

**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.)**

Today, immediately following worship service, we will be hosting an event called **Taste of Mill Creek**. The purpose of this event is to introduce and connect members and friends to the numerous teams, committees and groups in the church and offer the opportunity for engagement in serving where your talents and interest intersect with the needs of Mill Creek. Find out more about Worship and Arts; Spiritual Growth and Development; Congregational Life; Social Justice; and Administration. As you walk about and familiarize yourself with the many facets of church life here at Mill Creek, be sure to enjoy the variety of tasty treats being offered at each table! There will be something for everyone to enjoy. Stay with us after church today, and get a *Taste of Mill Creek*!

### **Upcoming events**

**Taste of Mill Creek**, TODAY after service

**UUFN: Coalition to Dismantle the New Jim Crow mtg.**, Monday, Oct. 16, 7 pm

**UUFN: "13<sup>th</sup>" Film Screening & discussion**, Sunday, Oct. 22, 1:30 pm

**UUFN: March for Racial Justice & Compassion**, Saturday, Oct. 28, 9 am

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

### **Mill Creek Professional Staff**

Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister [minister@uusmc.org](mailto:minister@uusmc.org)

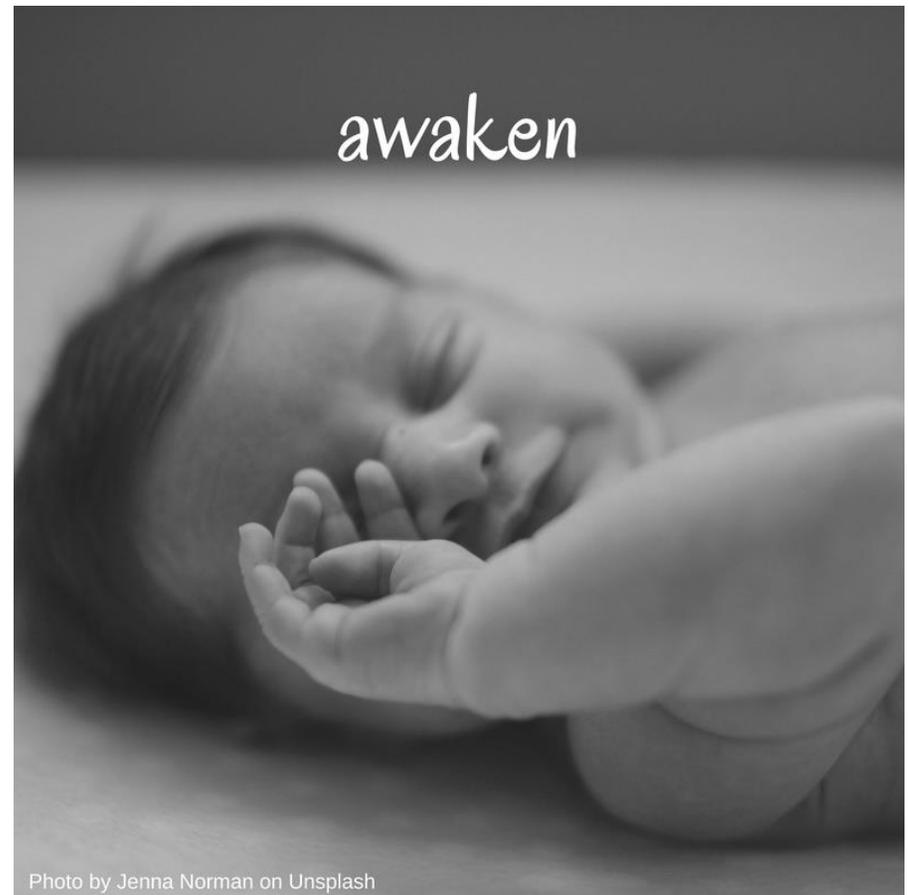
>>Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, 9 am – 1 pm, and by appointment

Terry Vodery, Director of Religious Exploration [dre@uusmc.org](mailto:dre@uusmc.org)

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>>Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 am – 1 pm



**October 15, 2017**  
**Rev. Gregory S. Pelley**

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

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Catherine Kegley, Worship Associate  
~ Order of Service ~  
October 15, 2017

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

Ringling of the Chime

Prelude *Prelude* Kevin J. Cope

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 Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

*Partners* by Rabbi Marc Gellman

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, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* #126

Reading *Values, Beliefs and Mission*

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn *Spirit of Life* #123

Meditation

Welcoming the New Member

Offering *Toccata & Waltz* Kevin J. Cope

Sermon ***awaken*** Rev. Pelley

Postlude *Fantasia* Kevin J. Cope

**\*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 Kevin J. Cope. A graduate of the University of Delaware with master's degrees in music composition and guitar performance, Kevin is an active composer and performer and serves as president of the Philadelphia Classical Guitar Society. His compositions have been performed throughout the United States and Europe and his catalog of works includes commissions from the Salisbury Guitar Festival, Duo Montagnard, Mélomanie, Duo Cortado, the University of Delaware's Middle School Band Camp and High School Choral Camp, and many more. His composition *Sirocco for solo clarinet in A* was recently released on the award-winning CD "Elegia" by Christopher Nichols released on Navona Records and his alto saxophone and guitar duo composition *Origin Unknown: A Pole Was Journeying* is available on Duo Montagnard's CD "Interspheres." Kevin will also be releasing his first solo guitar CD entitled "Destination Unkown" late this fall. Sheet music and recordings are available at [www.kevinjcope.com](http://www.kevinjcope.com).

