

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.)**

**Adult RE Workshop: Guided Imagery and Music (GIM) Workshop-This 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. Free and open to all. For more information, contact Terry Vodery at [dre@uusmc.org](mailto:dre@uusmc.org).

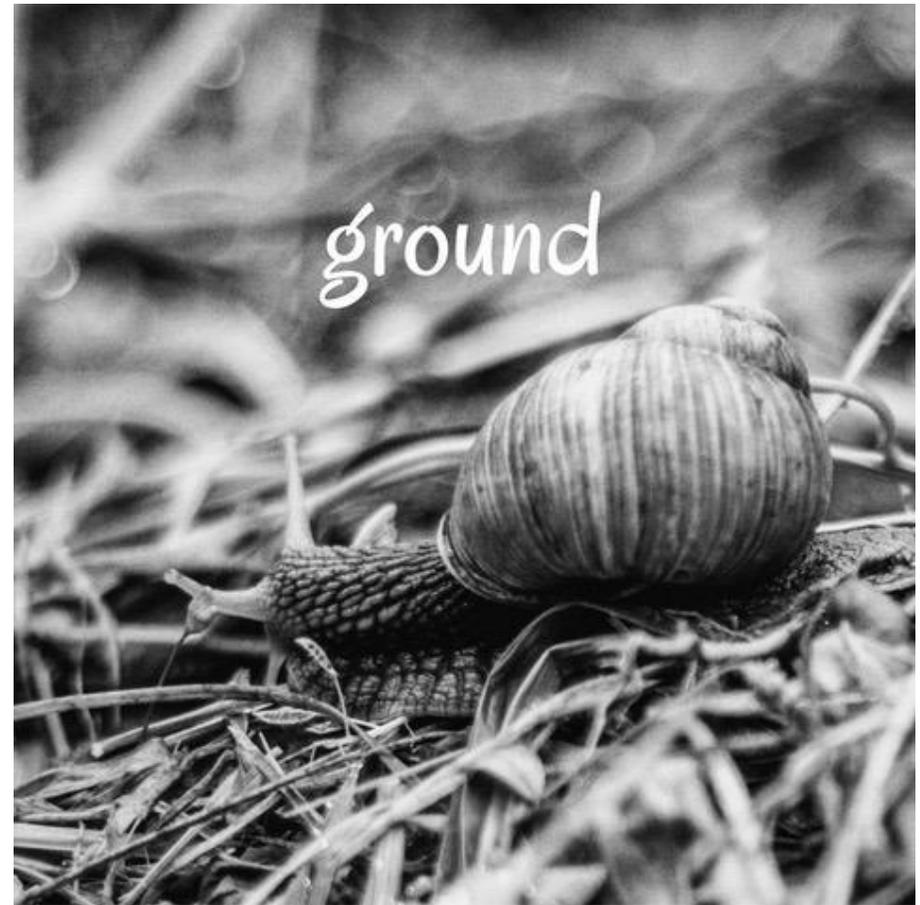
**Mill Creek Book Group** Everyone is welcome to join the group on Thursday, May 17 at 7:30 pm in the MacArtor Library when we discuss *Fates and Furies* by Lauren Groff. Contact Deanna Koepcke at [dkoepcke@hotmail.com](mailto:dkoepcke@hotmail.com) for more details.

### **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](mailto:minister@uusmc.org)  
>>Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, 9 am – 1 pm, and by appointment  
Terry Vodery, Director of Religious Exploration [dre@uusmc.org](mailto:dre@uusmc.org)  
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>>Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 am – 1 pm



**April 29, 2018**  
**Rev. Gregory S. Pelley**

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

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Ringing of the Chime

Prelude *March from Act III, Marriage of Figaro* Mozart, arr. A. Scott

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

Special Music *She's Leaving Home* Lennon/McCartney arr. M. Orriss

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 *When the Summer Sun is Shining* #66

Reading *from Consolations: The Solace, Nourishment and Underlying Meaning of Everyday Words* by David Whyte

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn *Spirit of Life* #123

Meditation

Offering *Trio No. 1, Opus 83* James Hook

Sermon **Ground**

Postlude *Rockin' Roses* Ricky Lombardo

**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 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.

**Today's music** is performed by the Osher Flute Choir, conducted by Dorothy Boyd, Gretchen Cox and Pam Finkelman. Today's offering music is performed by Just Flutin', featuring Susan Ryan, Jackie Keoughan, and Gretchen Cox. The Osher Flute Choir is part of the University of Delaware Osher Life Long Learning Institute. The group enjoys exploring flute literature written and arranged for flute -- from the tiny piccolo, C flutes most people are familiar with, to the larger alto and bass instruments. Repertoire ranges from classical and jazz to pop songs and original compositions. The choir also works hard to improve the choir sound and players' technical abilities. Most of all, the ensemble focuses on having fun while making music together.

**Religious Exploration** Today in Children's and Youth RE the Chalice Children will finish their unit celebrating the Earth. The Roots and Shoots friends will enjoy the meadow. Heather Petit will teach the Coming of Age class about our Earth-Based sources. High School youth will learn about leadership styles.

**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 --**

**Next Sunday, May 6: All-Church Common Read & Discussion and Potluck Lunch** Everyone is welcome to join us for the culmination of our all-church common read - *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson. The discussion will be held during our Potluck Lunch after church service next Sunday (the lunch is one week earlier for the month of May). Bring a dish to share!