

**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.)**

**All Church Meeting - Stewardship Discussion**  
**Saturday, February 18, 2017, 10:00 am – 12 noon**  
**Lunch and childcare provided**

The Board, Rev. Greg, and the Finance Committee have completed some preliminary work over the last year regarding stewardship, fundraising, and pledging. The Board has asked a small group of members to design a new way to fund the promise, values, and work of Mill Creek. **Next Saturday** we will have a meeting to explain the changes to our fundraising and explore how you can be an integral part of making changes for the better, for our community and the community beyond us. Everyone is welcome. In the meantime, if you have any questions, you can ask Steve Selph, Melissa Bryson, Bob Broesler, Fran Loeffelholz, M.Q. Riding, or Judy Pappenhagen.

### **Congregational DNA Meeting – The Work Continues**

Please join us on Saturday, February 25th to continue the creation of a vision of the future by combining all of the work we have done with members of chalice groups, the choir, the leadership team and others on discovering the values and beliefs that underlie our DNA. We will hear thoughts from the Ministers Study Group who explored the collection of essays on the future of Unitarian Universalism in the book “Turning Point” by Frederic Muir. We will also reflect on the themes that emerged during the workshop on December 10<sup>th</sup>, and the racial justice workshop with Chris Crass earlier this month. The meeting will start at 9:30 am and finish with a light lunch at about 12:30 pm. We value your participation and truly hope you can attend.

### **Upcoming events**

**Kaleidoscope Concert Series – Minas Brazilian Jazz** – Saturday, Feb. 11

**Stewardship Discussion** – Saturday, February 18

**Congregational DNA Meeting** – Saturday, February 25

### **Mill Creek Professional Staff**

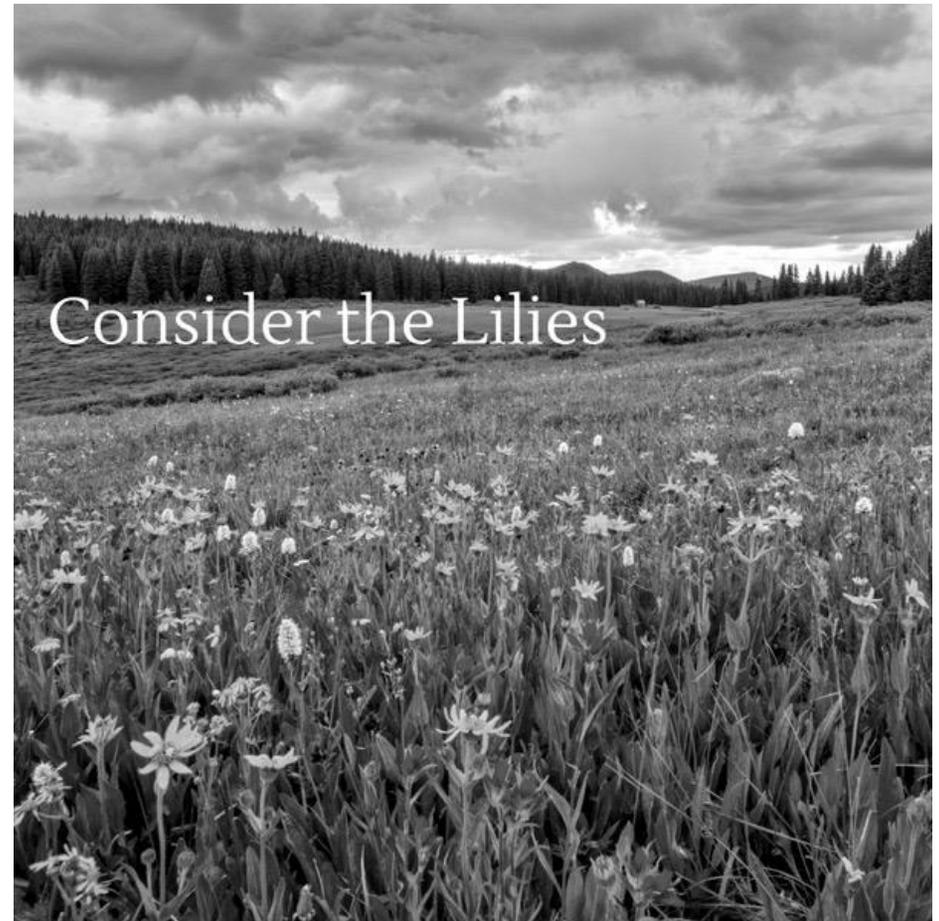
Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister [minister@uusmc.org](mailto:minister@uusmc.org)

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

Debra Damiani, Office Administrator [administrator@uusmc.org](mailto:administrator@uusmc.org)

>>Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 am – 1 pm

Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Music Director [music@uusmc.org](mailto:music@uusmc.org)



**February 5, 2017**  
**Ilene Gillispie**

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**~ Order of Service ~**  
**February 5, 2017**

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

Welcome & Announcements Ellen Justice, Worship Associate

Prelude **Neruda Trumpet Concerto Mvt 2: Largo**

Chalice Lighting

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.

