

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.)

Consider alternative gift giving with Heifer International Stop by the Heifer table after service on the next two Sundays, December 9th or 16th for more information about this worthwhile organization, and to honor your friends or family this holiday season by making symbolic purchases of animals, animal shares or even trees. Lauri Rickard will be available to assist you and answer your questions. Learn more at www.heifer.org

Unitarian Universalist Delaware Advocacy Network (UUDAN) Meeting

Following the service on Sunday, December 16th there will be a meeting of UUDAN members in the library. Our state government is more important than ever. What happens in Dover largely determines the quality of our justice system, our schools, our economy and our environment. Come to our meeting to learn more about UUDAN and next year's legislative agenda. UUDAN has been actively preparing for the next session of the General Assembly by expanding and strengthening our Steering Committee, researching issues, and strengthening relationships with coalition partners. UUDAN can make a difference. All Delaware residents are welcome.

Upcoming events

The Meaning of Membership, today after service
Social Justice Committee meeting, today after service
Monthly potluck lunch, next Sunday, December 9
UUDAN meeting, Sunday, December 16
Winter Solstice Celebration, Friday, December 21
Christmas Eve Service, Monday, December 24

Mill Creek Professional Staff

Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister minister@uusmc.org
>>Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, 9 am – 1 pm, and by appointment
Terry Vodery, Director of Religious Exploration dre@uusmc.org
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>>Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 am – 1 pm



December 2, 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 ~
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Prelude *Allegro con spirito*
from Trio #2 of Six Trios for Three Flutes Francois Devienne

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.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

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 *Sing and Rejoice* #395

Reading *Over a Cup of Coffee with the Creator* by Gregory Pelley

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn *Meditation on Breathing* #1009

Meditation

Offering *Rondo*
from Trio in G Major, Opus 24 for Three Flutes Kaspar Kummer

Sermon ***In Praise of Shadows***

Postlude *Presto from Grand Trio For Three Flutes L. van Beethoven*

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 Flutes On Call, featuring Mill Creek member Diana Saunders, along with Marianne San Antonio, and Mei Lun Wang. Diana is an elementary school math teacher at Wilmington Friends School, Marianne is a developmental behavioral pediatrician at A.I. DuPont Children's Hospital, and Mei Lun is a pediatric gastroenterologist for Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceuticals. They have all resumed playing the flute after having played often in high school and college.

Religious Exploration WE'RE BACK! After a week away (celebrating the Thanksgiving holiday), Children's and Youth R.E. is back with learning, fellowship and fun for everyone. Following the Story for All Ages, children and youth are invited to depart to the R.E. wing.

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 shared expectations for membership. Drop in today after service in the MacArthur Library, 12 noon to 1:30 pm.

Social Justice News - Share Our Warmth The annual collection continues for 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.
Meeting today Everyone is welcome to join us today after service and find out more about service opportunities.