

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.)

Service Auction 2018 – Saturday, April 14 – mark your calendar!

Planning is underway for this year's Service Auction and now is the time to think about what your donation(s) will be! Themed dinners, lunches, picnics, and BBQ's, at your house or another location, were popular last year, as were days for art, hiking, and garden-strolling, and evenings for theatre and music; also vacation packages and airport shuttle service; handcrafted textiles and jewelry; cooking and piano lessons and custom art painting... these are just a few of the items offered last year. *Be creative and have fun!* **Contact David Bonner with your donations, david@dlsk.net**

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!

Big Music Sunday is April 15. Theme is "Awaken to Love". Want to participate? Contact Kristen before March 25 to sign-up: music@uusmc.org

Upcoming events

Visitor's Reception, Sunday, February 25

Waking Up White workshop, Sunday, March 4

Service Auction, Saturday, April 14

Big Music Sunday, April 15

Adult RE Music & Imagery Workshop, Saturday, May 5



The Invitation to Rest

February 18, 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
302-369-2712
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Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister
Linda Lucero, Worship Associate
Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Music Director
Terry Vodery, Director of Religious Exploration
~ Order of Service ~
February 18, 2018

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

Ringling of the Chime

Prelude Kojo No Tsuki Moonlight on the Castle Ruins
Rontaro Taki, arr. Frank Longay

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 On A Magical Do-Nothing Day by Beatrice Alemagna

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 From All the Fret and Fervor of the Day #90

Reading God Says Yes To Me by Kaylin Haught

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn Spirit of Life #123

Meditation

Offering Septiembre Maximo Diego Pujol

Sermon **The Invitation to Rest**

Postlude Here Comes the Sun G.Harrison, arr. Peo Kindgren

***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 returning guest musician Kevin J. Cope. A graduate of the University of Delaware with master's degrees in music composition and guitar performance, Kevin is an active composer and performer and serves as president of the Philadelphia Classical Guitar Society. His compositions have been performed throughout the United States and Europe. Kevin will soon be releasing his first solo guitar CD entitled "Destination Unknown". Sheet music and recordings are available at www.kevinjcope.com.

Religious Exploration It's going to be another eventful day in RE as our Chalice Children's session introduces kindness as a gift that can be freely given every day. We will introduce the Golden Rule, which can be found in many faith traditions. The Roots and Shoots friends will finish plans for a busy upcoming spring season. The Coming of Agers will spend time with their mentors, and the Youth group will engage in a chalice circle activity.

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

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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**, facilitated by Mary Higgins. 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*. You will need to have read chapters 1 and 2. These are short and very readable, but will provide the basis for our conversations. Attendance at all four sessions is requested so we can build a community of confidence and depth. If you have questions, please contact Mary at 610-932-2696 or marychulakhiggins@gmail.com. A simple lunch will be provided for those who RSVP.