

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



MILL CREEK 30th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Celebrate with us!

Saturday, March 2nd, 2019 - 5:30 pm

Everyone is welcome to join us for this event. Dinner will be Italian dishes and salads; feel free to bring your favorite (or not – it's optional)! We'll enjoy good food and fellowship while we play some curious, funny and informative trivia games. Childcare will be provided. Bring your family! **Use this link to register:** <https://bit.ly/2Ry46mM>

Adult RE - Waking Up White (Registration Required) Mary Higgins leads this four-week workshop exploring the experience of growing up white. Sundays after church service, 12-2 pm, Feb. 10 thru March 3. Participants are encouraged to bring a lunch.

Use this link to register online: <http://bit.ly/2BVSwwH>

Family Fun Night, Friday, February 22 - 6:30-8:00 p.m.

In celebration of African American History Month, The RE-Imagineers are hosting a viewing of the 35-minute documentary, *The Children's March* - an inspirational and upbeat film containing interviews and film footage of those who participated in the 1963 Children's March in Birmingham, Alabama. We'll have a discussion too. You will be inspired to see children taking leadership in the struggle for freedom. Popcorn and movie snacks provided. EVERYONE is welcome! Email us to let us know you'll attend, dre@uusmc.org

Upcoming events

Souper Bowl Sunday, today

Waking Up White (series), begins Sunday, February 10

Family Movie Night, Friday, February 22

30th Birthday Celebration, Saturday, March 2

Mill Creek Annual Meeting, Sunday, June 2

Text-to-Give: text the keyword **MillCreek** plus the amount of your gift to **73256** and follow the prompts.



February 3, 2019

Heather Petit

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
Rev. Terry Vodery, Director of Religious Exploration
Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Music Director
Linda Lucero, Worship Associate
~ Order of Service ~
February 3, 2019

Prelude *In the Sky, I* Kevin J. Cope

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 Laird's Lass and the Blacksmith's Son

adapted from *Tatterhood and Other Tales* by Ethel Johnston Phelps

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 *We the Heirs of Many Ages* #102

Reading

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn *Spirit of Life* #123

Meditation

Offering *Tango en Skai* Roland Dyens

Sermon ***The Stories We Tell*** Heather Petit

Postlude *A Beautiful Night* Kevin J. Cope

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.

Meet our guest speaker, Heather Petit. Heather is the student minister here at Mill Creek, and is a third-year student at Lancaster Theological Seminary. She works as an IT consultant, and is pursuing a call to transform the American corporate workplace into a place where people can be whole. Heather lives in Newark with her husband, four children, and two cats.

Today's music is performed by returning guest musician Kevin J. Cope. Kevin is a graduate of the University of Delaware with music composition and guitar performance master's degrees. Kevin serves as the president of the Philadelphia Classical Guitar Society; he is an experienced guitar instructor currently working with the University of Delaware Community Music School, and the Darlington Arts Center in PA. His music, including his recently released CD of original compositions, "Destination Unknown," can be found on his website at www.kevinjcope.com.

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.

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

Today is Souper Bowl Sunday! A variety of homemade soups will be available for sale after today's worship service. All proceeds benefit the Food Bank of Delaware. Pay by cash, or check payable to UUSMC.

Photographs Wanted In February, our preaching and worship theme will be "inherit." As part of that theme, we are creating an altar piece that will include photographs of our ancestors. So, we are asking for old photographs of your family — your parents, grandparents, etc. These will be displayed together around our altar table. Please send Rev. Greg (minister@uusmc.org) a digital copy of a photo that shows your ancestors (from whom we inherit so much). Or - if you wish to bring in a photograph, we will make a color copy of it and return your original. Deadline to participate is **February 6, 2019**.