

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 years' 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 ([judyppenhagen@gmail.com](mailto:judyppenhagen@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](mailto:helen_springer@msn.com) or 484-742-8641.

### Upcoming events

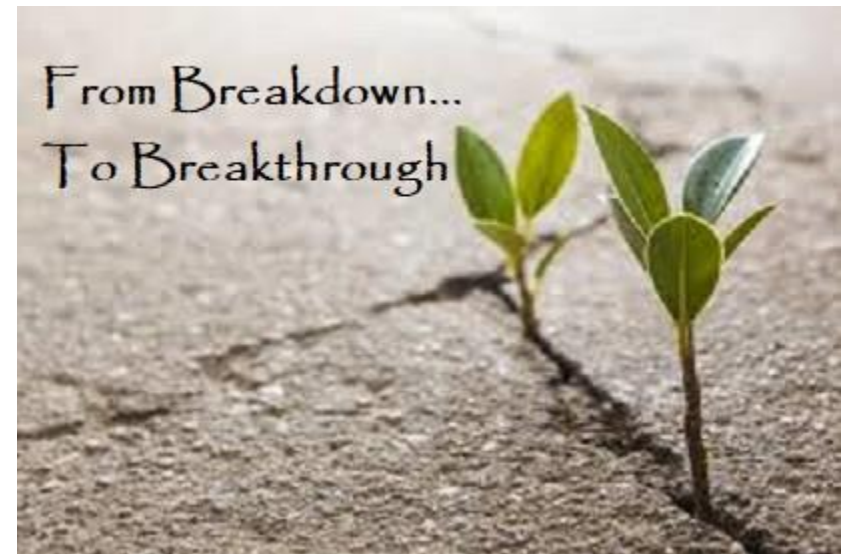
**Souper Bowl Sunday**, February 4

**Leadership Gathering**, Saturday, February 17

**Service Auction**, Saturday, April 14

### Mill Creek Professional Staff

Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister [minister@uusmc.org](mailto:minister@uusmc.org)  
>>Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, 9 am – 1 pm, and by appointment  
Terry Vodery, Director of Religious Exploration [dre@uusmc.org](mailto:dre@uusmc.org)  
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>>Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 am – 1 pm



**January 28, 2018**  
**Terry Vodery**

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

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A Welcoming Congregation  
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Diana Saunders, Worship Associate  
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Terry Vodery, Director of Religious Exploration  
~ Order of Service ~  
January 28, 2018

♥ Please silence cell phones, and hold applause until the end of service.

Ringling of the Chime

Prelude *Prelude in C# Minor* Sergei Rachmaninoff

Welcome Terry Vodery

Lighting the Chalice

Response:

***With full hearts, we affirm our relationships with one another; we recognize our agency and our connective power; and we accept our responsibility to be bold and courageous. We light this chalice, symbol of all that we are, all that we have done together, and all that we will be as our shared ministry encourages those within, and beyond, our walls.***

Story For All Ages Dhan Lall

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 *Break Not the Circle* #323

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn *Spirit of Life* #123

Meditation

Offering *Penguin's Dance* (original composition)

Sermon **From Breakdown to Breakthrough** Terry Vodery

Postlude *And All the People Said* Matt Maher

**\*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 Maggie McLaughlin, [mmclaughlin13123@gmail.com](mailto:mmclaughlin13123@gmail.com), 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.

**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.

**-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --**

**Souper Bowl Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>.** 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!