

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.)

All Hands Needed – Tree Planting Sunday, November 11

Save the date and bring your work gloves and shovels. We will be planting varieties of Oak, Maple, Tulip, Pine and Magnolia in our meadow, and we need some strong backs and friendly helpers (all ages welcome). We will begin work immediately after the pot luck lunch, early Sunday afternoon. Help us help the environment and live our Seventh Principle.

Watch your mail this week for a letter from our Generosity Team as we kick off our **2019 Generosity Campaign**. Please make your pledge by November 12. NEW THIS YEAR: make your pledge online using your Realm account! Contact administrator@uusmc.org with questions.

Want to get connected with your church in a fun and easy way? **Join a Hospitality Team today!** It takes just a couple hours per Sunday once every 4 to 6 weeks. Contact Diane Hofer, dianehofer3@hotmail.com

Introduction to Mill Creek! This is an opportunity for visitors and new members interested in getting to know a little bit more about this church. Rev. Greg will lead a one-hour session following the worship service on Sunday, November 4, 12 noon to 1 pm. Drop in and join us!

Upcoming events

Adult RE: Faith Like a River – Sundays before service through Nov. 11

RE Parent Gathering – today

Family Fun Night – Friday, October 26

Introduction to Mill Creek – Sunday, November 4

Tree Planting Sunday – November 11

Mill Creek Professional Staff

Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister

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

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October 21, 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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~ Order of Service ~
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Ringling of the Chime

Prelude *Uma Familia* Jay Althouse

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

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 *We Lift Our Hearts in Thanks* #355

Reading

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn *Spirit of Life* #123

Meditation

Offering *The Gift of Love* arr. Hal Hopson

Sermon *Faithfully*

Postlude *The Journey is Our Home* Allen Pote

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.

Music today is provided by the Mill Creek choir, Kristen Tosh-Morelli, director and Savannah Klumpp, accompanist. Today's selections reflect several truths about our beloved community. We are indeed one family, despite our many differences, gifts and needs. Our most precious gift to each other is the gift of loving kindness and compassion. And as seekers of truth and meaning, we know that the journey is our home, where we belong.

Religious Exploration Following the Story for All Ages, Children and Youth will report to their classrooms for an hour of learning, friendship and fun!

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 has a leadership team with representation from all 5 Delaware congregations. It offers a new dimension for UU social justice programs in Delaware, providing a vehicle to research and draft legislation and lobby for reform measures in Dover.

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TODAY following worship – Religious Education Parent Gathering CLASSROOM #1. All R.E. parents are encouraged to attend this brief, friendly, and informational gathering where we will talk about ways the R.E. program can partner with you in helping our young people to grow into responsible, compassionate adults.

Text-to-Give at Mill Creek! Text the keyword: **MillCreek** plus the **Amount** of your gift to **73256** and follow the prompts. The transaction is secure through our processor (Vanco).

Family Fun Night, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm, every fourth Friday. Everyone is invited for an evening of bonding, campfire and s'mores at our monthly Family Fun Night next **Friday, October 26**. What a wonderful way to have a little fun and get to know one another!