

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

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.

YOUR SERVICE AUCTION CHECKLIST

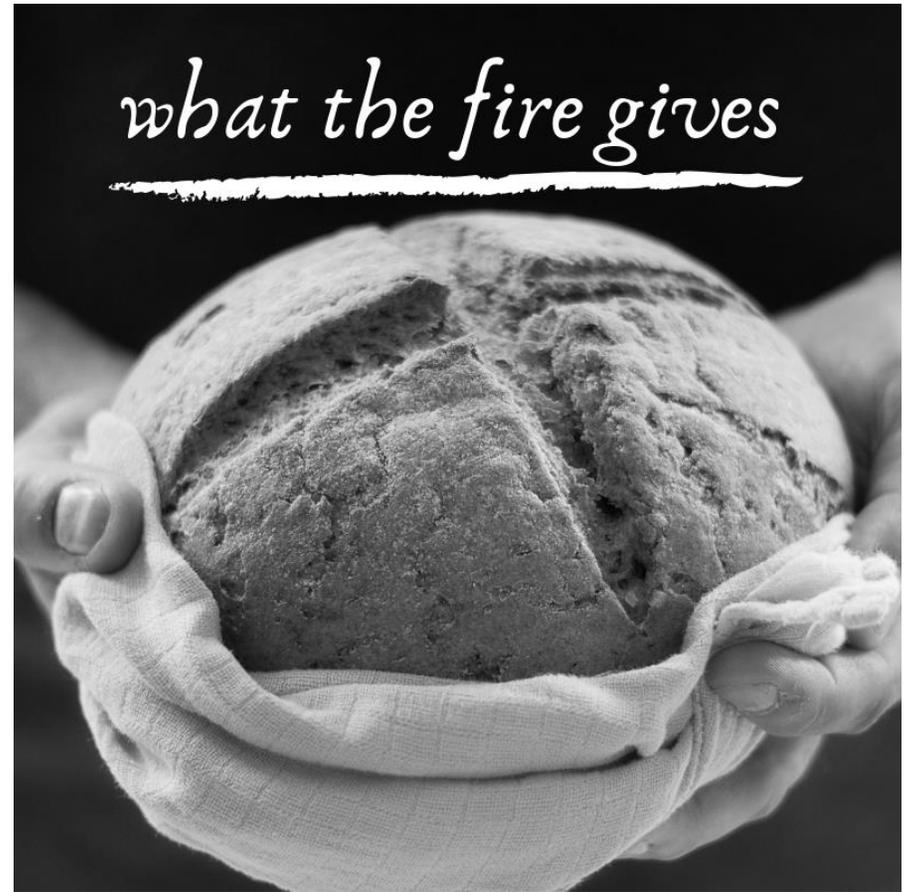
- _____ Buy your ticket(s) – available after service today!
- _____ Offer your item, service or experience – one or several! – make arrangements with David Bonner, david@DLSK.net
- _____ Offer to bring a dessert on Auction night or lend a hand with clean-up – contact Diane Hofer, dianehofer3@hotmail.com
- _____ Remember to bring your checkbook with you on Auction night!

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 MacArthur Library. Everyone is welcome to join us. Contact Deanna Koepcke with questions, dkoepcke@hotmail.com

Upcoming Mill Creek Events

- Weekly Meadow Maintenance**, Wednesday, April 24
- Welcoming Coaching**, Sunday, April 28
- Service Auction**, Saturday, May 4 (*have you made your donation yet?*)
- Mill Creek Annual Meeting**, Sunday, June 2

The art installation featured in our sanctuary was created by **Kristina Marie Ellura**. Kristina is an installation artist using many mediums including video, wood, metal, and fabric, as well as new techniques such as laser cutting and 3D printing, and combines these techniques into one immersive experience through which she intends to surround or captivate people. She uses her art practice to create a physical experience as a means to reflect the transcendental. Kristina's work revolves around universal symbols like fire, water, symbolic geometry like circles and spirals, simple human actions like breathing, and walking. Learn more at artistikris.com



April 21, 2019
Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

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
Rev. Terry R. Vodery, Director of Religious Exploration
Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Music Director
~ Order of Service ~
April 21, 2019

Prelude Dem Dunkeln Schoos Der Heil'gen Erde Brahms

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 I Know This Rose Will Open #396

Reading

Centering Hymn Meditation on Breathing #1009

Prayers of the People

Homily **What the Fire Gives** Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

Ritual of Communion

Offering Hear Me Horneck and Dubois

Postlude The Earth Adorned arr. Jennings

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 --

Welcoming Coaching, Next 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.

Service Auction 2018 – Saturday, May 4. Join us for a fun evening of good food and great deals at our annual Auction! Tickets are available for purchase today after service, \$15 each. **Have you made your donation(s) yet?** Contact David Bonner, david@DLSK.net **Desserts Needed!** We'd love a variety of small desserts and treats on the dessert menu and are seeking donations of store-bought or homemade items. Contact Diane Hofer, dianehofer3@hotmail.com