Congregational Greeting Ellen Justice

Story For All Ages Ilene Gillispie

**"The Gift of a Raspberry"** by Martha Dallas

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

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn **"Spirit of Life"** #123

Meditation

Offering **Lyrical passage 24**

Reading

Sermon **Consider the Lilies** Ilene Gillispie

Postlude **Neruda Trumpet Concerto Mvt 1: Allegro**

\*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.*

\*Hymn **"For the Beauty of the Earth"** #21

\* Stand as you are able.

**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](mailto:mmclaughlin13123@gmail.com), Helen Springer, [helenspringer@icloud.com](mailto:helenspringer@icloud.com), Eileen Selph, [caldwelleileen@hotmail.com](mailto:caldwelleileen@hotmail.com), or our minister, Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, [minister@uusmc.org](mailto: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, Ilene Gillispie.** Ilene Gillispie is a Unitarian Universalist minister who currently serves as a chaplain resident at the Durham Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Durham, NC. She is a lifelong UU with a rich interfaith background, and brings to her ministry a love for the world's diverse religions and their scriptures. A graduate of the Boston University School of Theology, Ilene will be ordained in April at the First Parish Church of Stow and Acton in Stow, MA. She and her fiancée, Dustin, live in Chapel Hill, NC with their two cats, Ash and Nettle. In her spare time, Ilene loves gardening, sewing, baking, and cooking vegetarian food.

**Today's music** is provided by Matthew Hubner. Matthew Hubner is a graduate of the University of Delaware Music Business program. Working in programming at the Grand Opera House, Matthew has a strong focus on booking musical performances, while simultaneously juggling both Trumpet and Guitar performances as well as time engineering in the recording studio. He is also a member of the Music Service Fraternity Phi Mu Alpha, which focuses on spreading the awareness and activity of the performing arts.

**Children's Religious Education** – We welcome children to classroom 1 after Ilene Gillispie's story. The children will be busy outside today hanging the Bluebird houses that they decorated last Sunday. Keep an eye out for these colorful new houses for our feathered-friends. Our YRUU and Junior Youth have been invited to visit the Islamic Society of Delaware next Sunday, February 12. We are seeking a few adults to accompany the youth and provide transportation. We also want to spread the word to our youth to encourage participation.

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

**-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --**

**Family Promise Host Week – this Tuesday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>.** Please consider contributing simple, non-perishable breakfast, lunch and snack foods. See the collection box in the gathering space.

Kaleidoscope Concert Series presents...  
Minas Brazilian Jazz  
Saturday, February 11th at 7:30 pm

Minas takes Brazilian and American roots to create a sound that is fresh and innovative, from ballads tinged with melancholic traits of Blues and Choro, to Folk coasting on the subtle coolness of a Bossa Nova pulse, to upbeat Sambas elaborated with instrumental jazz improvisation, scat singing and whimsical whistling.

With recordings of original music and a collection of over 100 songs, Orlando and Patricia's compositions have been compared to classics by Cole Porter and Antonio Carlos Jobim. Capturing the essence of great songwriting with memorable melodies, inventive harmonies, and poetic lyrics, the music of Minas is engaging and timeless.



*“Minas blends north and south, creating original music that is evocative and imaginative... Brazilian guitar and jazz piano... male and female vocals... English and Portuguese poetry... Minas creates uplifting, subtle and complex beauty that transports listeners to another place and time.”*  
– [www.minasmusic.com](http://www.minasmusic.com)

**Tickets are \$10 per person at the door, or in advance using this link:**  
<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2786123>

*Bring your Valentine and enjoy an evening of  
smooth Brazilian Jazz!!*



**You are invited to join us for  
a night at the theatre!**

Join Linda Lucero and Greg Pelley on Thursday evening, February 16<sup>th</sup> to watch the new play **White Guy on the Bus** presented by Delaware Theatre Company. Here's a brief synopsis:

*Week after week, a wealthy businessman rides the same bus, befriending Shatique, a young single mother putting herself through school and struggling to raise a son on her own. As they get to know one another, their pasts unfold and tensions rise, unraveling a complex web of revenge, social mores and racial biases from a candid and unexpected perspective.*

This is another interesting and entertaining avenue to stimulate congregational conversation about cultural perceptions, bias and race in our country. Also, after each performance there is a community discussion inviting people to reflect on the play.

We are encouraging people from Mill Creek to come together to enjoy this entertaining evening. The show starts at 7 pm. For more information about the play, ticket information and directions to the theatre go to: [www.delawaretheatre.org](http://www.delawaretheatre.org) or call 302-594-1100.

Individuals are asked to purchase their own tickets which means we will not be sitting together as a group. But, you are invited to join us at around 5 pm at Harry's Seafood Grill in the bar area for drinks and appetizers before the show. Harry's is located very close to the theatre at 101 S. Market St., on the

Riverfront. Happy Hour is 5 - 7 pm. Please RSVP to Linda if you will be coming to Happy Hour. [lindajlucero@gmail.com](mailto:lindajlucero@gmail.com).