

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.)

CHURCH CANCELLATION PROCEDURES AND NOTIFICATION METHODS

Board policy leaves the decision to cancel worship service to the minister and the board president. We always endeavor to make such decisions in a timely fashion. **If the decision to cancel is made we will: send out an email to all congregants, post notice on Facebook (both the public and private UUSMC pages), and post notice on the UUSMC.org website.** We are now linked with the local SnoWatch system. SnoWatch reports are broadcast on **1150 AM WDEL** and **93.7 FM WSTW** and are available online at wdel.com and wstw.com From now through March, if the weather calls for any kind of precipitation, please check the above media or call the church before heading out.

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

Upcoming events

New Member Class-Intro to UUism, today
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
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When we come to it

January 6, 2019
Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

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

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A Welcoming Congregation
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~ Order of Service ~
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Prelude *Three Catalonian Carols* Traditional

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 *We Are a Gentle, Angry People* #170

Reading *A Brave and Startling Truth* by Maya Angelou

Centering Hymn *Spirit of Life* #123

Meditation

Offering *Coracle* C. & J. Braddock

Sermon **When We Come To It** Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

Threshold Ritual

Postlude *How Can I Keep From Singing?* R. W. Lowry

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 Jeanmarie (violin and voice) and Christopher Braddock (guitar).

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 --

Next Sunday – Potluck Luncheon! Bring a dish or beverages to share for our monthly potluck lunch!

Introduction to Unitarian Universalism

Rev. Greg will lead a session on the history, theologies and polity of Unitarian Universalism. Join us today in the MacArthur Library, noon to 1:00 pm.

Mill Creek Book Group – Next Meeting – 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

New Member Ceremony

For those who have made the decision to formally join the Mill Creek congregation, we will be having a New Member Ceremony next **Sunday, January 13, 2019**. RSVP your interest to Rev. Greg minister@uusmc.org or Tracy Morgan tracymorgan2000@verizon.net before January 12.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION CLASSES

Shared Pulpit Workshop

You have a story. Each of our stories is part of a larger narrative of being human in this world, in this time. One of the most powerful spiritual practices we have is in the sharing of our stories and reflecting on the ways those stories awaken us to love, illuminate our humanity, connect us to the holy and ineffable - and common - experience of life. We invite you to join Rev. Greg for this 8-session workshop which will guide you in developing your 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

Śrāddha is a Sanskrit word that is often translated as “faith.” Perhaps more accurately, it refers to “that which we set our hearts upon.” 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. In this small group, we will engage in the perennial religious topics: inspiration, God, community, suffering, death, spiritual practice, living our gifts, and salvation. It is intended for those who wish to engage seriously, and open-heartedly with these topics; those who seek to listen to who their lives call them to be. **Rev. Greg will lead the group meeting 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. Please contact Rev. Greg (minister@uusmc.org) if you have questions.

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>

Seven Questions to End 2018 with Clarity and Begin 2019 with Intention

[adapted from Courtney Martin, *On Being*]

1. What was one of the moments I was most proud of this year? What does that tell me about what I want to spend my energy/time/money on next year?
2. Who really enriched my life this year in a big way? Who is someone I am wanting to get to know better in the year ahead?
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 2018? How can I get there more in 2019?
6. What is one question that you found yourself asking over and over again this year? What version of an answer are you living your way into?
7. And finally, what makes me despair and what gives me hope right now?