

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.)

Souper Bowl Sunday – February 3! The Social Justice Committee is again coordinating this fundraiser for the Food Bank of Delaware. Plastic containers, in two sizes, are available in the gathering space to take home. Return the containers filled with your own delicious homemade soup for the sale on Feb. 3rd. Please label your containers with the name or type of soup; a list of ingredients is also very helpful (or include ‘vegan’, ‘dairy-free’, etc. on the label).

Meeting space – remember to schedule your event or meeting with the church office to reserve your space – especially for Sundays after church service.

Text-to-Give: text the keyword **MillCreek** plus the amount of your gift to **73256** and follow the prompts.

Upcoming events

- Book Group meeting**, Thursday, January 17
- Shared Pulpit Workshop (series)**, begins January 19
- Listening to Our Lives (series)**, begins January 28
- Souper Bowl Sunday**, February 3
- Adult RE Series-Waking Up White (series)**, begins February 10

Mill Creek Professional Staff

- Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister minister@uusmc.org
>>Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, 9 am – 1 pm, and by appointment
- Terry Vodery, Director of Religious Exploration dre@uusmc.org
>>Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 9 am – 2 pm, and by appointment
- Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Music Director music@uusmc.org
- Debra Damiani, Office Administrator administrator@uusmc.org
>>Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 am – 1 pm

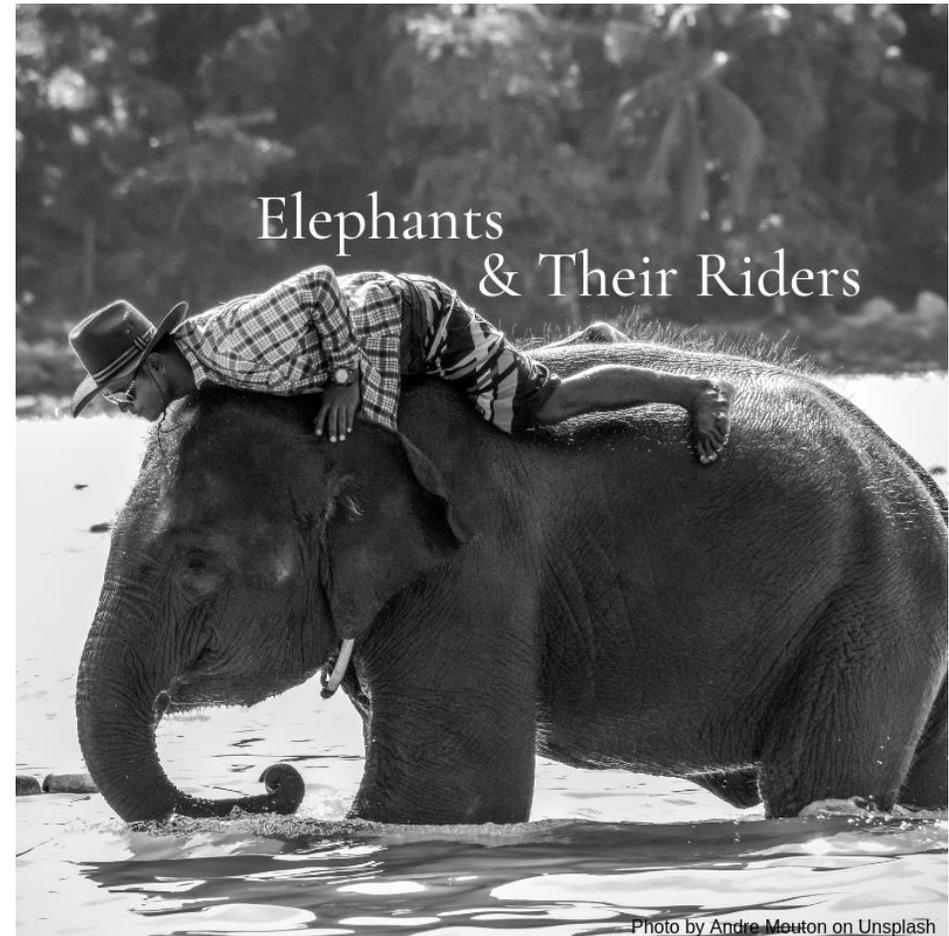


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January 13, 2018
Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

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 ~
January 13, 2019

Prelude *Just a Single Voice* Albrecht

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

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 *Daya Kar Daan Bhakti Ka* #176

Reading

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn *Nada Te Turbe* #1047

Meditation

Welcoming the New Member

Offering *If I Had a Hammer* Seeger

Sermon **Elephants & Their Riders** Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

Postlude *I Ask for One Day* Papoulis

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, 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.

