

**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.)

### **Annual Meeting Sunday, May 22**

Mark your calendar so you don't miss this important annual meeting. Committee reports will be distributed, the proposed budget for the 2016-17 fiscal year will be presented and voted upon, and new board members will be elected.

### **Notes on Joys and Sorrows from the Sunday Services Committee:**

We invite those who wish to share to offer their joy or sorrow in a very brief form, a single sentence or two. Names are important, so please tell us yours and tell us the name of the person in your heart. Too many details, descriptions, and commentary diminish the power of this ritual. Keep it simple, and save the details for conversation later, being mindful of all who are in the room.

We ask that everyone please reserve the time for *Joys and Sorrows* for the sharing of sacred and personal moments and find other spaces for political speech or commentary.

## Upcoming events

**Ladies Art Club**, Wednesday evenings

**New UU Class**, Monday, May 1

**Book Group**, Thursday, May 5

**Leadership Gathering**, Saturday, May 14

**Annual Meeting**, Sunday, May 22

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**April 24, 2016**  
**Rev. Gregory S. Pelley**

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Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek  
Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister  
~ Order of Service ~  
April 24, 2016

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

Welcome & Announcements Ellen Justice, Worship Associate

Prelude "Hand in Hand" Rollo Dilworth

Chalice Lighting

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.

Congregational Greeting Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

Story For All Ages Rev. Pelley

Children to Religious Education – "Go Now in Peace" #413

Opening Words

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 "Eli, Eli" #1044

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn "When Our Heart Is In a Holy Place" #1008

Meditation

Offering "Blue Boat Home" #1064

Reading

Sermon **Bound Together** Rev. Pelley

Postlude "The Journey is Our Home" Allen Pote

**\*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.*

\*Hymn "Rising Green" #1068

\* Stand as you are able.

**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](mailto:mmclaughlin13123@gmail.com) or Jack Guerin, [jackguerin7@gmail.com](mailto:jackguerin7@gmail.com), or our minister, Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, [minister@uusmc.org](mailto:minister@uusmc.org). We hope you have found the service meaningful and our fellowship warm, and that you will be with us again.

**-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --**

**Today's music** is provided by the Mill Creek choir, Kristen Tosh-Morelli, director; Pam Allenstein, pianist.

**Next Week** – join us for our monthly multi-generational service led by Jack Guerin as we begin our month of Forgiveness.

**Share Our Plate** For the months of March and April we will be donating half of our undesignated plate offerings to **Premier Charities**. This organization serves a seasonally appropriate, full-course meal of fresh food to the homeless of Wilmington every Sunday, rain or shine.

**New UU Class**

Are you new to Mill Creek? New to Unitarian Universalism? Or have you been here awhile and would like to know more? You are invited to join us for a 4-session course in Unitarian Universalism called **The New UU**. This course addresses the needs of those who want to know more about who we are and what we believe. It gives you a chance to examine your own personal stories in the light of our Unitarian Universalist tradition and heritage. And, it provides a chance for newcomers to the congregation and long-timers to connect. **Monday evenings in May (2, 9, 16, and 23), from 7:00-9:00 pm.** The class will be led by Mary Higgins and Colleen Clark.

**Mill Creek Book Group** Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 5th at 7:30 in the MacArtor Library when we will review *The Book of Unknown Americans* by Cristina Henriquez. Contact Amy White with questions, 302-652-1952 or [amywwhite@comcast.net](mailto:amywwhite@comcast.net)

**Leadership Gathering**

All are invited to our Leadership Gathering at the church on **Saturday, May 14 at 9:30 am** as we continue the conversation about UUSMC's DNA (values, beliefs, and mission). The morning will be centered around storytelling about what is most important to us, our core values, and what beliefs are embedded in those values. If you lead a committee or team at Mill Creek, you are strongly encouraged to attend. If you do not consider yourself a leader in our church - you are strongly encouraged to attend!