

**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.)**

Our **Chalice Circles** are small groups (8 to 10 members) designed to provide a comfortable environment for sharing stories, experiences, and ideas. The objective is for members to get to know each other on a deep level and develop a rich spirituality that augments Sunday Services. Chalice Circles usually meet once or twice a month for about two hours. Meetings generally consist of a check-in, a guided discussion, and usually some informal social time at the end. At Mill Creek we have six active Circles (one Men's Circle and five Women's Circles) with a few openings, and we'd like to establish more groups. Interested? Contact Helen Springer, 484-732-8641 or [helen\\_springer@msn.com](mailto:helen_springer@msn.com)

### **Upcoming Mill Creek Events**

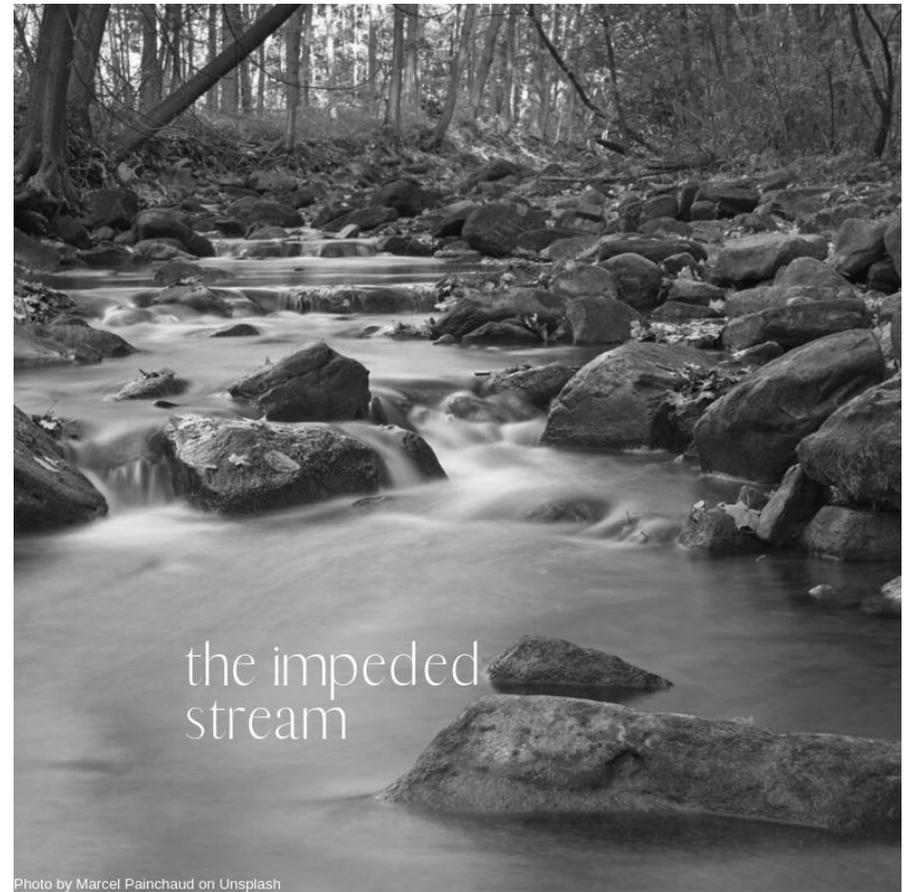
**Weekly Meadow Maintenance**, Wednesday, October 6  
**Intro to Mill Creek**, today after service  
**UUDAN meeting**, today after service  
**Potluck Lunch**, next Sunday, October 13  
**Language of LGBTQ+**, Sunday after potluck, October 13  
**Fellowship Dinner**, Saturday, October 19



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### **Mill Creek Professional Staff**

Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Lead Minister [minister@uusmc.org](mailto:minister@uusmc.org)  
>>Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9 am – 1 pm, and by appointment  
Rev. Terry R. Vodery, Director of Religious Exploration [dre@uusmc.org](mailto:dre@uusmc.org)  
>>Hours: Wednesdays & Thursdays 10 am – 3 pm, and by appointment  
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Debra Damiani, Congregational Administrator [administrator@uusmc.org](mailto:administrator@uusmc.org)  
>>Hours: Monday-Thursday 8 am – 1 pm



**October 6, 2019**  
**Rev. Gregory S. Pelley**

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

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**~ Order of Service ~**

Prelude Ose Ayo B. Tate

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 *ish* by Peter Reynolds

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 *Gathered Here* #389

Reading from *Standing By Words* by Wendell Berry

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn *Meditation on Breathing* #1009

Meditation

Welcoming the New Member see insert

Offering *Creative Spirit* Lewis-McLaren

Sermon ***The Impeded Stream*** Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

Postlude *Sih'r Khalaq* Papoulis

**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](mailto:tracymorgan2000@verizon.net), 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 the Mill Creek Choir, under the direction of Kristen Tosh-Morelli; with Savannah Klumpp, pianist. Ose Ayo is a creative expression of joy, with text that shows hope, thanks and joy for a new day. *Creative Spirit* is a prayer to the spirit that can fill us when we are calm and have placed our cares aside for a few moments of peace. *Sih'r Khalaq* was written by an American composer using some elements found in Arabic music. "The phrase *sih'r khalaq* describes the kind of magic that exists in art - magic that transforms and grows, and permeates the soul. It is a power that is felt but difficult to explain- literally, creative magic." (Notes from the composer.)

**Religious Exploration** Today, the Chalice Children will learn that although different houses of worship may differ in appearance, they are also similar in many ways. The Roots and Shoots Friends will wrap up their project to benefit the Nemours Children's Hospital and the Youth Group will have an in-depth discussion with about moods.

**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 --**

**Introduction to Mill Creek**

This is an opportunity for visitors & new members interested in getting to know a bit more about our church community. Rev. Greg will lead a one-hour drop-in session following the worship today in the Sanctuary.

**UUDAN Meeting Today**

There will be a meeting of UUDAN members from Mill Creek in the MacArtor Library following today's service. UUDAN's mission is to engage Delaware UUs in legislative advocacy.

**The Language of LGBTQ+ - Sunday, Oct. 13 after potluck lunch**

Kurt Doan, a doctorate student from Wilmington University, will lead a workshop on the language (both antiquated and current) of the LGBTQ+ community. All are welcome to this drop-in session.

## 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 19<sup>th</sup>

6 pm – 9 pm

Join us for our annual Fellowship Dinner and the kickoff of our **2020 Generosity Campaign**. Members, friends and visitors are joyfully invited to join us for a fun evening when we'll host a Chili Cook-Off! Bring your favorite chili in whatever style you prefer, or bread to share. We'll have a friendly competition for various categories: traditional chili, vegetarian chili, chicken chili...including yours! – and many other varieties. **Not a chili lover?** No pressure – you can bring an alternative main or side dish, or dessert. We'll provide coffee, tea & cider – all other beverages will BYOB. Childcare will be available!

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

Let us know you're coming and what you plan to bring by using this link: <http://bit.ly/ChiliMillCreek>

Contact Fran Gulino ([frangu302@gmail.com](mailto:frangu302@gmail.com)) with questions.  
**NOTE:** if you're planning on bringing chili, please **arrive by 5:30 pm** (childcare will be available at this time).

