

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.)

Listening to Our Lives – Classes begin Wednesday evening, March 11
Spaces still available!

This class, led by Rev. Greg, is designed for those who wish to engage seriously and open-heartedly with the perennial religious topics such as: inspiration, God, community, suffering, death, spiritual practice, living our gifts, and salvation. Wednesday evenings, 7-9 pm: March 11, 18 & 25; April 1, 8 & 29; May 6, 13 & 20. Use this link to register: <http://bit.ly/LTOL2020>

Book Group Meeting – Rescheduled We are pleased to reschedule our discussion of *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States* by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz on Thursday, March 19th at 7:30 pm in classroom 4. Everyone is welcome to join us. Contact Deanna Koepcke at dkoepcke@hotmail.com with any questions.

Big Music Sunday – A Banner Day for Music – April 26th We are excited to announce a return to recital format for BMS this year, featuring themes of peace, hope, love, justice and community. Musical performances on any of these themes, from any group or soloist, is encouraged. *We are hoping for a wide diversity of ages, instruments, experience levels, musical genres and styles!* Contact Kristen Tosh-Morelli with questions or to express your interest in performing, music@uusmc.org

Upcoming events

Meadow Mowing & Chores Day, Monday, March 9

Listening to Our Lives ARE class, March 11

Book Group, Thursday, March 19

Big Music Sunday, April 26

SAVE THE DATE ---> Service Auction, Saturday, May 16

Mill Creek Professional Staff

Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Lead Minister

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

Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Music Director

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>>Hours: Monday-Thursday 8 am – 1 pm



March 1, 2020

Lemaine Peo

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
Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Music Director
Stephen Petersen, Worship Associate
~ Order of Service ~

Prelude *Dance of the Thankful* Katie August

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 *Thank You, Omu!* by Oge Mora

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 *Lean on Me* #1021

Reading

Prayers of the People

Centering Hymn *Comfort Me* #1002

Meditation

Offering *Nocturne in C* Katie August

Sermon ***With a Little Help*** Lemaine Peo

Postlude *Go Make a Difference* unknown artist

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, Lemaine Peo. Lemaine has been a member of Mill Creek since July 2017. Prior to that, she attended UUFN for a year, after several years without a spiritual home. She is an active member of the church and serves as a Board of Trustees member, a volunteer Youth Religious Exploration teacher, is part of a Chalice Circle, and is on a Hospitality Team.

Today's music is performed by Katie August.

Religious Exploration Another morning of RE programming awaits our children and youth after the Story.

Share Our Plate For the months of March and April we will be designating half of our undesignated plate offering to **PFLAG Wilmington DE**. This organization provides support and education for LGBTQ individuals, their families and advocates, focusing on their unique issues and challenges, along with advocacy in our communities to change attitudes and create policies and laws that achieve full equality for LGBTQ people.

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

Rev. Greg is away now through Sunday, March 8th, and will be back in the office on Monday, March 9th. He will be unreachable by phone or email. For pastoral concerns, please contact the Pastoral Care Team, pastoralcare@uusmc.org. For all other matters that cannot wait for Rev. Greg's return, contact the church office, 302-369-2712 or administrator@uusmc.org

Meadow Mowing & Chores Day, Monday, March 9th – 9 am

We have a full-day of yard work planned when we take on the task of getting our meadow ready for spring. The mower (a "Billygoat" bush cutter) should arrive around 8:30 am, and we will be working through the afternoon. Stay for a long or short time – all is appreciated! There will be other chores including gardening preparation and trimming around the trees if you don't feel comfortable operating the mower. **The more hands, the better!** Contact Jamie Kegerise or John Springer with questions. Call or text Jamie the morning of the 9th if the weather looks questionable at 302-218-5690.