

**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

**2018 Generosity Campaign is Underway!**

At last Saturday's fellowship dinner, the Stewardship Team kicked off the 2018 Generosity Campaign. On Monday, Oct. 30, pledge cards were mailed to members and friends. Completed cards can be placed in the collection box located in the gathering space or mailed to the church 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](mailto:stewardship@uusmc.org) or the church office, 302-369-2712 or [administrator@uusmc.org](mailto:administrator@uusmc.org). Thank you for your support of the mission of Mill Creek!

**You Make the Call**

Sunday, November 26 is when you get to "make the call" for that day's sermon. Now is your chance to vote for one of four highly rated sermons by Rev. Greg. Please select one sermon on the inserted ballot and place in the collection box in the gathering space.

**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 which will be distributed to the Kennett Food Pantry (PA) and the YWCA Home-Life Center in downtown Wilmington (DE). The boxes, donated to us by Calvert Farms in Maryland, are available now to take home to be filled. Lists of suggested food items are also available. **All filled boxes (or even bags) must be brought back next Sunday, November 12.** See any Social Justice member with questions. Thank you for your support!

**Upcoming events**

**Potluck Luncheon**, Sunday, November 12

**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  
Terry Vodery, Director of Religious Exploration [dre@uusmc.org](mailto:dre@uusmc.org)  
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



**November 5, 2017**  
**Rev. Mary Higgins**

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

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A Welcoming Congregation  
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**Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister**  
**Stephen Petersen, Worship Associate**  
**Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Music Director**  
**Terry Vodery, Director of Religious Exploration**  
**~ Order of Service ~**  
**November 5, 2017**

♥ Please silence cell phones, and hold applause until the end of service.

Ringing of the Chime

Prelude *Footprints* jazz tune, Wayne Shorter

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 Terry Vodery

*Tacky, The Penguin* by Helen Lester

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 *Lean On Me* #1021

Readings *Selections from Maya Angelou and Brené Brown*

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn *Comfort Me* #1002

Meditation

Offering *Wish to the Sea* Paul Boris

Sermon ***The Courage to Stand Alone*** Rev. Mary Higgins

Postlude *Skating* Vince Guaraldi

**\*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](mailto:mmclaughlin13123@gmail.com), Eileen Selph, [caldwelleileen@hotmail.com](mailto:caldwelleileen@hotmail.com), 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.

**Meet our guest speaker, Rev. Mary Higgins.** Rev. Mary Higgins is a lifelong Unitarian Universalist. On the journey, she has been a religious educator, parish minister, and also a district executive in two of our UUA districts: Florida and Northern New England. Mary moved to the area two years ago to be closer to her children and grandchildren. She is a member of Mill Creek.

**Today's music** is performed by local guest musician Paul Boris, a jazz influenced pianist/composer, piano instructor, performer. His music and lyric writing presents pieces from a storyteller point of view. Some performance events include: playing for the Delaware Historical Society, County Executive Matthew Meyer's inauguration, and as performer for an ACLU benefit concert. Paul has a teaching studio at the Center for the Creative Arts in Hockessin and teaches jazz piano at the Music School of DE. Learn more at about Paul and his music at [www.paulborismusic.com](http://www.paulborismusic.com)

**RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION AT MILL CREEK WANTS YOU!!!!** We are looking for a photographer, a lead teacher, an assistant teacher and someone who loves arts and crafts. All volunteer opportunities are once a month for one hour. If you are interested in becoming a part of a vibrant and growing Religious Exploration program, WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU! Contact our DRE at [dre@uusmc.org](mailto:dre@uusmc.org) or, call her directly at 302-367-6533. She will be happy to hear from you!

**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](http://www.kgwcc.org)

**-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --**

**Next Sunday – Potluck Luncheon**

Everyone is welcome to stay with us after the service next Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> for our monthly potluck lunch when we will enjoy food and fellowship. Please bring a dish or beverage to share.