

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.)

Weekly Meadow Maintenance, Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to join us in the meadow when we gather to tackle some light gardening and meadow chores around our church property.

Mill Creek Book Group Our current read, *Inheritance, A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love* by Dani Shapiro, will be discussed at our upcoming meeting on Thursday, May 16 at 7:30 pm in the MacArtor Library. Everyone is welcome to join us. Contact Deanna Koepcke with questions, dkoepcke@hotmail.com

TEXT-TO-GIVE: text keyword **MillCreek** plus amount of gift to 73256

Upcoming Mill Creek Events

Potluck Lunch, today after service

Intro to Unitarian Universalism, today after lunch

Weekly Meadow Maintenance, Wednesday, April 17

Welcoming Coaching, Sunday, April 28

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

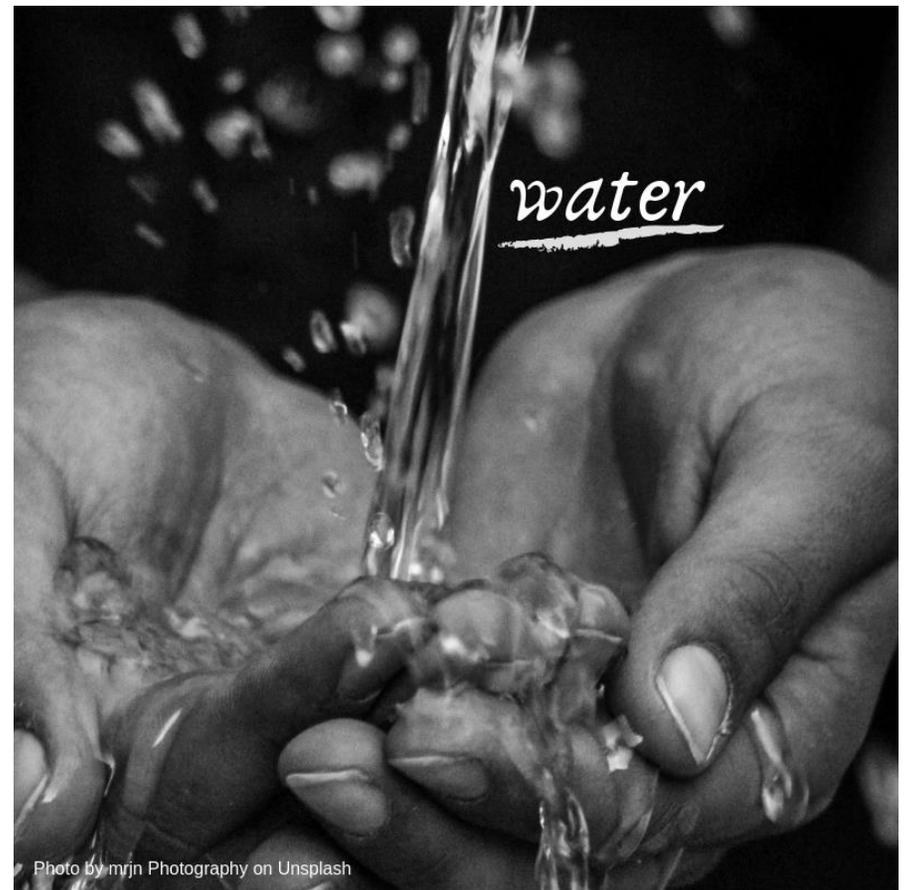
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April 14, 2019
Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

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

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A Welcoming Congregation
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~ Order of Service ~
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Prelude Sovereign and Transforming Grace arr. Carr

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 Raindrop/Snowflake

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 Bright Morning Stars #357

Reading In Praise of Water by John O'Donohue

Centering Hymn Comfort Me #1002

Prayers of the People

Offering Of Such I Dream Thomas

Sermon **Water** Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

Postlude Blessings of Love Sufi chant

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 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 April we'll be donating half of our undesignated plate offering to **Limen House**. This organization offers a threshold to recovery and helps break the cycle of addiction through their sober living program for recovering alcoholics and addicts.

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

Potluck Luncheon Today! Everyone is encouraged to remain with us after service today for our monthly potluck lunch. You need not have brought anything – grab a plate and join the conversation!

Introduction to Unitarian Universalism today after worship service. Rev. Greg will lead a session on the history, theologies and polity of Unitarian Universalism. Join us today in the MacArthur Library after lunch, 12 noon to 1:00 pm.

Calling All Bakers of Bread You are invited to bring a loaf of your home-baked bread to church on **Sunday, April 21** (Easter Sunday). All bread styles are welcome — yeasted, sourdough, quick, sweet, savory, or gluten free; white, wheat, rye, multi-grain, or sprouted grain; Boudes, Baguettes, Batards, Knots, Braids, Épées, or Loafs. **All are welcome!** Please let Rev. Greg know if you are planning to bring a bread, and what variety it will be.

Mill Creek Service Auction – Saturday, May 4th

Our annual Service Auction won't be a success without donated items and services! *Have you made your donation yet?* **Contact David Bonner today – david@DLSK.net**

Welcoming Coaching, Sunday April 28th

Every week Reverend Greg says, "Reach out to a couple people you don't know well yet." Welcoming visitors to our congregation and making connections with others is an important part of church life here at Mill Creek. Approaching people we don't know and starting a conversation can be awkward if we don't know how to handle it, and oftentimes the situation is simply avoided when we don't have the proper tools or experience. Tracy Morgan is offering suggestions and methods to make us more comfortable in talking to people we don't know well yet. Knowing what to say (and what not to say) to people we don't know makes social gatherings much easier for everyone. Join Tracy on Sunday, April 28th after church service in the MacArtor Library for a brief (15 minutes) coaching session. Everyone is welcome.



MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU
SATURDAY MAY 4 2019 5:00 pm

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
SOCIETY OF MILL CREEK

2019 SERVICE AUCTION

Enjoy yourself
you will

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
5:00pm Check in, receive your
BIDDER NUMBER and fortify
yourselves with **COCKTAILS** and
APPETIZERS. It is also time to
purchase **50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS**
and to bid on the various and de-
lightful **SILENT AUCTION ITEMS**.
6:00pm time for **BUFFET DINNER**
6:30pm **SILENT AUCTION ENDS**
7:00pm **LIVE AUCTION** with our
own auctioneer: **GENERAL LEVIN**
9:00pm write your checks and
know that **YOU** have done **YOUR**
PART to insure the **SUCCESS** of
our **MILL CREEK CHURCH** as it
forges on with its **GLORIOUS** and
ILLUSTRIOUS MISSION to **LIBER-
ATE AND INSPIRE** the **GALAXY...**

TICKETS
\$15 in advance
\$20 at the door
\$8 and under are FREE

CHILDREN WILL
BE PROVIDED

Children are encouraged
but not required

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, 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