

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

Family Promise Host Week Looking for an opportunity to serve our local community? Join your fellow Mill Creek members at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Stanton next week as we provide meals for families currently supported by Family Promise on Tuesday 1/16 and Thursday 1/18. Donated non-perishable food items are needed for breakfast & lunch meals; we also need folks to prepare and serve dinner. Look for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the gathering space. For more info contact Chitra Vaidy, cvaidy226@gmail.com

Mill Creek Book Group Returns! Everyone is welcome to join us as we recommence our book discussion group. We will briefly review our procedures and make changes if necessary. We don't have a current book chosen so we will have mini-discussions of books we have recently read. We will also welcome suggestions for new books to read. Join us on Thursday, January 18th at 7:30 in the MacArtor Library.

We are looking for a few more people to join our **Daytime Chalice Circle**. It meets once a month at the church, and we are currently reevaluating the exact day and time in order to accommodate those who might be interested. Chalice Circles are small groups that provide an environment where people are encouraged and supported in the sharing of stories, experiences, and ideas to get to know each other on a deeper level and develop a richer spirituality. They are designed to augment and strengthen Sunday's spiritual experience. There are currently four Chalice Circles that meet in the evening, including a men's Circle. And there is also a Daytime Circle. Contact Joanne Knowles at [302 239-2021](tel:302-239-2021) or joannebchn@aol.com for more info.

Save the Date: Service Auction

Saturday, April 14, 2018

Join the team! Contact Rev. Greg:

minister@uusmc.org



January 7, 2018
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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Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister
Linda Lucero, Worship Associate
Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Music Director
Terry Vodery, Director of Religious Exploration
~ Order of Service ~
January 7, 2018

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

Ringing of the Chime

Prelude 5 for Fripp Qaissaunee

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

What Do You Do With an Idea? by Kobi Yamada

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 Come and Go With Me #1018

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place #1008

Meditation

Offering Lovely Day Bill Withers

Sermon **This Might Hurt a Little** Rev. Pelley

Threshold Ritual

Postlude Afghan Song Qaissaunee

***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, 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 E. Shawn Qaissaunee. E. Shawn Qaissaunee, a Berklee College of Music Alumnus, has been a multi-instrumentalist and composer for two decades. Sought out for his talents on guitar, bass, piano and both the rubab and dutar, instruments from his native Afghanistan, Shawn is known for his musical sensitivity and lyricism. Learn more at www.esqmusic.com

Today in Religious Exploration, we welcome everyone back for a Grand New Year! The Chalice Children will celebrate with crafts (including slime) and the Roots and Shoots will start adding items to their time machine. This is also Take Apart Sunday! Coming of Age Youth will begin a lesson about Buddhism and the Youth Group will explore ways they can articulate their UU faith to others.

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.

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

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

CHURCH CANCELLATION PROCEDURES AND NOTIFICATION METHODS

We never want to cancel our Sunday morning services, classes, or any event due to inclement weather. However, we also want everyone to be safe, so on occasion, we must - from an abundance of caution - cancel. Board policy leaves the decision 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. We want you to be safe!