

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.)

A Special Message from Mill Creek Youth Josh Mortenson

The **Kind to Kids Foundation** is a nonprofit charity set on making sure children in foster care receive toys during this holiday season. I attended an event for the organization where we made bags of supplies for the kids. One of the workers told me how the kids have to put all their belongings in trash bags each time they had to move. For a moment, I tried to picture myself leaving my home with everything I owned in bags meant for garbage, and I couldn't. Because no child should ever have to endure living without a real home. This is not a charity to help out some unfortunate kids, it's the fight on crime against childhood. **So I call upon you to join the fight** by donating a few dollars to the Kind to Kids Foundation (use this link: <http://bit.ly/kindtokids> or scan the QR code below). And help to spread the word about this cause to others to help fight for the rights of these children. *Thank you for your support.*

**Lets make sure every child
is remembered this holiday season
Please donate today.**



Kind to Kids Foundation is a nonprofit charity focused on getting donations for children living in the foster care system. By donating to the link, you will be funding holiday gifts for children living in Foster care.



<https://www.classy.org/fundraiser/2471885>

Upcoming events

- Book Group**, Wednesday, November 20
- RE Transitions meeting**, Sunday, November 24
- Interfaith Thanksgiving Service**, Tuesday, November 26
- Pledge cards due**, Sunday, December 1

Um ... I have a question ...



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**November 17, 2019
Rev. Gregory S. Pelley**

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

Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek
A Welcoming Congregation
302-369-2712
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Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister
Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Music Director
~ Order of Service ~

Prelude *And Make It So* Wagner

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 *What's in the Box?*

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 *Give Thanks* #69

Reading from *Curious* by Ian Leslie

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn *Nada Te Turbe* #1047

Meditation

Offering *Thanksgiving Song* Mary Chapin Carpenter

Sermon *Um...I have a question...* Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

Postlude *Afternoon on a Hill* Lightfoot

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.

Today's music is performed by the Mill Creek Choir under the direction of Kristen Tosh-Morelli, with Savannah Klumpp, pianist.

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 --

Religious Exploration Transitions: What now? & What's Next?

Members and Friends of Mill Creek are invited to join in a conversation with our UUA Staff member, **Paula Cole Jones** following worship next Sunday, November 24. As we enter into this time of transition from Rev. Terry Vodery's ministry with us, this is an opportunity for the congregation to process our joys and concerns regarding our Religious Exploration programs. It will give us an opportunity to assess where we are, what we have done well, and where we have missed the mark. Sharing our open and honest stories, hopes and aspirations will help clear the path ahead as we continue to re-imagine our programs.

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.

Mill Creek Book Group Join us this 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

You Make the Call 2019

Ballot

Next Sunday, November 24th, you get to “make the call” on the sermon! Below, you will see four of Rev. Greg’s favorite sermons from 2019. You get to exercise your democratic rights and vote on which you’d like to hear again, or hear for the first time!

Please select your choice and vote by placing the completed ballot in the collection box in the Gathering Area.



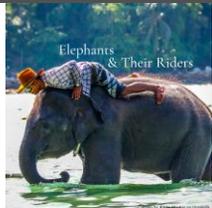
Fish Stories (May 26, 2019). The one about Jonah and the Whale (ahem ... *fish*) and listening to our heart’s yearning so that we may find our courageous voice.



Flour (March 24, 2019). The one about baker’s math in bread making and the kind of commitments we make to transformation.



The Second Best Time to Plant a Tree (February 24, 2019). The one celebrating the founding of UU Society of Mill Creek and how we might transform the gift of this community for future generations.



Elephants and Their Riders (January 13, 2019). The one about our moral intuition and how we might understand, and perhaps influence other’s. (Hint: It probably means changing something in ourselves!)



*Newark
Interfaith
Service of
Thanksgiving*

Everyone is welcome to join with leaders from many religious traditions in the greater Newark area in a service of celebration and gratitude:

*Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.
New Ark United Church of Christ
300 E. Main Street
Newark, DE 19711*

Rev. Gregory S. Pelley will be offering the message.

*If you would like to add your voice to the interfaith choir,
please arrive in time for a 6:30 p.m. rehearsal.*