

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

Save the date:
Annual Service Auction
Saturday, April 14, 2018
Join the team! Contact Rev. Greg:
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December 24, 2017
Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

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

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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.

Ringling of the Chime

Prelude

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 Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly #235

Reading Christmas Morning by Peter Mayer

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn Spirit of Life #123

Meditation

Offering

Sermon Re-Gifting Rev. Pelley

Postlude

*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, 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 Clarion Brass, featuring Kristen Tosh-Morelli, trumpet; Wendy Myers, French horn; Brian Hanson; euphonium; Tom Hartline, trombone; and Amanda Ostrusky, tuba.

Today in Religious Education Our Chalice Children will learn about the story of the birth of Jesus and practice how to be patient while waiting for a holiday to unfold. The Roots and Shoots Class will explore peacemaking, and how each of us can find creative solutions to solve conflict and work cooperatively. Coming of Age and Youth Group have the week off. See you on January 7!

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 --

Candlelight Service this evening – everyone is welcome to rejoin us this evening at 7:30 for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service led by Rev. Greg, which will be filled with the traditional stories, carols, music, and candle lighting of the holiday. Music will be performed by the Mill Creek Choir. A special collection will be taken on behalf of Family Promise, whose mission is to prevent and end homelessness for families by engaging faith-based congregations, volunteers and donors.

Mill Creek Book Group Returns! Everyone is welcome to join us as we recommence our book discussion group. We will briefly review our procedures and make changes if necessary. We don't have a current book chosen so we will have mini-discussions of books we have recently read. We will also welcome suggestions for new books to read. Join us on Thursday, January 18th at 7:30 in the MacArtor Library.