

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.)

Share Our Bounty Mill Creek's Social Justice Committee continues this annual tradition of providing Thanksgiving meals to local needy families by assembling boxes filled with donated non-perishable food items. The boxes are available now to take home and be filled. Lists of suggested food items are also available. Filled boxes (or even bags) must be brought back **next Sunday, November 11**. See any Social Justice member with questions. *Thank you for your support!*

Adult Religious Exploration Team Meeting We'll be locking in our offerings for Winter/Spring and hearing your ideas and suggestions for new class offerings. Hope to see you there on Sunday, Nov. 11, 12 noon to 1 pm in the MacArtor Library!

All Hands Needed – Tree Planting Sunday, November 11. Save the date and bring your work gloves and shovels. We will be planting trees in our meadow, and we need some strong backs and friendly helpers (all ages welcome). We will begin work immediately after the pot luck lunch, early Sunday afternoon.

Mill Creek Book Group Our next meeting is Thursday, November 15 at 7:30 pm when we discuss *Wide Sargasso Sea* by Jean Rhys. Contact Deanna Koepcke with questions, dkoepcke@hotmail.com

Upcoming events

Introduction to Mill Creek, today after service

Adult RE: Faith Like a River, Sundays before service through Nov. 11

Share Our Bounty ends, Sunday, November 11

ARE Team Meeting, Sunday, November 11

Tree Planting Sunday, November 11

Make Your Pledge, by Monday, November 12

Book Group meeting, Thursday, November 15

Text-to-Give to Mill Creek! Text **MillCreek** plus the **amount** of your gift to **73256** and follow the prompts.



November 4, 2018
Terry R. Vodery

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
Terry Vodery, Director of Religious Exploration
Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Music Director
~ Order of Service ~
November 4, 2018

Ringing of the Chime

Prelude *Open Arms* Steve Perry & Jonathan Cain

Welcome

Lighting the Chalice

Response:

We ignite this flame, symbol of our faith, to beckon us into community, warm our hearts with love, and give us a light to follow as we carry our faith in to action.

Story For All Ages *Grudgetown* by Barbara Marshman

Children to Religious Education – *Go Now in Peace* #413

Covenant

Love is the spirit of this church. The quest of truth is its sacrament, and service is its prayer. This is our great covenant: To dwell together in peace, to seek the truth in love, and to help one another.

Hymn *There's a River Flowin' In My Soul* #1007

Joys and Sorrows

Responsive Reading (see insert)

Meditation Music *When Our Heart is In a Holy Place* #1008

Sermon **Open Arms** Terry R. Vodery

Offering *Wasted on the Way* Graham Nash

Closing *What's So Funny about Peace and Understanding?* Nick Lowe

Closing Benediction

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 preacher is Terry R. Vodery. Terry serves Mill Creek as Director of Religious Education (R.E.), directing programs for children, youth and adults. For more information about R.E. at Mill Creek, visit www.uusmc.org/learn/

Today's music is performed by our own Andy Levin. Andy and his wife Brenda are longtime members of Mill Creek. Andy has enjoyed singing with the choir and providing music for many Sunday services over the years.

Religious Exploration Following the Story For All Ages, children and youth will report to their classrooms for an hour of learning, friendship and fun.

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 --

Introduction to Mill Creek! Today Rev. Greg will lead a conversation about the Values, Beliefs, and Mission of Mill Creek with the intention of helping new folks get to know who we are as a religious community. This one-hour session follows the worship service (12-1 pm) in the MacArtor Library.

2019 Generosity Campaign Pledge cards have been mailed, but you can make your pledge online using your Realm account! Please do so by Monday, November 12. Contact administrator@uusmc.org with questions.

You Make the Call 2018 On Sunday, November 25, you get to "make the call" on the sermon! If you haven't yet done so, submit your ballot (see insert) in the collection box in the gathering space.