Today's music is performed by the Mill Creek Choir, Kristen Tosh-Morelli, director; Pam Allenstein, pianist.

Religious Exploration Welcome to all the Children and Youth who have come to worship with us today! Following Greg's Story for All Ages, all Children and Youth are invited to come to the R.E. wing for an hour of learning and fun!

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

2018 Giving Statements reflecting donations and contributions for calendar year 2018 were *emailed* to Mill Creek members and friends last week. Realm, our church management system, has made it fast, easy and cost-effective to prepare and provide these statements; therefore, paper copies **will not** be mailed via regular mail. Print out your statement as necessary, either by retrieving the email or by accessing your Realm profile. Contact the church office with any questions.

Mill Creek Book Group Meeting – this Thursday, January 17, 7:30 pm
Everyone is welcome to join us in classroom 2 when we discuss *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters Most in the End* by Atul Gawande. Drop-ins are welcome. Contact Deanna Koepcke with questions, dkoepcke@hotmail.com

WELCOMING THE NEW MEMBER

By Manish Mishra-Marzetti

New Member Covenant

(new members recite in unison)

We enter this faith with hope and possibility in our hearts,

pledging to participate in and support the ministries of this church.

We covenant to remain true to the spirit of love that flows through this church and guides us.

We seek your welcome as we join you in this faith.

Congregational Response

(congregation responds in unison)

We welcome you as once we were welcomed ourselves.

We seek to be open and inclusive; respecting your inherent dignity, your ideas and your vision, in times when it is easy and in times when it is difficult.

We seek to be supportive, not only when you reach out in courage to us, but also when you need us to reach out to you. In return we ask that you recognize our humanity:

We will not always live up to our ideals.

And, when we fall short

we invite you to stay in relationship with us and help us more fully bring alive the spirit of love.

We welcome you as an equal member of this congregation, of this faith, and of our shared spiritual journey.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION CLASSES

Terry Vodery, Director of Religious Exploration

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WEEKLY DROP-IN SESSIONS

Sunday morning Adult RE sessions are held every week in the MacArtor Library from 9:15-10:15 am. NO registration is required for Sunday mornings. Just drop in!

ONGOING SERIES

The following classes *require online registration* (this helps us to know how many participants we can expect to serve):

Shared Pulpit Workshop

We invite you to join Rev. Greg for this 8-session workshop which will guide you in developing your own personal story into a sermon and worship experience that you may share with the congregation. The workshop will meet on **Saturdays from 9:00 - noon. January 19, 26; February 9; March 2, 23; April 13; May 11, 18.**

Use this link to register: <http://bit.ly/2CNnIQ8>

Listening to Our Lives

This course is designed for you to know yourself more fully, so that you may live out more deeply those things you set your heart upon. Together, in a small group setting, we will engage seriously and open-heartedly with topics that speak to us as spiritual seekers. Rev. Greg will lead the group meetings on **Monday evenings from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm: January 28; February 4, 11, 18; March 11, 18, 25; April 1, 8.** Attendance at all sessions is necessary. If you know you are unable to attend for more than two sessions, we invite you to register for the course when offered again.

Use this link to register: <http://bit.ly/2AtnpCZ>

Waking Up White

This is a four-week workshop exploring the experience of growing up white. It will be a deep and challenging workshop, but will be framed by reflections on a common read of Debby Irving's book, *Waking Up White*. Several copies will be available in the library. Mary Higgins leads the group on **Sundays following worship 12:00-1:00 pm: February 10th – March 3rd, in Classroom #1.**

Use this link to register: <http://bit.ly/2BVSwqH>