

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.)--

New Member Ceremony Sunday, December 1st Visitors and friends who have not yet made the commitment to become full Members of the church are invited to do so next Sunday. If you have questions or if you are ready to join us, please contact Tracy Morgan at tracymorgan2000@verizon.net or Rev. Greg at minister@uusmc.org.

Mill Creek Annual Deck the Halls Holiday Party Everyone is invited to join us this **Saturday, December 7th** for fun, food and merriment! This is a pot-luck event – please bring a dish and/or beverages to share. We'll be decorating our sanctuary, and we'll also have our White Elephant gift exchange – bring a small, silly wrapped gift. Fun for all – 5pm to 8 pm. Join us!

Upcoming events

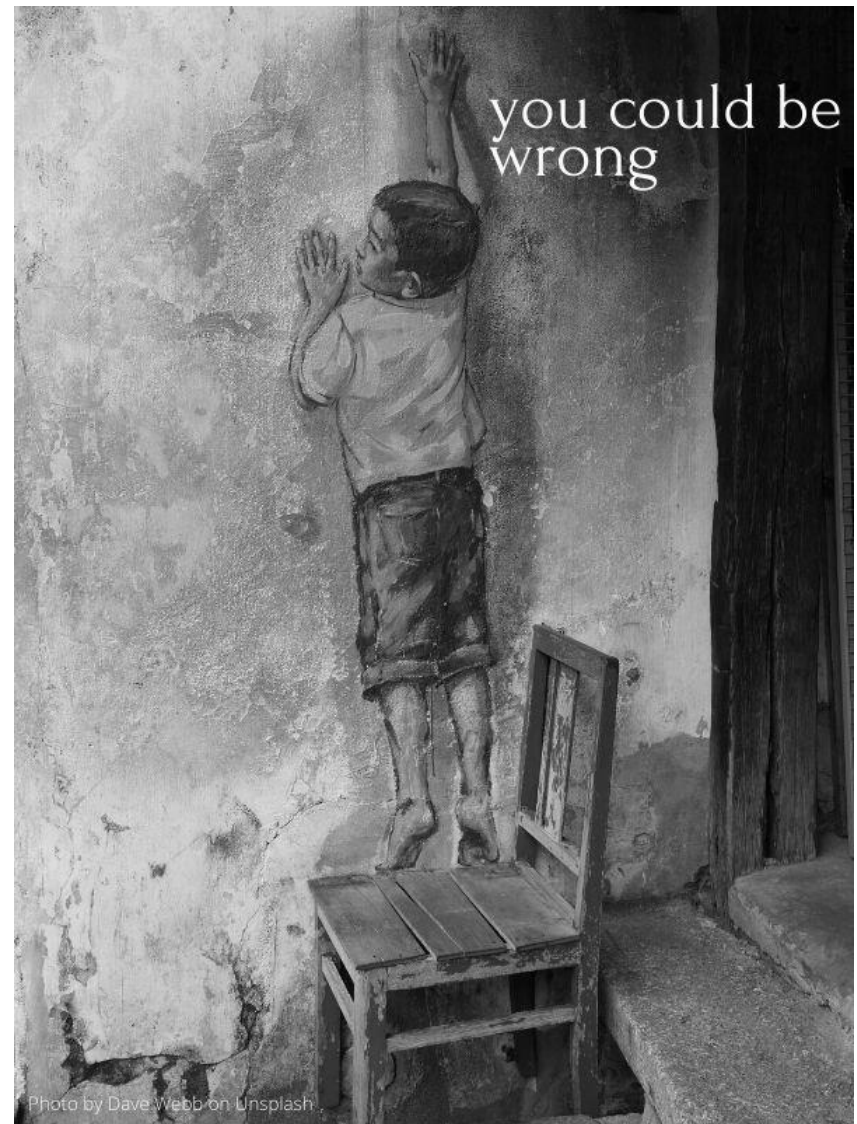
Pledge cards due, next Sunday, December 1
New Member Ceremony, next Sunday, December 1
Deck the Halls Holiday Party, Saturday, December 7
Blue Christmas Service, Monday, December 16
Winter Solstice Gathering, Saturday, December 21
Christmas Eve Service, Tuesday, December 24



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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 24, 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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~ Order of Service ~

Prelude *Higher and Higher* Raynard Minor

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 *We Sing Now Together* #67

Reading

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn *Spirit of Life* #123

Meditation

Offering *Faces* Colin Hoover & Meeta Gajjar Parker

Sermon *You Could Be Wrong* Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

Postlude *Timeless* Chris Hope & Meeta Gajjar Parker

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 Meeta Gajjar Parker. Meeta is a singer songwriter born in Delaware. She is the first female of East Indian descent to rock; however, she has been singing all styles of music for 30 + years here and abroad. She now sings full time with her husband Frank Parker, mixing her vocals to sequenced tracks. They perform locally at a variety of venues the tri-state area.

Religious Exploration There are no classes scheduled for this morning.

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 --

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP:

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

Everyone is invited to remain with us after today's service for a conversation with our UUA Staff member, **Paula Cole Jones**. 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 next Sunday, December 1st** – this gives 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.

SHARE OUR WARMTH

The Mill Creek Social Justice Committee begins their annual collection of cold weather clothing items. This year they are focusing on **ADULT SIZES**, for both men and women: socks, gloves, hats, scarves and blankets. All items will eventually be distributed on location in downtown Wilmington. Please bring in your donations and place in the collection bin in the cloakroom. See any member of the Social Justice committee with questions.



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

Our own Rev. Greg 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.