

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.)

Mill Creek Book Group meets on Thursday, March 16 at 7:30 pm in the MacArtor Library to discuss “Another Brooklyn” by Jacqueline Woodson. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, please contact group leader Amy White, amywwhite@comcast.net or (302) 652-1952.

A Request

We invite all who join us for worship to be mindful of their presence in community and the impact we make upon one another. We know that perfumes and scented lotions and soaps are often expressions of our individual identity - which we prefer to honor. However, those same perfumes and scented products can pose a serious health issue, particularly for those with respiratory difficulties such as asthma, COPD, or allergies. We are also aware that some products designed to relieve medical conditions carry strong scents as well. So, we request that members and friends, to the extent they can, carefully consider limiting or refraining from strongly scented products while attending UUSMC. Please feel free to talk with Rev. Greg if you have concerns or questions.

Upcoming events

- Book Group**, Thursday, March 16
Being White in Black Lives Matter Movement, Saturday March 18
Generosity Gathering, Sunday, March 19
Kaleidoscope Concert Series-EMMA'S REVOLUTION, Friday, April 7
Service Auction, Saturday, April 22
Mill Creek Annual Meeting, Sunday, June 4

Mill Creek Professional Staff

- Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister minister@uusmc.org
>>Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, 9 am – 1 pm, and by appointment
Debra Damiani, Office Administrator administrator@uusmc.org
>>Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 am – 1 pm
Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Music Director music@uusmc.org



March 12, 2017
Rev. Beckett Coppola

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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 Catherine Kegley, Worship Associate

Prelude "Ose Ayo" Brian Tate

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. Beckett Coppola

Story For All Ages Rev. Coppola

"The Three Stonemasons and The Community Builder"

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 "Standing On the Side of Love" #1014

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn "Return Again" #1011

Meditation

Offering "Deep River/Sometimes I feel Like a Motherless Child" arr. Everson

Reading from *Our Passion for Justice* by Carter Heyward

Sermon *The Promise of Courageous Love* Rev. Coppola

Postlude "Go Out!" Elizabeth Alexander

***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 "We Give Thanks" #1030

* 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, Helen Springer, helenspringer@icloud.com, Eileen Selph, caldwelleileen@hotmail.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 our guest speaker, The Rev. Rebecca "Beckett" Coppola. Rev. Coppola is an Affiliated Community Minister with the UU Church of Boulder, Colorado and is serving a large hospital system in north-metro Denver as a Chaplain Resident. A native New Englander, Rev. Beckett transplanted to the Front Range of Colorado to study at Naropa University in 2011. She brings a lifelong pursuit of and love for spiritual practice to her ministry, and she looks forward to sharing contemplative living with all whom her ministry is destined to serve.

Music today is provided by the Mill Creek choir, Kristen Tosh-Morelli, director, and Pam Allenstein, pianist, and featuring Pape "Paco" Demba on hand drums. "Ose Ayo" is a Nigerian sunrise song- picture a beautiful sunrise as we sing! Our offering song today is a medley of two beautiful African American spirituals, "Deep River" and "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child", with a peaceful, gorgeous piano accompaniment. One of our favorites! "Go Out!" brings us the message of early American minister John Murray's (1741-1815) universalist gospel, beloved by people of many faiths all around the world.

Children's Religious Education - Stop by our Children's RE information table in the gathering space after today's service to see what the kids are planning for Earth Day, and learn about our Butterfly Spirituality program. We have a list of small things that members and families can do to help us build a great program.

Share Our Plate For the months of March and April we will be donating half of our undesignated plate offerings to the Latin American Community Center. This agency, in the Hilltop section of Wilmington since 1969, empowers the Latino community through education, advocacy, partnerships and exceptional services.

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

Generosity Gathering Please join us on **Sunday, March 19th** for an all-members & friends meeting after church to discuss a way from budget-driven funding to aspirational funding and a recognition of the energy that is invested in our church – by our members. **The Generosity Gang will provide lunch. Child care will be available.**