

**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**

### **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 to be filled. Lists of suggested food items are also available. Filled boxes (or even bags) can be brought back on the following Sundays: October 29, November 5 or November 12. See any Social Justice member with questions. *Thank you for your support!*

### **New Member/Visitor Orientation Meeting**

New members and visitors are welcome to join us after the worship service next Sunday, Oct. 22 for an information meeting. We will gather in the sanctuary to review the history of the church, our bylaws, and other information that will increase your understanding of what we do and why, and other current functions. Join us!

### **Adult Religious Education Survey**

The Mill Creek Religious Education program is here to serve you. As we develop a comprehensive adult RE program, we are committed to offering educational resources, classes and activities that facilitate adult faith development and learning. But we need your assistance in understanding what is most valuable to you. By completing this survey, you will help us to direct resources and efforts in a meaningful way. Every reply is read and considered as we plan our schedule and offerings. We greatly appreciate your taking the time to **complete this survey before October 31st**. Print copies will be available after Sunday service. Or, enter this link in your browser: <https://goo.gl/forms/Z8VJs4LtsSHsgnC43> Please contact Karen Rege at 302-373-1832 or [karenrege@gmail.com](mailto:karenrege@gmail.com) if you have questions.

### **Upcoming events**

**New member/visitor orientation**, Sunday, October 22

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

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



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**in the room today**

**October 22, 2017**

**Rev. Gregory S. Pelley**

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

Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek

A Welcoming Congregation

302-369-2712

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Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister  
Stephen Petersen, Worship Associate  
Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Music Director  
Terry Vodery, Director of Religious Exploration  
~ Order of Service ~  
October 22, 2017

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

Ringling of the Chime

Prelude *Light of a Clear Blue Morning* Dolly Parton

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 *Be Thou My Vision* #20

Reading *Today Means Amen* by Sierra DeMulder

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn *When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place* #1008  
(verse 2 only, no repeat)

Meditation

Offering *Waitin' for the Light to Shine*  
From *Big River*; words & music, Roger Miller; arr. Mark Brymer

Sermon ***In the Room Today***

Postlude *The Color Purple*  
music by A. Willis, B. Russell & S. Bray, arr. by R. Dilworth

**\*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.

**Music today** is provided by the Mill Creek choir, Kristen Tosh-Morelli, director and Pam Allenstein, pianist. Our prelude today features soloist Anne Shuman with the choir, singing Dolly Parton's testament to seeing a new future, a new morning, after a dark, rough period in life. In "Waitin' for the Light to Shine", protagonist Huck Finn expresses a wish for meaning in his life, one that many of us also share. From the musical of the same name, "The Color Purple" details the interconnectedness of all life, the spirit and spiritual being within each of us (no matter what name we give it) and urges us to open our eyes and cherish the simple joys in life. Amanda Ostrusky is the soloist for this poignant reminder of the beauty of the world, despite its dark days and challenges.

### Children's Religious Exploration

Attention High School Aged Youth: YOUTH GROUP INTEREST MEETING. There will be an interest meeting for all High School age youth (and their parents) TODAY in classroom #4 following worship (12:00-12:45). Please make every effort to have your young person attend this very important meeting - and don't forget to complete your survey!

LOOKING AHEAD – NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29:

**Chalice Children** will move into their newly painted Classroom #2!

**Coming of Age Class** begins during the Religious Education Hour (Classroom #6 - next door to the Library).

**Youth Group** begins during the Religious Education Hour (Classroom #4).

**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, DE, a coalition of volunteers, faith communities, and donors working to prevent and end homelessness. Family Promise helps families access affordable housing, in many cases bypassing the homeless shelter system, and works to mentor families, teaches financial literacy, helps to find jobs, and advocates for public policies to promote the economic stability of low-income families.