

**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.)**

Join us as we explore what it means to be a UU in our Adult RE offering, "**Faith Like a River.**" Come explore the course of UU history—people, ideas, and movements that shape our *faith* heritage. Bring your coffee and your curiosity. Sunday mornings in the MacArthur Library, 9:15–10:15, now through Nov. 11. No registration necessary. Drop-ins are most welcome!

**Religious Education Parent Gathering** October 21 following worship. All R.E. parents are encouraged to attend this brief, friendly, informational gathering where we will address ways the R.E. program can partner with you in helping our young people to grow into responsible compassionate adults.

**Family Promise** is a non-profit organization working to prevent and end homelessness by engaging an interfaith hospitality network; Mill Creek is a part of this network and we are committed to providing meals for families in the program. We donate, prepare and help serve meals on **Tuesday, Oct. 9 and Thursday, Oct. 11.** See the sign-up sheet on the Social Justice bulletin board or contact Chitra Vaidy for more info, [cvaidy226@gmail.com](mailto:cvaidy226@gmail.com)

**Upcoming events**

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

**Adult RE Interest meeting** – today after service

**Family Promise Host Week** – October 9<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>

**Fellowship Dinner**, October 20th

**RE Parent Gathering** – Sunday, October 21

**Family Fun Night** – Friday, October 26

**Mill Creek Professional Staff**

Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister [minister@uusmc.org](mailto:minister@uusmc.org)

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

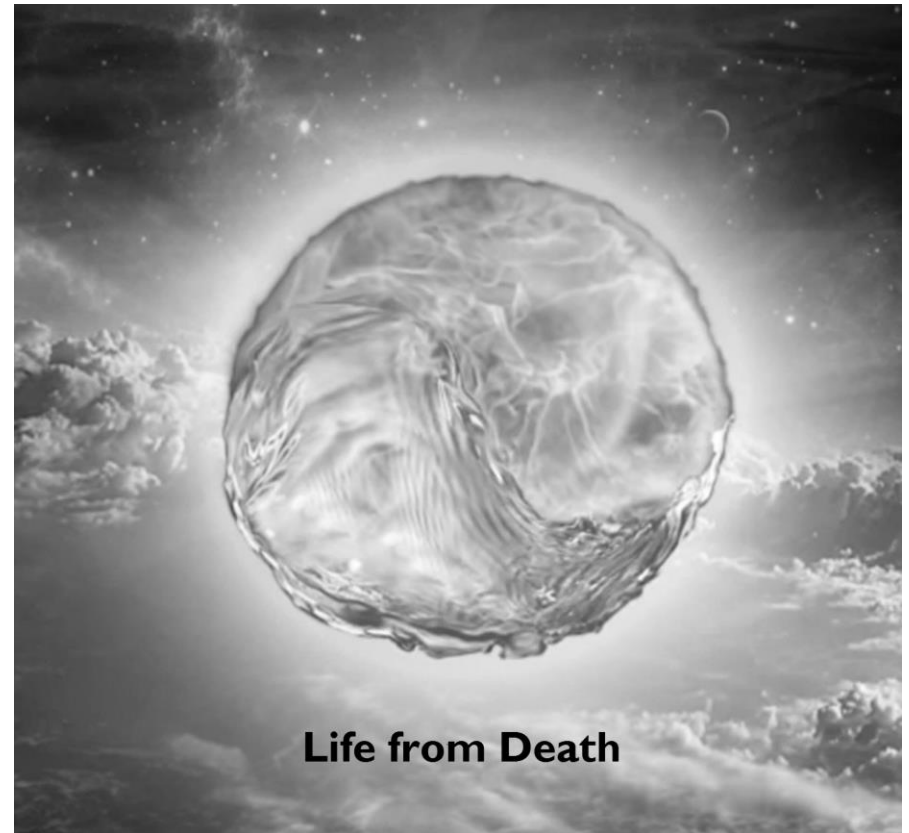
Terry Vodery, Director of Religious Exploration [dre@uusmc.org](mailto:dre@uusmc.org)

>>Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 9 am – 2 pm, and by appointment

Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Music Director [music@uusmc.org](mailto:music@uusmc.org)

Debra Damiani, Office Administrator [administrator@uusmc.org](mailto:administrator@uusmc.org)

>>Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 am – 1 pm



**Life from Death**

**October 7, 2018  
Dorian Pyle**

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

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**Linda Lucero, Worship Associate**  
**~ Order of Service ~**  
**October 7, 2018**

Ringing of the Chime

Prelude *May Love Be Your Guide* Clif Hardin

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 *The Thief* traditional Taoist tale

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 *The Oneness of Everything* #1052

Ritual of Courage & Healing

Centering Hymn *Comfort Me* #1002

Reading *With Time* by Sun Bu'er

Offering *Let Me Find Some Quiet Place* Clevenger

Sermon ***Life from Death*** Dorian Pyle

Postlude *Riversong* Andy Beck

**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.

**Meet our guest speaker, Dorian Pyle.** Dorian is a recent member of the Mill Creek congregation with a main home in Newark. He and his wife, Pat, moved off living on their boat and cruising the East Coast to return to this area a couple of years ago. At the moment, the high-tech work he enjoys enormously and is honored to be able to continue keeps him living near Boston, Massachusetts most week days and some weekends. Whenever possible he enjoys participating in the life, community and fellowship of Mill Creek.

**Today's music** is performed by the Mill Creek Choir under the direction of Kristen Tosh-Morelli; with Pam Allenstein, pianist. This week's selections highlight different aspects of a spiritual journey: using Love as our guide, Water to set our spirits free, and Peace to calm our inner storm. All are essential to our journey toward wholeness.

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

**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).

**-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --**

**Following Worship Today - Adult RE Interest Gathering and Chat**

Bring your cup of coffee to the library to check out what's happening in Adult Religious Education this Fall. We want to hear from you! What kinds of offerings would you like to see? Is there a subject, workshop or discussion you'd like to lead? What's important to you? All are welcome.

**Church Hike!**

Everyone is welcome to join us on a lovely fall hike at Tucquan Glen in Lancaster County, (<http://lancasterconservancy.org/preserve/tucquan-glen/>) **next Sunday, October 14**, after the worship service. Contact Jamie Kegerise for more information, [jamie@dsofurniture.com](mailto:jamie@dsofurniture.com).

Mill Creek Fellowship Dinner  
Saturday, October 20, 2018  
6 pm - 9 pm

Join us on Saturday, October 20th for our Fellowship Dinner and the kickoff of our **2019 Generosity Campaign**. Members, friends and visitors are joyfully invited to join us for a fun evening where we will host a Chili Cook-Off! Bring your favorite chili in whatever style you prefer, or cornbread. There will be a friendly competition for various categories of both. We will have traditional chili, vegetarian chili, Cincinnati chili – plus yours! – and many others.

Not a chili lover? No pressure - you can bring an alternative main dish, side dish or dessert. We will provide coffee, tea, and cider – all other beverages will be BYOB. Infant and toddler care will be provided throughout the evening.

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

If you are planning on bringing chili, please arrive by 5:30 pm. Childcare will be available at this time.

In the meantime, contact Fran Gulino ([frangu302@gmail.com](mailto:frangu302@gmail.com)) with questions, and to **let us know if you're planning to bring chili (or anything else to share)**.



## 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 9th & Thursday, October 11.**

**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

**For more details and to offer your support, contact Chitra Vaidy, [cvaidy226@gmail.com](mailto:cvaidy226@gmail.com) or see the sign-up sheet on the Social Justice bulletin board!**

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