

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.)

Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts Retreat This is a special opportunity to explore your own individual and unique spiritual gifts. All ages are welcome. Bring a friend! Child care and refreshments will be provided. Join us this **Saturday, March 9th, 9 am to 12 noon**. Use this link to register online: <http://bit.ly/MYGIFTS>

Mill Creek Book Group Everyone is welcome to join us for the discussion of our current read, *My Dear Hamilton: A Novel of Eliza Schuyler Hamilton*, by Laura Kamoie and Stephanie Dray, Thursday, March 21st at 7:30 pm in classroom 2. Contact Deanna Koepcke with questions, dkoepcke@hotmail.com

Chalice Circle Openings Chalice Circles are small groups that provide an environment where people are encouraged and supported in the sharing of stories, experiences, and ideas to get to know each other on a deeper level and develop a richer spirituality. If you're interested or would like more information about Chalice Circles at Mill Creek, contact Helen Springer at 484-732-8641 or Helen_Springer@msn.com.

Upcoming Events

UDAN Meeting, today after service

Building & Grounds planning meeting, today after service

Meaning of Membership, today after service

Spiritual Gifts Retreat, Saturday, March 9

Book Group, Thursday, March 21

DJ Dance Party/Sock Hop, Saturday, March 30

SAVE THE DATE: Annual Service Auction, Saturday, May 4

Mill Creek Annual Meeting, Sunday, June 2

Mill Creek Professional Staff

Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister minister@uusmc.org
>>Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, 9 am – 1 pm, and by appointment
Rev. Terry Vodery, Director of Religious Exploration dre@uusmc.org
>>Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 9 am – 2 pm, and by appointment
Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Music Director music@uusmc.org
Debra Damiani, Office Administrator administrator@uusmc.org
>>Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 am – 1 pm



March 3, 2019
Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

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

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A Welcoming Congregation
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Prelude *Church of the Earth* Peter Mayer

Welcome

Lighting the Chalice *Determined Seed* by Laura Wallace

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 Everything Seed, A Story of Beginnings*
By Carole Martignacco

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 *May Nothing Evil Cross This Door* #1

Reading *A History of Church, Including Yours*
Adapted from Rev. Sean Neil-Barron

Centering Hymn *Where Do We Come From?* #1003

Meditation *For a Church Anniversary*
Adapted fr. Rev. Jacqueline A. Collins

Offering *Hold On to Love* J. Manubisan

Ritual of Celebration

Postlude *Overflowing* B. Tate

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.

Today's music is performed by the Mill Creek Choir under the direction of Kristen Tosh-Morelli, with Pam Allenstein, pianist.

Religious Exploration All children and youth are invited to join us for a shorter worship service today as we celebrate the church's 30th Birthday! Children, Youth, and O.W.L. classes will return to regular schedule next Sunday, March 10.

Share Our Plate For the month of March we'll be donating half of our undesignated plate offering to **Kingswood Community Center** in Northeast Wilmington. The KCC's mission is to enable people in northeast Wilmington and surrounding communities to achieve their potential for economic, social and personal well-being through the operation of an early learning center, and offering youth & teen, community and adult programs. Learn more at www.kgwcc.org

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

New Member Class: The Meaning of Membership This session is a conversation about what it means to be a member of Mill Creek. It will provide information and establish our shared expectations for membership. Look for Rev. Greg after service today.

Unitarian Universalist Delaware Advocacy Network (UUDAN) Meeting Following today's service there will be a meeting of UUDAN members in the sanctuary. Join us to learn more about UUDAN and the 2019 legislative agenda. All Delaware residents are welcome.

Natural Lands Stewards / Building & Grounds Planning Meeting Everyone is welcome to join us to learn more about our garden and meadow efforts today in Classroom 1, 12:15 pm.

Roots & Shoots Painted Rock Sale - March 10! The Roots & Shoots kids have been getting creative and painting rocks to sell to the community to help save endangered lemurs by supporting the *Madagascar Biodiversity Partnership*. Check out the fun, decorated stones available for purchase in the gathering space next week. Show your support and help save the lemurs!

Text-to-Give: text keyword **MillCreek** plus amount of gift to **73256**