

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.)

**Financial Commitment Forms** – thank you to the many members who have made their pledge to support Mill Creek’s transitional pledge campaign for July 1-December 31, 2017. If you haven’t been contacted by someone on the Stewardship Team, or if you need a pledge card, please contact the office, 302-369-2712 or [administrator@uusmc.org](mailto:administrator@uusmc.org).

### **Family Promise Host Week**

We have a commitment with Family Promise to provide and serve meals to the homeless at St. Mark’s United Methodist Church in Stanton on Tuesday May 2nd and Thursday May 4th. There are many ways you can help! **Provide** simple main meals for the dates above - main dishes, sides or desserts; **help** to serve these meals; **provide** simple breakfast or lunch foods (no serving involved – see the collection box in the gathering space.) If you’re interested in helping with the main meal foods and/or serving, contact Chitra Vaidy, [cvaidy226@gmail.com](mailto:cvaidy226@gmail.com). If you’d like to help with the breakfast or lunch foods, contact Lauri Rickard [rickardlauri@gmail.com](mailto:rickardlauri@gmail.com)

**Book Group** – everyone is welcome to join us on Thursday, May 18 at 7:30 pm in the MacArtor Library when we discuss *The Handmaid’s Tale* by Margaret Atwood. For more info, contact group leader Amy White at [amywwhite@comcast.net](mailto:amywwhite@comcast.net) or (302) 652-1952.

### Upcoming events

**Family Promise Host Week** – May 2-May 4

**Congregational Meeting-Celebrating Our Legacy** – Sunday, May 7

**Book Group** – Thursday, May 18

**Mill Creek Annual Meeting** – Sunday, June 4

### Mill Creek Professional Staff

Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister [minister@uusmc.org](mailto:minister@uusmc.org)  
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The practice of  
**Love**  
offers no place of  
**safety.**

**We risk**  
loss, hurt, pain.

**We risk**  
being acted upon by forces  
outside our control.

**bell hooks**

*All About Love: New Visions*

Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek  
A Welcoming Congregation  
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**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), Helen Springer, [helenspringer@icloud.com](mailto:helenspringer@icloud.com), Eileen Selph, [caldwelleileen@hotmail.com](mailto:caldwelleileen@hotmail.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.

**Today's music** is performed by UUSMC Members Pam Allenstein and Gordon Roth and reflects the contributions of transformative artists and their compositions. Yiruma is the stage name of a contemporary South Korean pianist. Rafael Mendez was a Mexican virtuoso trumpet player and composer from the Michoacan state where many families in the Kennett Square area have ties. Scott Joplin was an African American pianist famous for his ragtime compositions.

**Share Our Plate** For the months of March and April we will be donating half of our undesignated plate offerings to the Latin American Community Center. This agency, in the Hilltop section of Wilmington since 1969, empowers the Latino community through education, advocacy, partnerships and exceptional services.

**Children's Religious Education** – today the children should go directly to classroom 1 for a story and other activities.

## **-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --**

**Congregational Meeting** - the Board of Trustees has called a special meeting of the membership to be held **next Sunday May 7, 2017**, following our regular worship service (approximately noon). The purpose of the meeting is to review and vote on a proposal for the dispensation of two estate gifts we have received: from Frank MacArtor and Ann Roschinsky. The proposal is the result of lengthy and meaningful discussion and planning by the Board of Trustees and the Finance Committee, and includes special projects to honor both Frank and Ann's legacies. Additionally, the proposal includes a principal payment on the church mortgage debt. The congregation will be invited to participate in a new campaign – **Celebrating Our Legacy** – by making a financial commitment in honor of Frank and Ann in support of the debt pay-down. More information on the **Celebrating Our Legacy** campaign will be forthcoming. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

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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.

## “When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place”

Words & music by Joyce Poley



I.

When our heart is in a holy place,  
 When our heart is in a holy place  
 We are blessed with love and amazing grace,  
 When our heart is in a holy place.

When we tell our story from deep inside,  
 And we listen with a loving mind,  
 And we hear our voices in each other's words,  
 Then our heart is in a holy place.

II.

When our heart is in a holy place,  
 When our heart is in a holy place  
 We are blessed with love and amazing grace,  
 When our heart is in a holy place.

When we share the silence of sacred space,  
 And the God of our Heart stirs within,  
 And we hear our voices in each other's words,  
 Then our heart is in a holy place.

III.

When our heart is in a holy place,  
 When our heart is in a holy place  
 We are blessed with love and amazing grace,  
 When our heart is in a holy place.

When we trust the wisdom in each of us,  
 Every color every creed and kind,  
 And we see our faces in each other's eyes,  
 Then our heart is in a holy place.

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