

## Mill Creek Annual Deck the Halls Holiday Party

You are invited to join us on  
Saturday, Dec. 1st, 5-8 pm

Bring a main dish, side dish,  
dessert, or beverage to share!

Help decorate our sanctuary!

Bring a "white elephant" gift  
and participate in our gift  
exchange!

Plenty of fun and fellowship!

### Upcoming events

**Deck the Halls Holiday Party**, Saturday, December 1

**The Meaning of Membership**, Sunday, December 2

**Winter Solstice Celebration**, Friday, December 21

**Christmas Eve Service**, Monday, December 24

### Mill Creek Professional Staff

Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister [minister@uusmc.org](mailto:minister@uusmc.org)  
>>Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, 9 am – 1 pm, and by appointment  
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Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Music Director [music@uusmc.org](mailto:music@uusmc.org)  
Debra Damiani, Office Administrator [administrator@uusmc.org](mailto:administrator@uusmc.org)  
>>Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 am – 1 pm

*Going to*

# H.E. Doublehockeysticks



**November 25, 2018**  
**Rev. Gregory S. Pelley**

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

Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek  
A Welcoming Congregation  
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~ Order of Service ~  
November 25, 2018

Prelude *Oh come, Oh Come, Emmanuel* Traditional Advent song

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 *Fire of Commitment* #1028

Reading excerpt from *A Field Guide to Getting Lost* by Rebecca Solnit  
Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn *Spirit of Life* #123

Meditation

Offering *Penguins Dance* Original Composition

Sermon ***Going to H.E. Doublehockeysticks***

A Litany of With-ness

Postlude *Table of Plenty* Traditional Catholic hymn

**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](mailto:tracymorgan2000@verizon.net), or our minister, Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, [minister@uusmc.org](mailto: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 returning guest musician Katie August. Katie is a senior at Cab Calloway School of the Arts where she is an active member of the Piano Honor Society. She has performed at the White House, in addition to many local venues.

**Religious Exploration**

Thanksgiving Weekend Break: NO CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION TODAY. We will resume classes next Sunday.

**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.

**-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --**

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> in the MacArtor Library, 12 noon to 1:30 pm.

**Share Our Warmth** The Social Justice Committee begins this 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. This year there is a particular need for blankets and adult-sized gloves. Look for the collection bin in the cloak room.

**Text-to-Give!** Text **MillCreek** plus the **amount** of your gift to **73256**.