

**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.)

#### Family Promise Host Week – Tuesday & Thursday, January 28 & 30

**WHAT:** Family Promise of Northern New Castle County is a non-profit organization that works to prevent and end homelessness by engaging an interfaith hospitality network. Mill Creek is a support congregation in this network and we are committed to assist in this effort a few times a year by providing meals for families currently receiving assistance.

**HOW:** We donate, prepare and help serve meals a few times a year at the host congregation, St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Stanton. This is a meaningful and rewarding way to engage in the needs of our local community and live the UU principle: *The inherent worth and dignity of every person.*

**You can help in one or more of the following ways:**

- prepare a salad, healthy side dish and/or dessert
- donate healthy food items for the meals
- help serve the meals at St. Mark's Church

For more details and to offer your support, contact Chitra Vaidy, [cvaidy226@gmail.com](mailto:cvaidy226@gmail.com) or see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway!

### Upcoming events

**Mid-Year Congregational Meeting**, Sunday, January 12

**Book Group meeting**, Thursday, January 16

**Roe vs. Wade Commemoration Service**, Wednesday, January 22

**Family Promise Host Week**, Tuesday & Thursday, January 28 & 30

**Service Auction**, Saturday, May 16

### Mill Creek Professional Staff

Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Lead Minister

[minister@uusmc.org](mailto:minister@uusmc.org)

>>Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9 am – 1 pm, and by appointment

Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Music Director

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>>Hours: Monday-Thursday 8 am – 1 pm



**Rev. Gregory S. Pelley**

**January 12, 2020**

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

Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek

A Welcoming Congregation

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~ Order of Service ~

Prelude *Festive Processional* Snyder

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

*How Coyote Lost His Songs, Music, and Dance*  
by Ken Collier (adapted)

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 *We're Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table* #407

Reading *Open Up the Doors* by Lindasusan Ulrich

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn *Comfort Me* #1002

Meditation

Offering *Dona Nobis Pacem* #338

Sermon ***First, Welcome the Stranger\**** Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

Postlude *A Benediction* Vermeulen

**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 Tracy Morgan, [tracymorgan2000@verizon.net](mailto:tracymorgan2000@verizon.net), or our minister, Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, [minister@uusmc.org](mailto:minister@uusmc.org). We hope you have found the service meaningful and our fellowship warm, and that you will be with us again.

**Today's music** is performed by the Mill Creek Choir under the direction of Kristen Tosh-Morelli, with Savannah Klumpp, pianist.

**Religious Exploration** Today is Pajama Day for Chalice Children and Roots & Shoots! Each group will work on an animal project, while the YRUU kids will begin a new curriculum from Soul Matters.

**Share Our Plate** For the months of January and February we will be donating half of our undesignated plate offerings to Planned Parenthood. Planned Parenthood delivers vital reproductive healthcare, sex education and information to millions of women, men, and young people worldwide.

**-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --**

**POTLUCK LUNCHEON**

**Today after Service**

Everyone is welcome to remain with us after today's service to enjoy good food and warm fellowship at our monthly potluck lunch. You need not have brought anything – *just grab a plate and join the conversation!*

**MILL CREEK MID-YEAR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**Today after lunch**

The purpose of this meeting will be to update the membership of the congregation on the financial condition of the Society, including the results of the most recent Generosity (Pledge) Campaign, to offer a mid-year review of the state of the congregation, and to hear congregational hopes and concerns. We also are planning a time for members to learn more about our congregational management system, Realm.

**Mill Creek Book Group** The book group welcomes everyone to join our read and discussion of *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States* by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz. We'll meet next Thursday, January 16, at 7:30 pm in classroom 4. We have 4 copies of this book available to lend in the MacArtor Library. Contact Deanna Koepcke at [dkoepcke@hotmail.com](mailto:dkoepcke@hotmail.com) with any questions.