

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.)

Deck the Halls Holiday Party

Mark your calendar! Everyone is invited to join us on Saturday, December 2nd, 5-8 pm, for a **Deck the Halls Holiday Party**. Children and adults are welcome. We will enjoy a Potluck Meal (please bring a dish to share) and a “White Elephant” gift exchange. The signup sheet is on the church bulletin board or drop a note to David@DLSK.NET with the number of people attending. Note: we’re looking for a large artificial tree. If you have one you can share or donate, please send a note to David at the above email address. Thanks!

Share Our Warmth

The Social Justice Committee continues 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 cloak room.

Upcoming events

Holiday Party, Saturday, December 2

Pledge Cards Due, Sunday, December 3

Christmas Play, Sunday, December 17

Winter Solstice Celebration, December 21

Sunday Service, December 24, 10:30 am

Christmas Eve Service, 7:30 pm

Mill Creek Professional Staff

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November 26, 2017
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 ~
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♥ Please silence cell phones, and hold applause until the end of service.

Ringing of the Chime

Prelude *Hallelujah Chorus* Handel

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 Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

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 *Come, Ye Thankful People* #68

Reading from *The Spirituality of Imperfection*
(Ernest Kurtz & Katherine Ketcham)

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn *Spirit of Life* #123

Meditation

Offering *Waltz of the Rustling Trees* Katie August

Sermon *We Could Be Heroes* Rev. Pelley

Postlude *Sonata in D* Katie August

*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.

Today's music is performed by Katie August. Katie is a 16 year-old student of Cab Calloway School of the Arts. She has studied piano there for two and a half years and has played piano for eight years. Katie enjoys playing for church, social and school events and is grateful to perform for us again this morning. Welcome back, Katie!

Religious Exploration Today our Chalice Children will learn about the joy of gratitude (an important lesson) while the Roots and Shoots Class continues preparations for their Christmas Play, "The Year Mrs. Claus Saved Christmas." Please join us for the December 17 performance!
Youth Program Reminder: No classes during Thanksgiving week break for Coming of Age and High School Youth. Classes resume December 3rd. See you there!

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

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

2018 Generosity Campaign is Underway!

Pledging allows Mill Creek to have a constant and predictable source of income. This is significant because our expenses are predictable even if our income is not. Pledging allows us to make certain that we pay our staff salaries, mortgage, utilities and insurance in a timely way, whether we have reserves in our bank account or not. **In order to give church leadership adequate time to calculate our funding for 2018, we are requesting all pledge cards be returned by Sunday, December 3.** You can place yours in the collection box on the wall located in the gathering space, or return by mail 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!