

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

Book Group Meeting – Rescheduled We are pleased to reschedule our discussion of *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States* by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz on Thursday, March 19th at 7:30 pm in classroom 4. Everyone is welcome to join us. Contact Deanna Koepcke at dkoepcke@hotmail.com with any questions.

Big Music Sunday – A Banner Day for Music – April 26th We are excited to announce a return to recital format for BMS this year, featuring themes of peace, hope, love, justice and community. Musical performances on any of these themes, from any group or soloist, is encouraged. *We are hoping for a wide diversity of ages, instruments, experience levels, musical genres and styles!* Contact Kristen Tosh-Morelli with questions or to express your interest in performing, music@uusmc.org

Upcoming events

Garden & Meadow Planning meeting, today, 12 noon

Listening to Our Lives ARE class, March 11

Book Group, Thursday, March 19

Big Music Sunday, April 26

Service Auction, Saturday, May 16

Mill Creek Professional Staff

Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Lead Minister

minister@uusmc.org

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

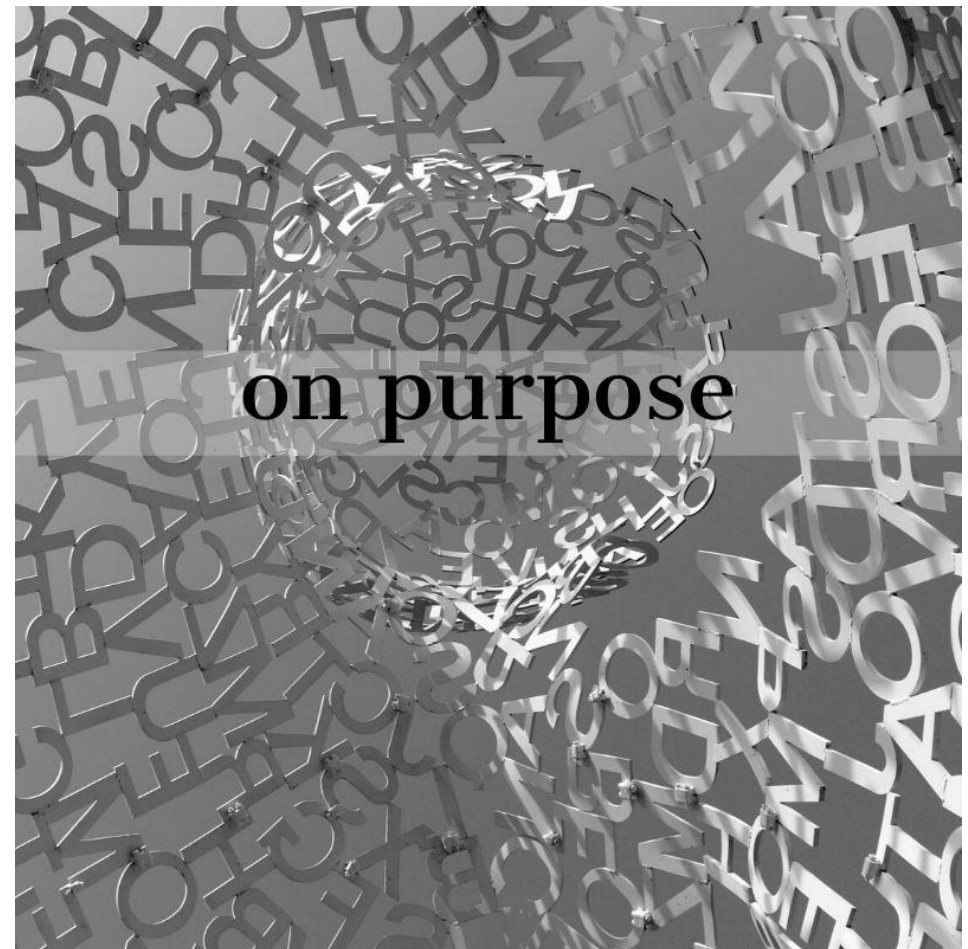
Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Music Director

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Debra Damiani, Congregational Administrator

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>>Hours: Monday-Thursday 8 am – 1 pm



February 23, 2020
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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~ 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 *The Three Questions* by Jon Muth / Leo Tolstoy

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 *One More Step* #168

Reading *Shakespeare or the Bible?*

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn *When Our Heart is In a Holy Place* #1008
Verse 2 only, no repeat

Meditation

Offering

Sermon ***On Purpose*** Rev. Gregory S. 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 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 Paul Boris. Paul is a pianist, composer, a private lesson instructor at his studio at the Center of the Creative Arts in Hockessin, and faculty at the Music School of Delaware. Learn more about Paul and his music at www.paulborismusic.com

Religious Exploration Children and Youth will be excused after Rev. Greg's Story for RE learning, fellowship and fun. The Chalice Children will have a lesson, "My Church and How It Used to Be". Our Roots & Shoots Friends will explore our 7th Principle and work outside this morning on several small chores. Our Youth will continue their look at Resilience.

Share Our Plate For the months of January and February we will be donating half of our undesignated plate offerings to Planned Parenthood.

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

Gardens & Meadow Planning Meeting Today After Service We will have an informational and planning meeting in classroom 1 for anyone – *including youth!* – who would like to learn more about our church grounds and natural areas. Everyone is welcome to join us today at 12 noon for this brief and informal meeting.

Rev. Greg will be away from Wednesday, February 26th through Sunday, March 8th, and will be back in the office on Monday, March 9th. He will be unreachable by phone or email. For pastoral concerns, please contact the Pastoral Care Team, pastoralcare@uusmc.org For all other matters that cannot wait for Rev. Greg's return, contact the church office, asministrator@uusmc.org or 302-369-2712.

**Listening to Our Lives – Classes begin Wednesday evening, March 11
Spaces still available!**

This class, led by Rev. Greg, is designed for those who wish to engage seriously and open-heartedly with the perennial religious topics such as: inspiration, God, community, suffering, death, spiritual practice, living our gifts, and salvation. Wednesday evenings, 7-9 pm: March 11, 18 & 25; April 1, 8 & 29; May 6, 13 & 20. Use this link to register: <http://bit.ly/LTOL2020>