

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.)**

**End-of-Year Giving** Two giving campaigns end on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019: the **2019 Generosity Campaign**, and the **Celebrating Our Legacy Campaign**. If you're unsure of your balance for either of these funds, you can access the Giving page on your REALM profile, or contact the church office, [administrator@uusmc.org](mailto:administrator@uusmc.org)

### **MILL CREEK MID-YEAR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**Sunday, January 12, 12 pm**

The purpose of this meeting will be to update the membership of the congregation on the financial condition of the Society, including the results of the most recent Generosity (Pledge) Campaign, to offer a mid-year review of the state of the congregation, and to hear congregational hopes and concerns. We also are planning a time for members to learn more about our congregational management system, Realm. Please plan to attend.

## **Upcoming events**

**Congregational Meeting**, Sunday, January 12

**Book Group meeting**, Thursday, January 16

**Service Auction**, Saturday, May 16

### **Mill Creek Professional Staff**

Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Lead Minister

[minister@uusmc.org](mailto:minister@uusmc.org)

>>Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9 am – 1 pm, and by appointment

Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Music Director

[music@uusmc.org](mailto:music@uusmc.org)

Debra Damiani, Congregational Administrator

[administrator@uusmc.org](mailto:administrator@uusmc.org)

>>Hours: Monday-Thursday 8 am – 1 pm



**December 29, 2019**

**Heather Petit**

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

Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek

A Welcoming Congregation

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**Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Music Director**  
**Manisha Antani, Worship Associate**  
**~ Order of Service ~**

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

Excerpt from *The Tao of Pooh* by Benjamin Hoff

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 *Morning Has Come* #1000

Reading A quote by Madeline L'Engle

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn *When Our Heart is In a Holy Place* #1008

Meditation

Offering

Sermon ***We Are Made for Play*** Heather Petit

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 Tracy Morgan, [tracymorgan2000@verizon.net](mailto:tracymorgan2000@verizon.net), 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, Heather Petit.** Heather Petit is a Unitarian Universalist seminarian in her final year at Lancaster Theological Seminary. She is currently the intern for EquUal Access/AIM, the UU accessibility and inclusion ministry. Heather lives in Newark with her husband and four kids.

**Today's music** is performed by FishCastle, with Cyril Caster and Catherine Braik Selin.

**Religious Exploration** There are no scheduled RE classes this morning. We look forward to starting the new year with you next Sunday.

**Share Our Plate** For the months of November and December we will be sharing half of our undesignated plate offering to **Wings for Success** based in Chester County, PA. This organization empowers women in need to pursue employment and economic security through apparel, advice and advocacy.

**-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --**

**Share Our Warmth** The Mill Creek Social Justice Committee has distributed all donated cold-weather items. However, the need continues. We plan to keep the collection open during the winter months, and are focusing on the following items:

- blankets & comforters
- men's socks, gloves and hats
- adult sized coats (used & in good condition acceptable)

After-Christmas sales are a great time to purchase these items. Thank you for your continued cooperation. See any member of the SJC with questions, or contact the church office, [administrator@uusmc.org](mailto:administrator@uusmc.org)

**Mill Creek Book Group** The book group welcomes everyone to join our read and discussion of *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States* by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz. We'll meet on Thursday, January 16, at 7:30 pm in classroom 4. We have 4 copies of this book available to lend in the MacArtor Library. Contact Deanna Koepcke at [dkoepcke@hotmail.com](mailto:dkoepcke@hotmail.com) with any questions.