

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.)

2020 Generosity Campaign is now underway! Pledge cards for the upcoming pledge year have been distributed. They can be mailed, or brought to church and placed in the offering plate on Sunday or the collection box on the wall just outside the sanctuary. OR you can pledge online using your REALM profile. *The Generosity Team has set a goal to have all pledges received by **Sunday, December 1st*** – this is to give the Finance Team adequate time to prepare the budget for 2020. Contact the church office, administrator@uusmc.org, or the Generosity Team, stewardship@uusmc.org, with any questions you may have.

You Make the Call On Sunday, November 24th you get to “make the call” on which of Rev. Greg’s sermons you’d like to hear presented again. Mark the enclosed ballot and return to the collection box on the wall by the entrance to the sanctuary.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Rev. Greg is preaching at this year’s service held at New Ark United Church of Christ in Newark on Tuesday, November 26th at 7 pm. All are welcome! newarkucc.org

Upcoming events

Church Office Closure-Veteran’s Day, Monday, November 11

Finance Committee meeting, Tuesday, November 12

Weekly Meadow Maintenance, Wednesday, November 13

Mill Creek Board meeting, Thursday, November 14

Book Group, Wednesday, November 20

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, Tuesday, November 26

Mill Creek Professional Staff

Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Lead Minister

minister@uusmc.org

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

Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Music Director

music@uusmc.org

Debra Damiani, Congregational Administrator

administrator@uusmc.org

>>Hours: Monday-Thursday 8 am – 1 pm



November 10, 2019
Stephanie Reaves

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

Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek

A Welcoming Congregation

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Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Music Director
Manisha Antani, Worship Associate
~ Order of Service ~

Prelude *Believer* Brymer

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 *Hector's Favorite Place* by Jo Rooks

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 *Blessed Spirit of My Life* #86

Reading Excerpt from *Inward* by Yung Pueblo

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn *Meditation on Breathing* #1009

Meditation

Bless Our Bounty

Offering *Beyond the Rain and Rivers* Wagner

Sermon ***Alone, Together*** Stephanie Reaves

Postlude *Awaken the Music!* Gilpin

Unison Benediction

Sending love to all beings.

May all beings continue reclaiming their power.

May all beings heal themselves and the world.

May all beings be happy and free. -Yung Pueblo

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.

Meet our guest speaker, Stephanie Reaves. Stephanie has been attending Mill Creek since 2017, and was previously involved in co-leading the Roots and Shoots class of Children's Religious Exploration. Stephanie works as a Peer Educator for the Mental Health Association in Delaware and is a proud Westtown School Quaker and Princeton University Tiger. Away from work you will find her on an outside adventure, in the kitchen cooking, or lost in her local bookstore.

Today's music is performed by the Mill Creek Choir, Kristen Tosh-Morelli, director; and Savannah Klumpp, pianist. All of the selections center on the theme of addiction, recovery and self-improvement. *Believer* recognizes and highlights that many times, addiction stems from pain and trauma. *Beyond the Rain and Rivers* mentions going "away" to get better...can mean a lot of things but in this case especially of a recovery center or program. Our postlude is a call to *Awaken the Music...* in you. Show the world who you are!

Religious Exploration Children and youth are invited to adjourn to their classrooms after the Story for All Ages for RE learning, growth and fun.

Share Our Plate For the months of November and December we will be sharing half of our undesignated plate offering to **Wings for Success** based in Chester County, PA. This organization empowers women in need to pursue employment and economic security through apparel, advice and advocacy.

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

Potluck Luncheon and Tree Planting Today! All are welcome to remain with us after today's service to enjoy our monthly potluck lunch. You need not have brought anything – just grab a plate and join the conversation! **After lunch**, adults and kids alike are welcome to help us transform our meadow as we plant more trees.

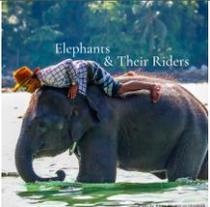
Mill Creek Book Group Join us next Wednesday, November 20th for the next meeting of the book group when we will discuss *Hallelujah Anyway: Rediscovering Mercy* by Anne Lamott. Contact Deanna Koepcke with questions, dkoepcke@hotmail.com

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from Mill Creek Youth Josh Mortenson**

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