

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

Potluck Luncheon Today!

Everyone is welcome to remain with us after the worship service for good food and fellowship at our monthly potluck lunch.

You Make the Call – Last Chance!

Sunday, November 26 is when you get to “make the call” for that day’s sermon. Today is your final opportunity to vote for one of four highly rated sermons by Rev. Greg. If you haven’t yet selected a sermon, there are ballot forms located in the gathering space. Completed ballots can be placed in the collection box on the wall near the entrance to the sanctuary.

2018 Generosity Campaign is Underway!

At last Saturday’s fellowship dinner, the Stewardship Team kicked off the 2018 Generosity Campaign. Pledge cards have recently been mailed to members and friends. Completed cards can be placed in the collection box on the wall in the gathering space or mailed to the church in the envelope provided. Any questions about this new campaign or pledging in general can be made by contacting the Stewardship Team at stewardship@uusmc.org or the church office, 302-369-2712 or administrator@uusmc.org. *Thank you for your support of the mission of Mill Creek!*

Share Our Warmth

The Social Justice Committee has begun their annual collection of hats, gloves, mittens, scarves and socks which will be donated to the needy in our area. Handmade and store-bought items are welcomed. Look for the collection bin in the gathering space.

*****MARK YOUR CALENDAR! *****

Everyone is welcome to join us on Saturday, December 2nd, 5-8 pm, for a Deck the Halls Holiday Party. We’ll enjoy a potluck meal and make our church home look festive for the winter holidays. The planning is underway and more details will be shared as they become available.



November 12, 2017
Rev. David Pyle

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

Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek
A Welcoming Congregation
302-369-2712
www.uusmc.org

Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister
Maggie McLaughlin, Worship Associate
Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Music Director
Terry Vodery, Director of Religious Exploration
~ Order of Service ~
November 12, 2017

♥ Please silence cell phones, and hold applause until the end of service.

Ringling of the Chime

Prelude *Erev Shel Shoshanim* Yosef Hadar

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 *Speaking Truth to Power* by David Pyle

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 *Building Bridges* #1023

Responsive Reading *A Litany on Atonement* #637

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn *Comfort Me* #1002

Meditation

Offering *The Law of Love* Orlando Gibbons

Sermon *We Begin Again, in Love* Rev. David Pyle

Postlude *Seasons of Love* from RENT Jonathan Larson

***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.

Meet our guest speaker, Rev. David Pyle. The Rev. David Pyle is a member of the UUA's Central East Regional Staff, and serves the congregations of the Delmarva Peninsula, Greater Baltimore, and Central Pennsylvania as their UUA Staff Primary Contact. Rev. Pyle holds a Masters of Divinity from the Meadville Lombard Theological School and a Bachelors of Arts in History and Political Science from East Tennessee State University. He has served as a minister for congregations in California, Michigan, and Illinois. He also serves as a U.S. Army Reserve Chaplain for the 439th Multifunctional Medical Battalion at Joint Base Maguire-Dix-Lakehurst in New Jersey.

Today's music is performed by the Mill Creek Choir, under the direction of Kristen Tosh-Morelli, with Pam Allenstein, pianist. Love is an integral part of being in community with one another, and music is a perfect vehicle to share that love together. We begin today's service with a lovely setting of an Israeli folksong "An Evening of Roses", and continue with the "love" theme with a hymn tune from the 17th century. Our postlude today asks us to measure our lives - every year, every minute - with love. May peace be with our community today.

Children's Religious Education

DO YOU HAVE AN HOUR? Do you have a skill or interesting subject to share? Do you enjoy fun and creative projects? Would you like to make an impact on the life of a young person? **THE RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION TEAM AT MILL CREEK WANTS YOU!!!!** If you are interested in becoming a part of a vibrant and growing Religious Exploration program, contact our DRE at dre@uusmc.org or, call her directly at 302-367-6533. She will be happy to hear from you!
THE YOUTH GROUP will meet at the church this Saturday, November 18 at 2:00 to prepare refreshments for next Sunday's Hospitality Hour.

Share Our Plate For the months of November and December, we'll be donating half of our undesignated plate offering to Kingswood Community Center in Northeast Wilmington. The KCC's mission is to enable people in northeast Wilmington and surrounding communities to achieve their potential for economic, social and personal well-being through the operation of an early learning center, and offering youth & teen, community and adult programs. Learn more at www.kgwcc.org