-church common read this Spring - *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Delaware native Bryan Stevenson. Everyone is invited to an all-church discussion during our May Potluck Lunch after church service on May 6 (the lunch is *one week earlier* for the month of May).

Upcoming events

April Potluck Lunch, Sunday, April 8

Service Auction, Saturday, April 14

Big Music Sunday, April 15

Earth Day Celebration, April 22

Adult RE Music & Imagery Workshop, Saturday, May 5

May Potluck Lunch & Just Mercy book discussion, Sunday, May 6

Save the date – Church Picnic! Sunday, June 24



Prayer is Release

March 25, 2018

Terry Vodery

We are a community that invites you to awaken to love.

Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek
A Welcoming Congregation
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Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister
Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Music Director
Terry Vodery, Director of Religious Exploration
~ Order of Service ~
March 25, 2018

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

Ringling of the Chime

Prelude *Rose Cottage* Catherine McMichael

Welcome

Lighting the Chalice

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.

Story For All Ages Terry Vodery

The Answer is Under Construction

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

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.

*Hymn *Abide With Me* #101

Reading

Offering Our Prayers

Centering Hymn *Meditation on Breathing* #1009

Meditation

Offering *Badinerie from Orchestral Suite No. 2 in B Minor* J.S. Bach

Sermon *Prayer is Release* Terry Vodery

Postlude *Grand Quartet in E Minor, Opus 103, Rondo* F. Kuhlau

*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.*

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 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.

Meet today's speaker, Terry Vodery. Terry serves the mission of Mill Creek as our Director of Religious Exploration and has a deep commitment to religious education and a passion for social justice. Prior to coming to Mill Creek in September 2017, Terry served our sister congregation in Newark as Developmental Director of Religious Education.

Today's music is performed by The Music School of Delaware Flute Quartet, with Dr. Paula Nelson, director, and Laurie Galya, Linnea Goddess and Diana Saunders. **Paula Nelson**, Master Faculty at the Music School of Delaware, instructs flute students of all ages, directs the Flute Choir, and teaches adult Musicianship courses. She received the D.M.A. and M.M. degrees in Flute Performance from the University of North Texas, and a B.A. from the University of Maryland. **Laurie Galya** is a student at the Music School of Delaware. In addition to flute lessons with Dr. Paula Nelson, she sings in the Delaware Women's Chorus which has given concerts both locally and internationally. **Linnea Goddess** is a retired Clinical Social Worker. She received her MSS from Bryn Mawr Graduate School and her BA from Brown University and has been studying flute with Dr. Nelson since 2014. **Diana Saunders** is a member of Mill Creek where she sings in the choir. She has a B.A. from Dartmouth College and an M.S. Ed. in Math Education from Bank Street College.

Religious Exploration Today in RE, the Chalice Children get to make slime! The Roots and Shoots Friends will work on their projects to be presented to the congregation at the April 8 potluck. The Coming of Agers will meet with their mentors and the Youth Group will meet with their advisors to talk about the March for Our Lives.

Share Our Plate For the months of March and April, half of our undesignated plate offering will be donated to Meeting Ground, Inc. in Cecil County, Maryland. Their mission is to respect and serve persons at risk of or experiencing homelessness with the goal of creating a path to a place they call home.