

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.)

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!*

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 if you have questions.

Mill Creek Professional Staff

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October 29, 2017
Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

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

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A Welcoming Congregation
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~ Order of Service ~
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▼ Please silence cell phones, and hold applause until the end of service.

Ringling of the Chime

Prelude *Andante from Duo Concertante No. 2, Opus 100* G. Briccialdi

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 *Just As Long As I Have Breath* #6

Reading

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn *Spirit of Life* #123

Meditation

Offering *Grave from Sonata No. 3 for Two Flutes* G.P. Telemann

Sermon *Pie in the Sky* Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

Postlude *Rondo from Duo No. 1 in 3 Duos Brillants* F. Kuhlau

***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, Eileen Selph, caldwelleileen@hotmail.com, 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 Diana Headley Saunders and Mindy Bowman. **Diana Headley Saunders** had been a member of this church since 2004. She is a graduate of Dartmouth College and The Bank Street Graduate School of Education and is currently a teacher at Wilmington Friends School. Diana has been playing the flute since elementary school. Presently, she takes lessons from Mindy Bowman at the Music School of Delaware in the summers where she is currently in a flute choir. She also sings in the Mill Creek choir. **Mindy Bowman** is a two-time graduate of the University of Delaware, graduating summa and magna cum laude. Her degrees are in flute performance and Choral education. She is currently employed by the Music School of Delaware where she teaches flute and Early Childhood. She is also on the Music Faculty of Valley Forge University. Mindy plays principal flute in the Wilmington Community Orchestra, performs as the flutist in the Music School 's Faculty Quintet and performs in the Bowman-Braddock flute and guitar duo and in the flute, violin and guitar trio Pegasus.

Children's Religious Education

Coming Of Age Program: This Sunday is opening day for our 7-8 grade "Coming of Agers!" Participants are reminded to bring their completed registration forms. Class will meet in classroom #6 (next door to the library). **High School Aged Youth:** Opening day for Youth Group! The group will meet in 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.

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

Social Justice Committee meets today after the worship service in the MacArtor Library. Everyone is welcome to join us.