### Religious Exploration

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH: Please stop by the Religious Exploration table to fill out a survey letting us know what you want for your youth group. There will be an interest meeting for all High School age youth and their parents next Sunday (October 22) in the YRUU Room 12:00-12:45.

OCTOBER 29

Coming of Age Class: This year, the Religious Exploration Program will be offering the Coming of Age Class for 7-8 graders. Class begins October 29 during the Religious Exploration Hour.

**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.

## WELCOMING THE NEW MEMBER

By Manish Mishra-Marzetti

### New Member Covenant (new members recite in unison)

We enter this faith with hope and possibility in our hearts,

pledging to participate in and support the ministries of this church.

We covenant to remain true to the spirit of love that flows through this church and guides us.

We seek your welcome as we join you in this faith.

### Congregational Response (congregation responds in unison)

We welcome you as once we were welcomed ourselves.

We seek to be open and inclusive; respecting your inherent dignity, your ideas and your vision, in times when it is easy and in times when it is difficult.

We seek to be supportive, not only when you reach out in courage to us, but also when you need us to reach out to you. In return we ask that you recognize our humanity:

We will not always live up to our ideals.

And, when we fall short we invite you to stay in relationship with us and help us more fully bring alive the spirit of love.

We welcome you as an equal member of this congregation, of this faith, and of our shared spiritual journey.

## Mill Creek Fellowship Dinner

Saturday, October 28, 2017

6 pm - 9 pm

Childcare Provided!

Join us on Saturday, October 28th for our Fellowship Dinner and the kickoff of our **2018 Generosity Campaign**. Members, friends and visitors are joyfully invited to join us for a fun evening where we will host a Chili Cook-Off! Bring your favorite chili in whatever style you prefer, or cornbread. There will be a friendly competition for various categories of both. We will have traditional chili, vegetarian chili, Cincinnati chili – plus yours! – and many others.

Not a chili lover? No pressure, you can bring an alternative main dish, side dish or dessert. There will be mac & cheese for the kids (and childcare will be provided throughout the evening). And, live entertainment will be featured by **FishCastle Music!**

This will be a wonderful time for us to enjoy good food and fellowship, and also an opportunity to get a sense of where this church is headed and what it will take to get us there.

If you are planning on bringing chili, please arrive by 5:30 pm. Childcare will be available at this time.

In the meantime, contact Robert Broesler ([RJBroesler@gmail.com](mailto:RJBroesler@gmail.com)) with questions, and to let us know if you're planning to bring chili (or anything else to share).



## *Values, Beliefs and Mission*

We believe that transformation is possible, that we have within us the potential to move from brokenness to wholeness, from oppression to power, from unjust to just, from separateness to relationship, from isolation to beloved community.

We believe there is a power in community that emerges from belonging to one another, that sustains and nurtures our growth. We have experienced the power of spiritual community to transform lives - our own and others. We believe that our community is created anew each time we gather.

We believe in the power of story to understand ourselves in the cosmos, in the continual process of creation. We design intentional spaces for people to tell their stories, with the expectation that those stories will change us.

We believe that generously sharing our gifts and receiving the gifts of others grows our compassion. We find our gifts flow from discerning the intersection of our heart's deepest yearning and the world's deepest hunger. We know ourselves to be most alive when we honor the earth and all humanity upon it.

We engage the stories of religious peoples to understand how others have wrestled with their own lives and contexts and how stories inform our lives; to understand that each person's experience is valid, true, and limited.

We encourage one another in an ongoing process of spiritual growth; of learning and unlearning; of opening ourselves to all of life with wonder, awe, and imagination. We ground ourselves in spiritual practices that nurture our connection to our spiritual source.

We nurture and empower our children and youth to explore and discover their power, compassion, and hope in the unfolding of their lives.

We embody openness, a courageous vulnerability that invites people to be known, to befriend, to belong, to become fully and vibrantly alive. Our openness is necessarily rooted in trust, in a willingness to participate in mutually accountable relationships.

We experience and express our awakening to love through arts and music; through compassion and caring; through justice and witness; and through knowledge and learning.

***The mission of Mill Creek is to be a community  
that invites you to awaken to Love.***