

**MILL CREEK SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE AND YOU:**  
*upcoming events and ways to get involved*

**SHARE OUR WARMTH** We collect hats, gloves, coats, socks, scarves and other items, beginning in October. All supplies are donated to Premier Charities in downtown Wilmington. Look for the donation box in the cloakroom. *Donations are needed!*

**EMPTY BOWL DINNER** We have been asked to provide desserts for this 4<sup>th</sup> annual event held at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Wilmington on Tuesday, October 24, which raises awareness of hunger and food insecurity in our community. This event also helps raise funds for the food ministries of St. Stephen's and Family Promise, which provide emergency food provisions for 800 families every month. *Volunteers and attendees are welcome!*

**SHARE OUR BOUNTY** We provide Thanksgiving meals to local needy families by assembling boxes filled with donated non-perishable food items. We begin collecting donations in early November. The filled boxes are distributed to food pantries in Delaware and Pennsylvania. *Donations are essential!*

**FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK** Mill Creek has a commitment to co-host with St. Marks Methodist Church in Stanton to serve dinners to the families on Tuesday and Thursday during the week of December 3<sup>rd</sup>. We and also collect breakfast and lunch items. *Volunteers and donations are appreciated!*

**FOOD BANK OF DELAWARE** We have an ongoing collection bin in the cloakroom for non-perishable items.

**CHILDREN'S BOOK DRIVE** We are collecting gently used children's books and donate them to Nemours Jessup Street, a children's clinic in Wilmington. See the collection bin in the cloakroom.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE MEETING TODAY AFTER SERVICE**  
**Everyone is welcome to join us for this informative meeting today when we will discuss these events and more. Ideas, questions and suggestions are always welcome.**



**October 1, 2017**  
**Rev. Gregory S. Pelley**

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

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~ Order of Service ~  
October 1, 2017

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

Welcome & Announcements Maggie McLaughlin, Worship Associate

Prelude Gabi, Gabi traditional African welcome

Chalice Lighting

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.*

Congregational Greeting Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

Story For All Ages Rev. Pelley

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 Celebrate the Web of Life #175

Ritual of Remembrance

Sung Response Comfort Me #1002

“Comfort me...; Play with me...; Rest with me...; Comfort me...”

Offering A Place in the Choir Bill Staines

Reading

Blessing the Animals

Postlude I Need to Wake Up Melissa Etheridge

\*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), Helen Springer, [helenspringer@icloud.com](mailto:helenspringer@icloud.com), Eileen Selph, [caldwelleileen@hotmail.com](mailto:caldwelleileen@hotmail.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.

**Today's music** is performed by the Mill Creek Choir, under the direction of Kristen Tosh-Morelli; Pam Allenstein, pianist.

**Children's Religious Exploration** Today's service is multigenerational; the children will remain in the sanctuary for the entire service.

**Share Our Plate** For the months of September & October, we'll be donating half of our undesignated plate offering to Family Promise of Northern New Castle County, Delaware.

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

**Social Justice meeting**, today after service.

**Help us build!** As we enter into a new church year, it's a time of new beginnings. We are embarking on a journey to build a comprehensive adult religious education program for Mill Creek. If you would like to be part of the adventure and help us shape the program, we will be meeting on Sunday, October 8th after church in the MacArtor Library for about an hour. If you have questions, please contact Karen Rege, [karenrege@gmail.com](mailto:karenrege@gmail.com) or Terry Vodery at [DRE@uusmc.org](mailto:DRE@uusmc.org)

**Membership at Mill Creek** If you have been thinking about becoming a member of Mill Creek, we invite you to join us at our next Membership Ceremony on Sunday, October 15. At its core, membership in the church is a claim that these are “my people” and that “I am theirs.” It is a promise of mutual support and care, of covenant, challenge, and spiritual growth toward the wholeness that our hearts long for. For those who are ready to make that claim, or who have questions about membership in this community, please contact Maggie McLaughlin ([mmclaughlin13123@gmail.com](mailto:mmclaughlin13123@gmail.com)) or Rev. Greg ([minister@uusmc.org](mailto:minister@uusmc.org)).

**Save the dates!**

More information will be forthcoming on these exciting events:

**Taste of Mill Creek** – Sunday, October 15

**Fellowship Dinner & Generosity Campaign Kick-Off** – Saturday, Oct. 28