

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.)

Mill Creek Book Group Our next meeting is this Thursday, November 15 at 7:30 pm in Classroom 2 when we discuss *Wide Sargasso Sea* by Jean Rhys. All are welcome! Contact Deanna Koepcke with questions, dkoepcke@hotmail.com.

New Member Class: The Meaning of Membership This session is a conversation about what it means to be a member of Mill Creek. It will provide information and establish our expectations for membership. We will also encourage connection to a group experience (chalice circle, Listening to Our Lives, etc.). Drop in on Sunday, December 2nd in the MacArtor Library, 12 noon to 1:30 pm.

Upcoming events

ARE Team Meeting, today after service

Tree Planting Sunday, today after lunch

Make Your Pledge, by Monday, November 12

Book Group meeting, Thursday, November 15

The Meaning of Membership, Sunday, December 2

Mill Creek Professional Staff

Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister minister@uusmc.org
>>Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, 9 am – 1 pm, and by appointment

Terry Vodery, Director of Religious Exploration dre@uusmc.org
>>Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 9 am – 2 pm, and by appointment

Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Music Director music@uusmc.org

Debra Damiani, Office Administrator administrator@uusmc.org
>>Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 am – 1 pm



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November 11, 2018
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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Prelude *Sing Your Way Home* Joseph M. Martin

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 *Filled With Loving Kindness* #1031

Reading *Prayer in Celebration of the Greatest Invention Ever,*
The Wicked Hot Shower by Brian Doyle

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn *Spirit of Life* #123

Meditation

Offering

Sermon **Be Good to Yourself**

Postlude *Be Still* Lewis

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, 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.

Music today is performed by the Mill Creek Choir, Kristen Tosh-Morelli, director; Pam Allenstein, pianist. Today's selections reflect the need for contemplative self-care and taking time to be still in our busy lives.

Religious Exploration Following the Story For All Ages, children and youth will report to their classrooms for an hour of learning, friendship and fun.

Share Our Plate For the months of November and December we will be designating half of our undesignated plate offering to PFLAG Wilmington DE. This organization provides support and education for LGBTQ individuals, their families and advocates, focusing on their unique issues and challenges, along with advocacy in our communities to change attitudes and create policies and laws that achieve full equality for LGBTQ people.

Potluck Luncheon today! Everyone is invited to join us after today's service for our monthly potluck lunch. You need not have brought anything – just grab a plate and join the conversation! We will enjoy a presentation about Murray Grove, a UU retreat and renewal center.

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Today is Tree Planting Sunday After lunch we will be planting new trees in our meadow and welcome all helping hands. Donations are being accepted to help pay for the trees. Text-to-Give: text **MillCreek** plus the **amount** of your gift to **73256** and follow the prompts. Or donate via your Realm account, or submit a check (payable to UUSMC) in the collection plate. ****Regardless of your donation method, please note 'trees' in the memo section.** See Jamie Kegerise, John Springer or Amy White with questions or offers of help.

Adult Religious Exploration Team Meeting Everyone is welcome to join us today after the worship service as we discuss and finalize Adult RE offerings for Winter/Spring. We want to hear your ideas and suggestions for new topics and areas of interest. Hope to see you today at 12 noon in the MacArtor Library.



Building on our accomplishments – exploring new opportunities

2018 has been a year of progress and blessings for Mill Creek: we had a successful Service Auction and raised \$22,345; we added a full-time Director of Religious Education who has energized our Children and Adult RE programs; we reduced our carbon footprint (and our electric expenses) by installing solar panels; our Sunday Services continue to be inventive, engaging and thought-provoking; we rolled out **Realm** - our new church management software; and we continue to attract new visitors and members.

These accomplishments could not have been possible without the commitment, energy, faith and gifts of our members and friends. Those who have come before us invested their time, expertise and money in creating a church where we can be accepted as we are, and where we can express our love and care for each other and the world. Together we will continue to nurture this space, and our community, as we support each other.

And so we invite you to support our mission. If you have never pledged your financial gifts to Mill Creek, please do so today. If you have offered your pledge in the past, we invite you to consider increasing your commitment by 5% to help us continue to grow.

Pledge cards have been mailed to members and friends. If you haven't yet – please complete yours and mail today. **Or – log on to your Realm account and make your pledge online, it's fast and easy** (instructions are on the reverse side of this announcement).

Mill Creek members and friends support the congregation because of the values we share: a focus on children, strong support for social justice programs, music performances by professional artists, and opportunities to engage in all aspects of congregational life. In the current era of deep economic and social inequalities and political divisiveness, UU congregations such as ours are among the few places where everyone is invited and welcomed – unconditionally.

***Please pledge your support today –
thank you.***

Realm Pledging Guide

- 1) Log into your REALM profile. If you do not have an account or a log-in, contact the church office, 302-369-2712 or administrator@uusmc.org and we'll get you set up.
- 2) Once logged in, select **Giving** from the menu on the left side of your profile page, this will take you to your Giving page. At the top of this page, click on the **+Pledge** button.
- 3) On the **Pledge Now** page, enter the **TOTAL** amount you intend to pledge for the 2019 calendar year.
- 4) Make sure that the Campaign you are pledging to is noted as 2019 Generosity Campaign.
- 5) In the "to be given" box, select "As Can." (**Note** – you can make payments according to whatever frequency works for you; you need not indicate monthly or quarterly – "As Can" gives you the freedom to contribute whenever you like. We do not keep track of frequency – there are never any "late" payments!)
- 6) Verify that the **total amount** is what you intend to contribute for the calendar year January – December 2019.
- 7) When everything looks good, click on **Save Pledge**. **PLEASE NOTE:** once you save your pledge, you will not be able to make any changes. But – no worries! If you need to correct an error or make any changes, simply communicate your changes by contacting the church office at 302-369-2712 or administrator@uusmc.org.

