

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.)

#### All-Church Common Read

Our Social Justice Team is inviting us into an all-church common read this Spring! The selected book is: **Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption** by Delaware native **Bryan Stephenson**.

*[This is a] powerful true story about the potential for mercy to redeem us, and a clarion call to fix our broken system of justice—from one of the most brilliant and influential lawyers of our time.*

We will be holding discussions about the book in **April**, times and format to be decided based on interest - so please stay tuned! In the meantime, you can get a copy of *Just Mercy* at your local library, or your preferred retailer. OR - Contact Rev. Greg who has a few copies to lend!

**New Adult RE Workshop Coming in March – *Waking Up White*** – a four-week workshop to be held all the **Sundays in March from 12:00pm-2:00pm**. In the series, we will explore our experience of growing up white and entering into a society where the privilege and experience of being white is part of a story of being only partly awake. This will be a deep and challenging workshop, but will be framed by reflections on our common read of Debby Irving's book, *Waking Up White*. Contact Rev. Greg who has a few copies to lend. Contact Mary Higgins with questions, [marychulakhiggins@gmail.com](mailto:marychulakhiggins@gmail.com)

#### Upcoming events

**Leadership Gathering**, Saturday, February 17

**Visitor's Reception**, Sunday, February 25

**Waking Up White workshop**, Sunday, March 4

**Service Auction**, Saturday, April 14

#### 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)

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>>Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 am – 1 pm



# Just Rest

**February 11, 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 ~  
February 11, 2018

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

Ringling of the Chime

Prelude *Niggun* arr. Jacobson

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

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 *Calm Soul of All Things* #88

Reading

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn *Meditation on Breathing* #1009

Meditation

Offering *Nada Te Turbe*

Sermon **Just Rest**

Postlude *Deep Peace*

**\*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), 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.

**Today's music** is performed by the Mill Creek Choir, with Kristen Tosh-Morelli, director; Pam Allenstein, pianist.

**Religious Exploration** It's going to be another eventful day in Religious Exploration! Our Chalice Children will celebrate Valentine's Day. The Roots and Shoots friends will live our values as UU's and affirm our 7th shared principle. The Coming of Age Class will have a lesson about our basic beliefs as UU's, and the Youth Group will talk about romantic love. All are welcome as we Awaken to Love.

**Share Our Plate** For the month of February, half of our undesignated plate offering will be donated to the Delaware Theatre Company, whose mission is to create theatre of the highest professional quality in Delaware and thereby enrich the vitality of the area through artistic programming, education and community service. Since 1979, the theatre has produced 220 mainstage productions, seen by more than one million patrons, and has impacted over 100,000 people through its Education and Community Engagement programs. Learn more at [www.delawaretheatre.org](http://www.delawaretheatre.org)

**-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --**

**Today is Potluck Sunday!** Everyone is invited to remain with us for a potluck lunch. You need not have brought anything – just grab a plate and join the conversation!

**Leadership Gathering**

You are invited to a gathering of Mill Creek Leadership on **Saturday, February 17, 2018**. We will meet from **9:00 am to noon**. All committee chairs and team leaders should attend, as well as anyone else who is engaged and interested in the mission of the church and how we are living that today. We will take a brief amount of time to update everyone on initiatives and goals of the Board and Staff, and we'll have some time for committee and team leaders to briefly share what is happening in their ministries. The major purpose of this meeting will be to introduce the Leadership to REALM - our new congregational management system. If you can, please bring your laptop, tablet, or other internet-enabled device so that we can get you signed up on REALM and begin to explore how this system will help us build our ministries. Join us! (This will be fun!)