

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.)

Unitarian Universalist Delaware Advocacy Network (UUDAN) Meeting

Following the service next Sunday, March 3rd there will be a meeting of UUDAN members in the sanctuary. Join us to learn more about UUDAN and the 2019 legislative agenda. All Delaware residents are welcome.

Mill Creek Book Group Everyone is welcome to join us for the discussion of our current read, *My Dear Hamilton: A Novel of Eliza Schuyler Hamilton*, by Laura Kamoie and Stephanie Dray, Thursday, March 21st at 7:30 pm in classroom 2. Contact Deanna Koepcke with questions, dkoepcke@hotmail.com

Chalice Circle Openings Chalice Circles are small groups that provide an environment where people are encouraged and supported in the sharing of stories, experiences, and ideas to get to know each other on a deeper level and develop a richer spirituality. If you're interested or would like more information about Chalice Circles at Mill Creek, contact Helen Springer at 484-732-8641 or Helen_Springer@msn.com.

Upcoming Events

30th Anniversary Celebration (*have you RSVP'd yet?*), Sat., March 2

UUDAN Meeting, Sunday, March 3

Building & Grounds planning meeting, Sunday, March 3

Spiritual Gifts Retreat, Saturday, March 9

Book Group, Thursday, March 21

DJ Dance Party/Sock Hop, Saturday, March 30

Mill Creek Annual Meeting, Sunday, June 2

Text-to-Give: text keyword **MillCreek** plus amount of gift to **73256**

Mill Creek Professional Staff

Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister minister@uusmc.org
>>Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, 9 am – 1 pm, and by appointment
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February 24, 2019
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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Prelude *Bouree* G.F. Handel

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 *Morning Has Broken* #38

Reading

Joys and Sorrows

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

Meditation

Offering *Love Takes the Best of You* Catie Curtis

Sermon *The Second Best Time to Plant a Tree* Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

Postlude *Love Can Build a Bridge* Overstreet, Jarvis & Judd

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.

Music today is reflective of our church's mission: *Awaken to Love*. The prelude is performed by Mill Creek member and violinist Joey Tosh-Morelli, age 11; other music by guitarist Andy Levin, with Amanda Ostrusky and Kristen Tosh-Morelli, vocals.

Religious Exploration Following the Story for All Ages, all Children and Youth are invited to come to the RE wing for an hour of fun & learning!

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

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**Mill Creek 30th Anniversary Celebration
This Saturday, March 2nd, 2019 - 5:30 pm**

Prepare for a fun-filled evening of good food and warm fellowship when we celebrate Mill Creek's 30th anniversary in Italian style with a delicious dinner. We will honor our ancestors and make new memories with activities including a video photo booth, Story of Us presentation, and trivia games. You are welcome to bring a favorite main or side dish or salad to share, but it's not required — *come with food or without* — just come celebrate with us! Bring your family – childcare will be available. We are collecting images of Mill Creek, past and present. You can bring these in or send them to us digitally to frangu@comcast.net

>>> Use this link to RSVP: <https://bit.ly/2Ry46mM> <<<

Natural Lands Stewards/ Building & Grounds Planning Meeting

Everyone is welcome to join us to learn more about our garden and meadow efforts next Sunday, March 3rd in Classroom 1, 12:15 pm.

Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts Retreat This is a special opportunity to explore your own individual and unique spiritual gifts. All ages are welcome. Bring a friend! Child care and refreshments will be provided. Join us on **Saturday, March 9th, 9 am to 12 noon**. Use this link to register online: <http://bit.ly/MYGIFTS>