

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

Adult Religious Exploration Class Offerings

The Artist's Way Discover your artistic gifts through reflective exercises and thoughtful discussion. Thursdays, 7-9 pm, February 6 – April 23. Register: <http://bit.ly/ArtistsWayMillCreek>

Shared Pulpit Workshop Discover your authentic voice by sharing your story and writing a sermon to share with the congregation. Saturdays, 9 am-12 noon: February 8 & 22; March 14 & 28; April 11; May 2, 16 & 23. Register: <http://bit.ly/SharedPulpit2020>

Listening to Our Lives Engage in self-reflection, discussion and sacred sharing with religious topics like inspiration, community, suffering, spiritual practice, salvation and more. Wednesdays, 7-9 pm: March 11, 18 & 25; April 1, 8 & 29; May 6, 13 & 20. Register: <http://bit.ly/LTOL2020>

Upcoming events

Souper Bowl Sunday, February 2

The Artist's Way ARE class, Thursday, February 6

Roots & Shoots Movie Night Fundraiser, Friday, February 7

Shared Pulpit ARE class, Saturday, February 8

New UU Workshop, Sunday, March 1

Listening to Our Lives ARE class, March 11

Big Music Sunday, April 26

Service Auction, Saturday, May 16

Mill Creek Professional Staff

Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Lead Minister

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

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>>Hours: Monday-Thursday 8 am – 1 pm



January 26, 2020
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 ~

Prelude

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 Mullah Nassrudin Feeds His Coat

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 Here We Have Gathered #360

Reading

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn Spirit of Life #123

Meditation

Offering

Sermon Our Kin[d] [ness] Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

Postlude

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 Chris and Jeanmarie Braddock, on 6 and 12-string guitars and violin, respectively.

Religious Exploration The children are invited to their classrooms for their RE classes after Rev. Greg's Story, with the exception of our Youth, who will begin their morning in the classroom and then join the congregation in the sanctuary for the sermon.

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 --

Souper Bowl Sunday – February 2! 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 next Sunday, Feb. 2nd. 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).

Roots & Shoots Movie Night Fundraiser Come out and support a special movie night fundraiser when we gather in the church sanctuary to watch *The Secret Lives of Pets* on Friday evening, February 7, at 7:00 PM. This event is being organized by our R & S class members in support of *Faithful Friends Animal Society*. The kids will also be selling refreshments. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Bring a friend!

Winter/Spring High School 'Our Whole Lives' (OWL) Session Begins Soon! The OWL series for 11th & 12th grade begins with a mandatory parent/caregiver orientation session this Wednesday evening, January 29th at 7 pm. Classes will begin on Sunday, February 9th and run through Sunday, May 3rd. For more information or to begin registration, please contact Anne Shuman, via email at anne.e.shuman@gmail.com or leave a voice message at 302-283-9072 (Google Voice).