

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

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

The annual Service Auction is a fun event when members and friends donate a service (think music or cooking lessons, tutoring, lawn care, personal IT consultation, transportation), an experience (such as themed dinners, picnics & BBQ's, garden tours, guided hikes, musical performances, beach weekends and vacation packages) or an item (like retail gift cards, food-of-the-month offerings, gift baskets, hand crafted items). We gather on the night of the auction to place our bids, get some great deals, and enjoy a full meal together. The event serves as Mill Creek's largest fundraiser. Tickets will be on sale soon! **In the meantime, 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 - *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Delaware native Bryan Stevenson. Open discussions will occur in April, times and format to be decided based on interest. In the meantime, you can get a copy of *Just Mercy* at your local library, preferred retailer, or contact Rev. Greg to borrow a copy.

Big Music Sunday is April 15, 2018 Mill Creek has a long-standing tradition of featuring the musical talents of our congregants each year at a special service focused on music. On Big Music Sunday, we participate in a recital-format service with performers of all ages, varieties, genres and styles, solo to large groups, all sharing their love of music together! This year's theme is "**Awaken to Love**"; performers are encouraged to share their love of music with performances perhaps on the theme. Sign-up before March 25 to music director Kristen Tosh-Morelli: music@uusmc.org Musicians will have the opportunity to make a brief statement (or have it read) about their song, performance, instrument, their love of music or how music awakens the listener to love. We look forward to hearing from YOU!

Upcoming events

Visitor's Reception, today after service

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

Give me a break

February 25, 2018

Rev. Dr. Richard Speck

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

Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek

A Welcoming Congregation

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Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister
Diana Saunders, Worship Associate
Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Music Director
Terry Vodery, Director of Religious Exploration
~ Order of Service ~
February 25, 2018

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

Ringing of the Chime

Prelude *Nocturne in E Flat Major* Frederic Chopin

Welcome Rev. Dr. Richard Speck

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 *How Heavy a Burden?* Rev. Speck

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 *For All That Is Our Life* #128

Reading *The Art of Saying No* Travis Bradbury

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn *Spirit of Life* #123

Meditation

Offering *Rabbit's Dance* original composition

Sermon **Give Me a Break** Rev. Speck

Postlude *Days of Elijah* Judy Jacobs

***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.

Meet Our guest speaker, the Reverend Doctor Richard Speck. The Rev. Dr. Richard Speck is the retired District Executive for the Joseph Priestley District (JPD) of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations, retiring in 2014. He continues to be active in social justice programs like the Black Lives Matter and The Coalition to Dismantle the New Jim Crow in Delaware. Richard and his wife Janet Tillman live in Wilmington.

Today's music is performed by returning guest musician Katie August. Katie is 17 years old and has been playing piano for 10 years. She is a junior at Cab Calloway School of the Arts, where she is an active member of the Piano Honor Society. She has performed piano in places such as Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Hotel DuPont, Archmere Academy, and the White House, and greatly enjoys playing for school, church, and volunteer events. Katie is grateful to have the opportunity to perform for Mill Creek again!

Religious Exploration It's going to be another eventful day in RE! Chalice Children will learn about how being a good friend helps us live our Unitarian Universalist Principles, especially our first Principle (We affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person). The Roots and Shoots Friends will start making homes for homeless cats. The Coming of Age class will visit the Hindu Temple of Delaware and the Youth Group will engage in bonding activities.

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

Visitor's Reception Today After Service

If you're visiting Mill Creek for the first time today, or if you've joined us for Sunday worship multiple times, you are warmly invited to enjoy an informal reception after the service today in the MacArtor Library.