

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.)

Mill Creek Book Group Everyone is welcome to join the group on Thursday, May 17 at 7:30 pm in the MacArtor Library when we discuss *Fates and Furies* by Lauren Groff. Contact Deanna Koepcke at dkoepcke@hotmail.com for more details.

Upcoming events

Adult RE-Guided Imagery & Music Workshop, Saturday, May 5
May Potluck Lunch & Just Mercy book discussion, Sunday, May 6
Mill Creek Book Group, Thursday, May 17
Annual Meeting, Sunday, June 10
Save the date – Church Picnic! Sunday, June 24

Mill Creek Professional Staff

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



April 22, 2018 Roots & Shoots

“This is our hope: that the children born today may still have, twenty years hence, a bit of green grass under their bare feet, a breath of clean air to breathe, a patch of blue water to sail upon, and a whale on the horizon to set them dreaming.”

--Jacques Cousteau

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

Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek
A Welcoming Congregation
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Dorian Pyle and Grace Urban, Worship Associates
~ Order of Service ~
April 22, 2018

♥ Please silence cell phones, and hold applause until the end of service.

Ringing of the Chime
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.

A Time For All Ages
Covenant

Lois Young and Friends

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 *For the Beauty of the Earth* #21
Reading *Beatitudes for Earth Sunday* by Richard S. Gilbert
Hymn *Eli, Eli* #1044
Climate Ribbon Ceremony
Hymn *Meditation on Breathing* #1009
Meditation
Offering
Hymn *Blue Boat Home* #1064
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 Maggie McLaughlin, mmclaughlin13123@gmail.com, 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.

A Special Welcome to our musical guests, the Thread of Blue Klezmer Band, and children's recording artist, Lois Young (and her special friends)!

Religious Exploration Today is Earth Day! As we celebrate our home, all generations will worship together in the sanctuary. The Roots and Shoots class will participate in the worship today.

Share Our Plate For the months of March and April, half of our undesignated plate offering will be donated to Meeting Ground, Inc. in Cecil County, Maryland. Their mission is to respect and serve persons at risk of or experiencing homelessness with the goal of creating a path to a place they call home.

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

All-Church Common Read & Discussion Our Social Justice Team has invited us into an all-church common read - *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Delaware native Bryan Stevenson. Everyone is invited to the discussion during our May Potluck Lunch after church service on May 6 (the lunch is *one week earlier* for the month of May).

Adult RE Workshop: Guided Imagery and Music (GIM) Workshop Saturday, May 5 10 am – 12:30. GIM is a depth approach to music psychotherapy in which music is used to generate a dynamic unfolding of inner experiences. It is a holistic, humanistic and transpersonal way of allowing for the emergence of all aspects of the human experience. We'll be joined by Music Therapist Tim Honig for this powerful session which will give participants the opportunity to practice using music and imagery for self for growth and wellness. The workshop will include a discussion of music and imagery in spiritual seeking. Free and open to all. For more information, contact Terry Vodery at dre@uusmc.org.