

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.)

End-of-Year Giving Two giving campaigns ended on December 31st, 2019: the **2019 Generosity Campaign**, and the **Celebrating Our Legacy Campaign**. But it's not too late to make payments on these campaigns. If you're unsure of your balance for either of these funds, you can access the Giving page on your REALM profile, or contact the church office, administrator@uusmc.org

MILL CREEK MID-YEAR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, January 12, 12 pm

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. Please plan to attend.

Upcoming events

Mid-Year Congregational Meeting, Sunday, January 12

Book Group meeting, Thursday, January 16

Roe vs. Wade Commemoration Service, Wednesday, January 22

Service Auction, Saturday, May 16

Mill Creek Professional Staff

Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Lead Minister

minister@uusmc.org

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

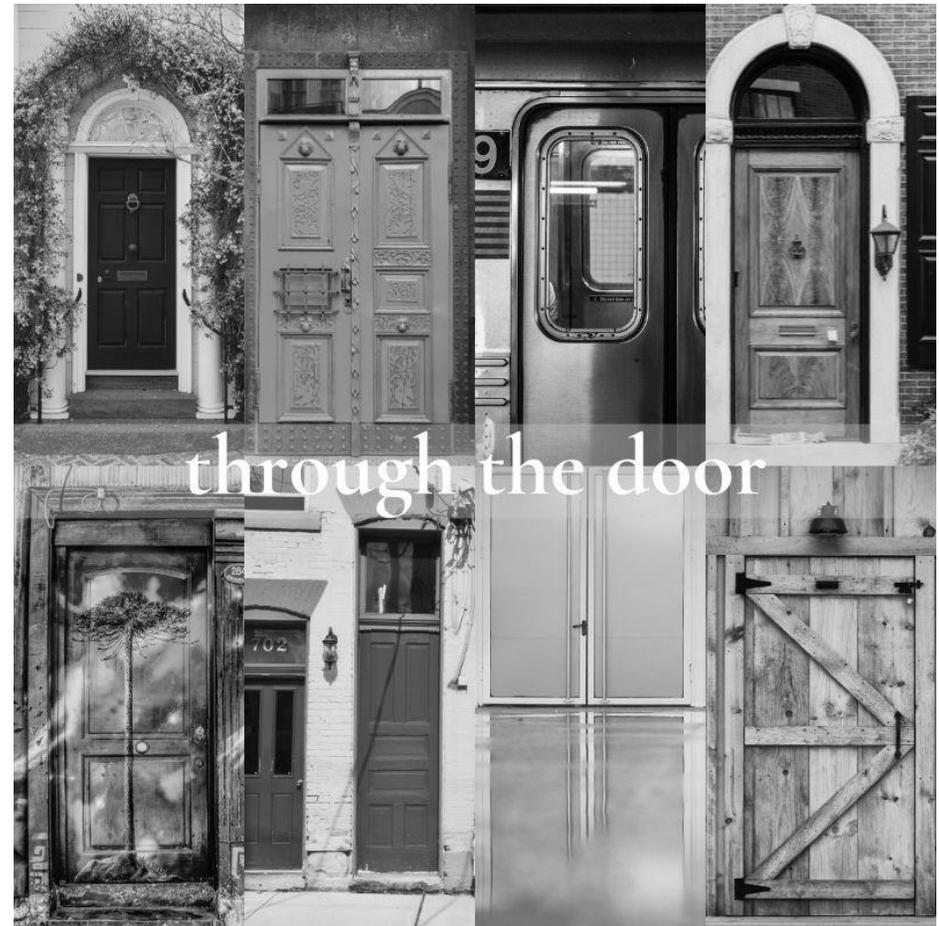
Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Music Director

music@uusmc.org

Debra Damiani, Congregational Administrator

administrator@uusmc.org

>>Hours: Monday-Thursday 8 am – 1 pm



January 5, 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 ... and a hard place

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 Pooh Goes Visiting (Adapted) by A.A. Milne

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 May Nothing Evil Cross this Door #1

Reading In Between by Rev. Kate Walker

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn Spirit of Life #123

Meditation

Offering Romp

Sermon **Through the Door** Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

Threshold Ritual

Postlude A Beautiful Day

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 composer and guitarist Kevin J. Cope. Kevin is the 2019 Delaware Division of the Arts (DDA) Fellow for Music: Solo Recital, and a UD graduate with Master's Degrees in Composition and Guitar Performance. Learn more about Kevin and his music at www.kevinjcope.com.

Religious Exploration This morning the Chalice Children will be working on A New Beginning; the Roots & Shoots friends will work on their Animal Project; and the YRUU kids will work on Change.

Special Collection Today-Share Our Warmth When cold-weather items were distributed last month, we learned that the need was far greater than there were resources. Folks need blankets, hats, gloves, coats, etc. All of today's undesignated plate offering will be used to purchase these much-needed items for distribution in downtown Wilmington.

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Share Our Warmth Continues All cold-weather items that have been donated over the last several weeks have been distributed. However, the need continues. We plan to keep the collection open during the winter months, and are focusing on the following items:

- blankets & comforters
- **men's** socks, gloves and hats
- **adult sized** coats (used & in good condition acceptable)

Now is a great time to purchase these items. Thank you for your continued cooperation. See any member of the SJC with questions, or contact the church office, administrator@uusmc.org

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 on 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 with any questions.

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[adapted from Courtney Martin, *On Being*]

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3. It was a year of resistance for many people. What did I resist most effectively? What did I surrender to?

4. Who did I feel most jealous of this year? What is that person up to that I want to bring more of into my own life?

5. When was I most physically joyful in 2019? How can I get there more in 2020?

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