

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.)

Building Community: What's in Your Toolbox Part 2

Saturday, October 19, 9 am-4:30 pm @ UUFN, 420 Willa Road, Newark
The Central East Region of the UUA invites everyone to attend this event for networking, learning and connecting. Topics include Visitor & Member Ministries, Successful Fundraising Events, Creating Meaningful Worship, and Care & Feeding of Frazzled Lay Leaders. To learn more: <http://bit.ly/CERtoolbox>

Mill Creek Book Group At the next meeting of the book group we will discuss *Hallelujah Anyway: Rediscovering Mercy* by Anne Lamott. Everyone is welcome to join us on Wednesday, November 20th at 7:30 pm in classroom 4. (Please note this is a change from our usual Thursday meetings.) Contact Deanna Koepcke with questions, dkoepcke@hotmail.com

Upcoming events

Weekly Meadow Maintenance, Wednesday, October 16
Fellowship Dinner, Saturday, October 19
RE Transition Conversation, Sunday, October 20
Book Group, Wednesday, November 20

2019 Holiday Services at Mill Creek

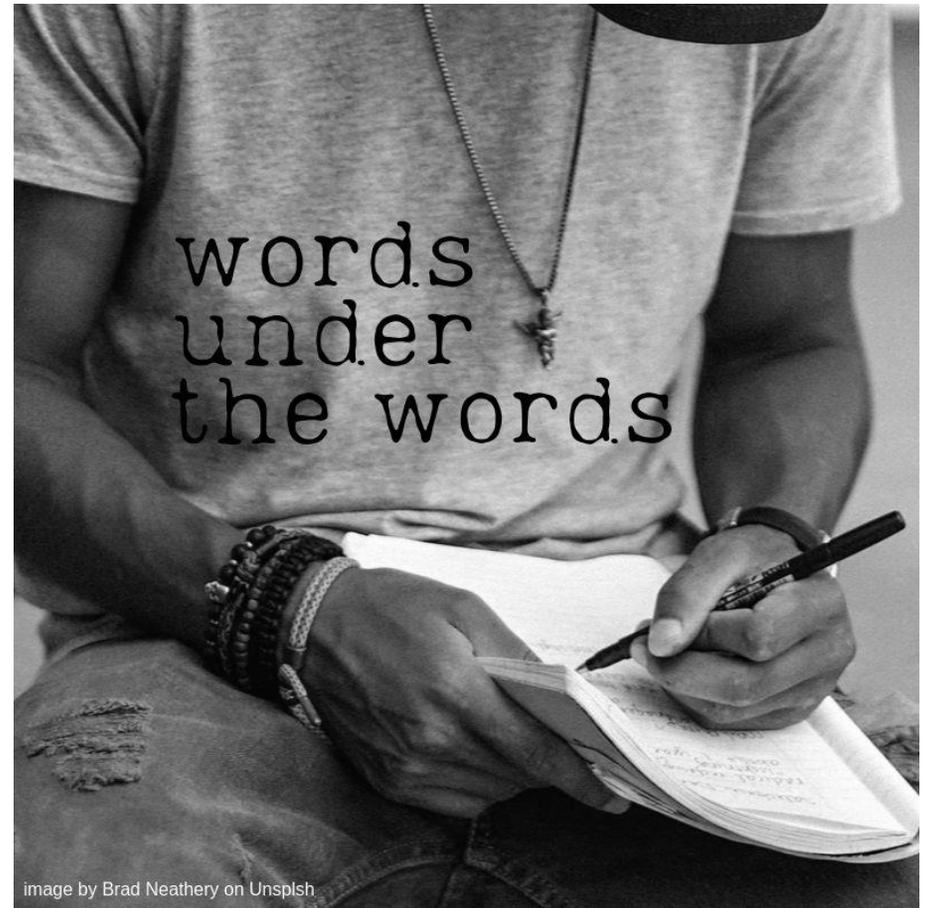
Blue Christmas, Monday, December 16
Winter Solstice Gathering, Saturday, December 21
Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24

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



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October 13, 2019
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
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~ Order of Service ~

Prelude *The Road Not Taken* Klouse; text: Frost

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.

Poems For All Ages *A Light in the Attic* (selections)
By Shel Silverstein

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 *Ours Be the Poems* #379

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn *Spirit of Life* #123

Meditation

Offering *The Dream Keeper* R. Dilworth; text: Hughes

Readings ***Words Under the Words*** Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

Postlude *Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor*
Berlin; arr. Ringwald; text: Lazarus

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 the Mill Creek Choir, under the direction of Kristen Tosh-Morelli; with Savannah Klumpp, pianist.

Religious Exploration Today the Chalice Children will go on a Fun Fall Walk About; the Roots and Shoots kids will continue with their People Project; and Coming of Age/YRUU kids will have a discussion about Anger and Happiness.

Share Our Plate For the months of September and October we will be sharing half of our undesignated plate offering to the **Unitarian Universalist Delaware Advocacy Network (UUDAN)**. UUDAN provides a vehicle to research and draft legislation and lobby for reform measures in Dover.

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

Potluck Lunch after service today! Everyone is welcome to remain with us after today's service for our monthly potluck lunch. You need not have brought anything – just grab a plate and join the conversation!

The Language of LGBTQ+ -- Today after potluck lunch

Many of us want to address our LGBTQ+ friends as they wish to be called. But what is the current terminology used? How does one know which is correct in the situation? **Kurt Doan**, a doctorate student from Wilmington University, will lead a workshop today after lunch on the language (both antiquated and current) of the LGBTQ+ community. All are welcome to this drop-in session.

Religious Exploration Transitions: What now? & What's Next?

Members and Friends of Mill Creek are invited to join in a conversation with our UUA Staff member, **Paula Cole Jones** following worship on Sunday, **October 20**. As we enter into this time of transition from Rev. Terry Vodery's ministry with us, this is an opportunity for the congregation to process our joys and concerns regarding our Religious Exploration programs. It will give us an opportunity to assess where we are, what we have done well, and where we have missed the mark. Sharing our open and honest stories, hopes and aspirations will help clear the path ahead as we continue to re-imagine our programs.