

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.)

Roots & Shoots Friends Collecting Items for Kids at A.I. duPont Hospital for Children

This year's R&S "People Project" is to help children receiving care at Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children by bringing them comforting items and toys. Our R&S kids are asking our congregation to collect and donate items such as soft toys and blankets. We will be collecting contributions at church the next two Sundays, October 20 and 27. Look for the Roots & Shoots table and display where you can drop off your donations. *Thank you for your participation and support!*

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 23

Daylight Saving Time Ends, Sunday, November 3

Share Our Bounty, now through November 10

Work That Reconnects, Saturday, November 16

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

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

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October 20, 2019

Paula Cole Jones

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

Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek

A Welcoming Congregation

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~ Order of Service ~

Prelude

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 Higgins: A Drop With a Dream by Christopher Buice

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 Answering the Call of Love #1014

Reading

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn Comfort Me #1002

Meditation

Offering

Sermon A Year Made Better by Our Care Paula Cole Jones

Postlude

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.

Meet our guest speaker, the Rev. Paula Cole Jones. Paula Cole Jones serves as Interim Congregational Life Staff for the Central East Region of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). She is a lifelong member of All Souls Church Unitarian in Washington, DC. Her experience in this multicultural congregation led to involvement as a leader in antiracism, anti-oppression, and multicultural training and consulting with the UUA. She is a past president of Diverse & Revolutionary Unitarian Universalist Multicultural Ministries (DRUUMM) and the founder of A Dialogue On Race & Ethnicity (ADORE). Paula is co-author, along with Bruce Pollack-Johnson of the 8th Principle, which is being discussed by many UU congregations and has been adopted by some.

Today's music is performed by Scott Lynch and Charlie Hannagan.

Religious Exploration This morning the Chalice Children will be talking about church friends and helpers; Roots & Shoots will work on their People Project; and Coming of Age will be All About Mill Creek.

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 --

Share Our Bounty Mill Creek's Social Justice Committee begins this annual tradition of providing Thanksgiving meals to local needy families by assembling boxes filled with donated non-perishable food items which will be distributed to the Kennett Food Pantry (PA) and the YWCA Home-Life Center in downtown Wilmington (DE). The boxes, donated to us by Calvert Farms in Maryland, are available now to take home and be filled. Lists of suggested food items are also available. Filled boxes (or even bags) must be brought back on **Sunday, November 10**. See any Social Justice member with questions. *Thank you for your support!*



"The central purpose of the Work that Reconnects is to help people uncover and experience their innate connections with each other and with the systemic, self-healing powers of the web of life, so that they may be enlivened and motivated to play their part in creating a sustainable civilization." –Joanna Macy

Mill Creek, Family Promise, and You

WHAT: Family Promise of Northern New Castle County is a non-profit organization that works to prevent and end homelessness by engaging an interfaith hospitality network. Mill Creek is a support congregation in this network and we are committed to assist in this effort a few times a year by providing meals for families currently receiving assistance.

HOW: We donate, prepare and help serve meals a few times a year at the host congregation, St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Stanton. This is a meaningful and rewarding way to engage in the needs of our local community and live the UU principle: *The inherent worth and dignity of every person.*

WHEN: Our next turn to offer support is **Tuesday, October 29th & Thursday, October 31st.**

You can help in one or more of the following ways:

- prepare a salad, side dish and/or dessert
- donate food items for the meals
- help serve the meals at St. Mark's Church

For more details and to offer your support, contact Chitra Vaidy, cvaidy226@gmail.com or see the sign-up sheet bulletin board in the hallway!

www.familypromisede.org



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The Work That Reconnects Workshop Saturday, November 16, 9 am - 5 pm

Experience the transformative power of The Work That Reconnects and expand your capacity to respond creatively to the crises of our times. Grounding in gratitude, we begin a journey together that starts by acknowledging that our times confront us with realities that are painful to face, difficult to take in, and confusing to live with. We will deepen our sense of aliveness and our connection with the web of life. This workshop is designed to strengthen our ability to actively contribute to the healing of our world. Based on the work of Joanna Macy et al. <https://workthatreconnects.org/>

- **Location:** church Sanctuary
- **Fee:** \$50-\$150 sliding scale
- **Facilitators:** Judy Myerson and Julia Smagorinsky

Contact Julia Smagorinsky with questions,
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