

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** 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](mailto:dkoepcke@hotmail.com)

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

### **Upcoming Mill Creek Events**

**Welcoming Coaching**, today after service

**Weekly Meadow Maintenance**, Wednesday, May 1

**Service Auction**, Saturday, May 4 (*have you made your donation yet?*)

**Building & Grounds Chore Day**, Saturday, May 11

**Book Group**, Thursday, May 16

**Mill Creek Annual Meeting**, Sunday, June 2

### **Mill Creek Professional Staff**

Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister [minister@uusmc.org](mailto: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](mailto:dre@uusmc.org)

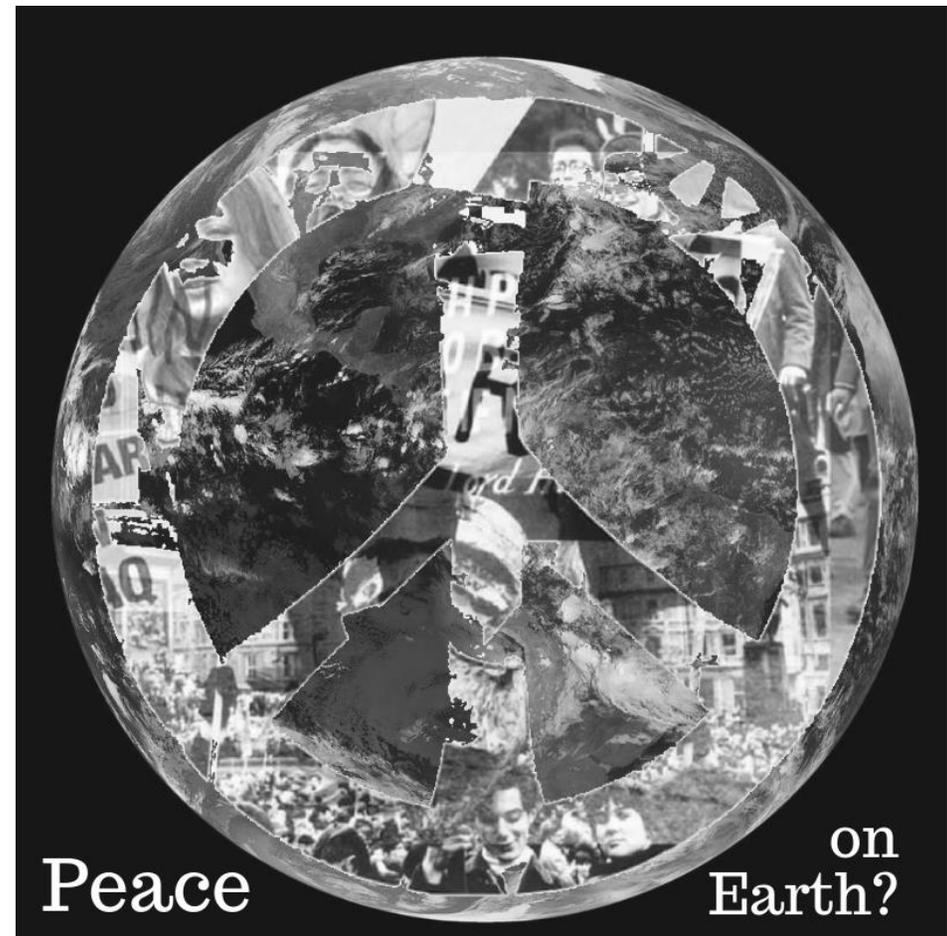
>>Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 9 am – 2 pm, and by appointment

Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Music Director [music@uusmc.org](mailto:music@uusmc.org)

Debra Damiani, Office Administrator [administrator@uusmc.org](mailto:administrator@uusmc.org)

>>Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 am – 1 pm

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](http://artistikris.com)



**April 28, 2019**

**Eileen Selph**

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

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A Welcoming Congregation  
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Prelude *I don't want to break my own heart being sad* Swift-Rose

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 *The Kenpo Cat* a poem by Eileen Selph

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 *There is More Love Somewhere* #95

Reading A prayer by Dalai Lama XIV

Centering Hymn *Spirit of Life* #123

Prayers of the People

Welcoming the New Member (See insert)

Offering *Sarabande to Stop the Violence* Swift-Rose

Sermon **Peace on Earth?** Eileen Selph

Postlude *In the End We All Just Dance it Out* Swift-Rose

**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](mailto:tracymorgan2000@verizon.net), 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.

**Meet our guest speaker, Eileen Selph.** Eileen Selph is a student of nursing nearing graduation with strong interest in the field of psychology. Eileen lives with Steve and enjoys cats, bats, and learning.

**Today's music** is performed by Mill Creek member Lawrence Stomberg. Lawrence Stomberg is the Professor of Cello at the University of Delaware, cellist of the Serafin String Quartet, and an active recitalist and chamber musician nationally and internationally. He has recorded for the Centaur, Naxos, VAI, and Ravello labels. This past concert season, he presented the complete Bach Suite for Solo Cello, alongside commissioned companion works, for a series of concerts called *Bach in Wilmington*, which both celebrated his home city of Wilmington and spoke to the societal and social justice concerns for the city. Larry and his family have been members of Mill Creek since 2004.

**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 Today** Tracy Morgan is offering suggestions and methods to make us more comfortable in talking to people we may not know very well. Everyone is welcome to join us after service today in the MacArtor Library for a brief (15 minutes) coaching session.

**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. Our next monthly **Building & Grounds Chore Day** is Saturday, May 11 (note new rescheduled date). More details will be included in this week's email blast.

## WELCOMING THE NEW MEMBER

By Manish Mishra-Marzetti

### New Member Covenant

#### (new members recite in unison)

We enter this faith with hope and possibility in our hearts,

pledging to participate in and support the ministries of this church.

We covenant to remain true to the spirit of love that flows through this church and guides us.

We seek your welcome as we join you in this faith.

### Congregational Response

#### (congregation responds in unison)

We welcome you as once we were welcomed ourselves.

We seek to be open and inclusive; respecting your inherent dignity, your ideas and your vision, in times when it is easy and in times when it is difficult.

We seek to be supportive, not only when you reach out in courage to us, but also when you need us to reach out to you. In return we ask that you recognize our humanity:

We will not always live up to our ideals.

And, when we fall short we invite you to stay in relationship with us and help us more fully bring alive the spirit of love.

We welcome you as an equal member of this congregation, of this faith, and of our shared spiritual journey.

## SERVICE AUCTION UPDATES

*May the Fourth Be With You...!*

**Tickets on Sale Today!** Today is the **last opportunity** to buy tickets at the **advance discounted price of \$15 each**. Purchasing tickets in advance helps the team to adequately prepare enough delicious food for all.

***For anyone wishing to pay more, tickets will be available at the door on Auction night for \$20 each!***

**Last minute donations will be accepted through Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.** If you haven't yet made your donation(s) for the Auction, please do so by emailing David Bonner, [david@DLSK.net](mailto:david@DLSK.net)

## YOUR SERVICE AUCTION CHECKLIST

\_\_\_\_\_ **Buy** your ticket(s) – discounted ticket price available today only!

\_\_\_\_\_ **Offer** your item, service or experience – one or several! Make arrangements with David Bonner, [david@DLSK.net](mailto:david@DLSK.net)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Offer** to bring a dessert on Auction night or lend a hand with clean-up – contact Diane Hofer, [dianehofer3@hotmail.com](mailto:dianehofer3@hotmail.com)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Remember** to bring your checkbook with you on Auction night!