

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. Contact Judy Pappenhagen with questions, (judyappenhagen@gmail.com) or to join the team of volunteers needed to make this event a success!

Updated Mill Creek Policies and Procedures Handbook In the coming months and weeks, members of the Board will be asking for help from individuals with knowledge about current and former policies, procedures, and group/committee functions for editing help. Any and all assistance will be much appreciated! Lead on this effort is Helen Springer, helen_springer@msn.com or 484-742-8641.

Upcoming events

- Souper Bowl Sunday**, today after service
- Leadership Gathering**, Saturday, February 17
- Visitor's Reception**, Sunday, February 25
- Service Auction**, Saturday, April 14

Mill Creek Professional Staff

- Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister minister@uusmc.org
>>Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, 9 am – 1 pm, and by appointment
- Terry Vodery, Director of Religious Exploration dre@uusmc.org
- Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Music Director music@uusmc.org
- Debra Damiani, Office Administrator administrator@uusmc.org
>>Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 am – 1 pm



February 4, 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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Maggie McLaughlin, Worship Associate
Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Music Director
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~ Order of Service ~
February 4, 2018

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

Ringing of the Chime

Prelude *Sanctus*

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 Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

The Dervish in the Ditch

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 *Blessed Spirit of My Life* #86

Reading

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn *Comfort Me* #1002
(verses 1 & 2)

Meditation

Offering *Pie Jesu*

Sermon *25/8* Rev. Pelley

Postlude *in Paradisum*

***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.

Music today is performed by the Mill Creek Choir under the direction of Kristen Tosh-Morelli; with Pam Allenstein, pianist; Bea Webb, violinist; and Anne Shuman, vocalist. Today's selections are movements from Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem*, written just before 1900. Fauré stated, "Everything I managed to entertain by way of religious illusion I put into my Requiem, which moreover is dominated from beginning to end by a very human feeling of faith in eternal rest."

Religious Exploration It's going to be another eventful day in RE! The Chalice Children will learn about our home of faith, and the Roots and Shoots friends will finish enjoying their film about an injured racehorse. The Coming of Age youth will about Islam, and our high school-aged youth group will talk about romantic love. All are welcome.

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

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

Today is Souper Bowl Sunday! A delicious and wide variety of homemade soup is available in the gathering space today after the worship service. All proceeds benefit the Food Bank of Delaware.

Pot Luck Luncheon next Sunday Join us February 14 for our monthly pot luck lunch for good food and warm fellowship. Bring a dish or beverages to share.