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.)

2017 Charitable Donation Reports Now Available  Charitable giving statements have been prepared for everyone who made a contribution to Mill Creek during tax year 2017. See the box located in the gathering space.

Service Auction 2018 – Saturday, April 14 – mark your calendar!  Planning is underway for this year’s Service Auction and now is the time to think about what your donation(s) will be! Themed dinners, lunches, picnics, and BBQ’s, at your house or another location, were popular last year, as were days for art, hiking, and garden-strolling; evenings for theatre and music; vacation packages and airport shuttle service; handcrafted textiles and jewelry; cooking and piano lessons and custom art painting... these are just a few of the items offered last year. Contact Judy Pappenhagen (judypappenhagen@gmail.com) with questions or to join the team of volunteers needed to make this event a success!

Updated Mill Creek Policies and Procedures Handbook  In the coming months and weeks, members of the Board will be asking for help from individuals with knowledge about current and former policies, procedures, and group/committee functions for editing help. Any and all assistance will be much appreciated! Lead on this effort is Helen Springer, helen_springer@msn.com or 484-742-8641.

Upcoming events

Souper Bowl Sunday, February 4
Leadership Gathering, Saturday, February 17
Service Auction, Saturday, April 14

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
Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Music Director  music@uusmc.org
Debra Damiani, Office Administrator  administrator@uusmc.org
>>> Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 am – 1 pm

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

January 28, 2018
Terry Vodery
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, mmclaughlin11233@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. A Newark native, she has served as a non-profit development director for multiple local organizations. She is a graduate of Lincoln University and engaged in theological education at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. Terry is an ordained elder in the A.M.E. church and a member of the Covenant Fellowship Alliance.

Today's music is performed by returning guest musician Katie August. Katie is a 16 year-old student of Cab Calloway School of the Arts. She has studied piano there for two and a half years and has played piano for eight years. Katie enjoys playing for church, social and school events and is grateful to perform for us again this morning. Welcome back, Katie!

Religious Exploration Today in Religious Exploration, our Chalice Children will have their own Hawaiian luau and learn about the concept of “Ohana,” meaning family. The Roots and Shoots friends will conclude their “Take Apart Month.” In preparation for their upcoming visit to Temple Beth El, the Coming of Age Class will discuss etiquette and customs to remember when visiting a Jewish synagogue.

Share Our Plate For the month of January, half of our undesignated plate offering will be donated to the Delaware Coalition to Dismantle the New Jim Crow.

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Souper Bowl Sunday, February 4th. The Social Justice Committee is again coordinating this fund raiser for the Food Bank of Delaware. Plastic containers, in two sizes, are available in the gathering space for taking home today. Fill with your delicious homemade soup and bring in next Sunday for the sale. Thank you for your participation!