

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.)

Family Promise is a non-profit organization working to prevent and end homelessness by engaging an interfaith hospitality network; Mill Creek is a part of this network and we are committed to providing meals for families in the program. We donate, prepare and help serve meals for 25 people on **Tuesday, April 9th & Thursday, April 11th**. **Helping hands are needed.** See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway. Contact Chitra Vaidy for more info, cvaidy226@gmail.com, or **join our meeting after service today in the MacArtor Library.**

Dispatches: Children of Gaza The Human Rights Task Force is co-sponsoring *Children of Palestine: Heartbreak and Hope*, a three-part series on efforts to gain basic survival and human rights for the children of Palestine. This second program in the series will include a video, *Dispatches: Children of Gaza* and a presentation about PCRFB, the **Palestinian Children's Relief Fund**. It will be held on **Tuesday April 2** from 7:00 to 8:30 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Wilmington. See Jack Guerin for more details.

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

Upcoming Mill Creek Events

Social Justice meeting, today after service
Sound Board Training, Saturday, April 6
Family Promise Host Week, April 9th & 11th
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 R. 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



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Rev. Gregory S. Pelley
March 31, 2019

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

Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek
A Welcoming Congregation
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~ Order of Service ~
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Prelude

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

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 *With Heart and Mind* #300

Reading from *A Book of Uncommon Prayer* by Brian Doyle

Centering Hymn *When Our Heart is In a Holy Place* #1008

Prayers of the People

Offering

Sermon *Yeast & Salt* Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

Postlude

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 local musician and UUFN member Mike Arenson.

Religious Exploration Following the Story for All Ages, all Children and Youth are invited to depart to their classrooms for RE learning and fun.

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.

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

Social Justice Meeting today after service. Everyone is welcome to join us in the MacArtor Library to learn more about Family Promise and other projects.

Looking for a way to help out at church on Sundays and not miss the sermon? Join the Tech Team! We're looking to add members to our team, ages 10 and up. The sound board is easy to learn – a 10-year old can do it, so can you! Find out more at the training session on Saturday, April 6th at 9 am.

Service Auction 2019 – Saturday, May 4 – tickets on sale today!

The annual Service Auction is a fun event when members and friends donate a **service** (think music or cooking lessons, tutoring, lawn care, personal IT consultation, transportation), an **experience** (such as themed dinners, picnics & BBQ's, garden tours, guided hikes, musical performances, beach weekends and vacation packages), or an **item** (like retail gift cards, food-of-the-month offerings, gift baskets, hand crafted items). We gather on the night of the auction to place our bids, get some great deals, and enjoy a full meal together. The event serves as Mill Creek's largest fundraiser. **What will your donation be?** Contact David Bonner, david@dlsk.net

Congratulations to the Roots & Shoots Class!

Many thanks to all those who supported the Roots & Shoots fundraiser by purchasing hand-painted rocks. Through your support, the class was able to donate \$135 to the Madagascar BioDiversity Project.