

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.)

Social Justice Book Recommendation For those concerned about inequality, *Utopia for Realists* by Rutger Bregman offers a vision of a wholly attainable new social order.

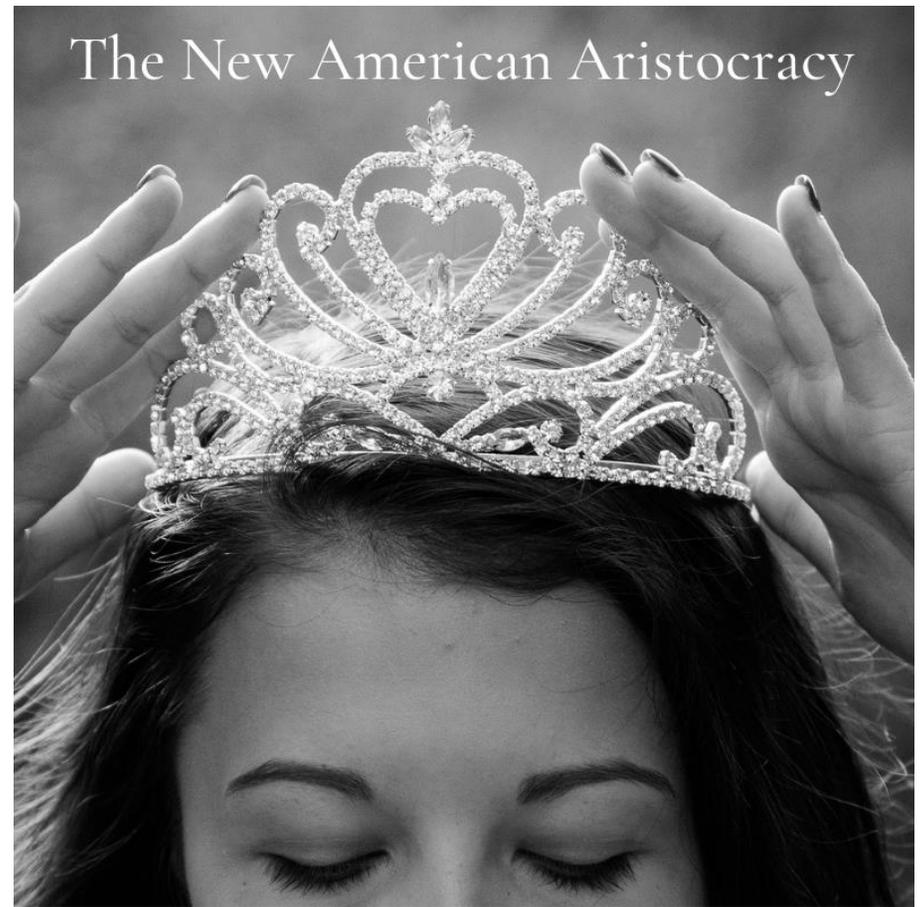
No Way to Treat a Child The Human Rights Task Force is co-sponsoring *Children of Palestine: Heartbreak and Hope*, a three-part series on efforts to gain basic survival and human rights for the children of Palestine. The third and final program in this series, *No Way to Treat a Child*, will be held on **Tuesday, April 9th** from 7:00 to 8:30 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Wilmington. See Jack Guerin for more details.

Welcoming Coaching, Sunday, April 28th. Welcoming visitors to our congregation and making connections with others is an important part of church life here at Mill Creek. Tracy Morgan is offering suggestions and methods to make us more comfortable in welcoming guests to our church home. Knowing what to say (and what not to say) to people we don't know makes social gatherings much easier for everyone. Join Tracy on April 28 after church service in the MacArtor Library for a brief (15 minutes) coaching session. Everyone is welcome.

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

Upcoming Mill Creek Events

American Promise Delaware presentation, today after service
Family Promise Host Week, Tuesday April 9 and Thursday April 11
Welcoming Coaching, Sunday, April 28
Annual Service Auction, Saturday, May 4
Mill Creek Annual Meeting, Sunday, June 2



Social Justice Sunday
April 7, 2019
Jack Guerin

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

Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek
A Welcoming Congregation
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Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister
Rev. Terry R. Vodery, Director of Religious Exploration
Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Music Director
Diana Saunders, Worship Associate
~ Order of Service ~
April 7, 2019

Prelude *Improvisation on a Favorite Hymn*

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 Monkeys and the Bananas*
From Workers' Tales: Socialist Fairy Tales, Fables, and Allegories
from Great Britain Edited by Michael Rosen

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 *Answering the Call of Love* #1014

Reading *A Society in Freefall* by Umair Haque

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn *When Our Heart is In a Holy Place* #1008

Meditation

Offering *Star Magic* Karen Rege

Sermon ***The New American Aristocracy*** Jack Guerin

Postlude *James* Pat Matheny

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, 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.

Meet our guest speaker, Jack Guerin. Jack has been a member of Mill Creek since 2013 after moving to Delaware to be close to his grandchildren. He is retired and lives in Pike Creek with his wife Ivonne. Jack is the Founder of the Unitarian Universalist Delaware Advocacy Network (UUDAN).

Today's music is performed by Karen Rege. Dr. Karen Rege earned a Bachelor of Music degree from the Hartt School of Music, University of Hartford and a Master of Arts degree from the University of Michigan in musicology, as well as a Doctorate from the University of Delaware in education. She has performed jazz, classical and world music locally for the past 25 years with various groups as well as with her own ensembles, Pastiche and the Rege-Walker World Jazz Ensemble. She released her first album of original compositions entitled *The Girl in the Mirror* in 2014, and was invited to perform her works on the Ladybug Festival in 2015. Dr. Rege has been a member of Mill Creek since 2015 and regularly participates in the UU Star Arts Conference on Star Island.

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 --

Following the service today, there will be a presentation in the MacArtor Library about the mission of **American Promise Delaware**. Judy Butler will provide information for anyone interested in joining the movement for a 28th amendment to the U.S. Constitution. This amendment would reverse the Supreme Court's 5-4 decision in *Citizens United vs FEC* (2010) and get Big Money out of our elections and governance. American Promise Delaware is a chapter of the national organization, American Promise, and is sponsored locally by the Human Rights Task Force of the First Unitarian Church of Wilmington.



Mill Creek, Family Promise, and You

WHAT: Family Promise of Northern New Castle County is a non-profit organization that works to prevent and end homelessness by engaging an interfaith hospitality network. Mill Creek is a support congregation in this network and we are committed to assist in this effort a few times a year by providing meals for families currently receiving assistance.

HOW: We donate, prepare and help serve meals a few times a year at the host congregation, St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Stanton. This is a meaningful and rewarding way to engage in the needs of our local community and live the UU principle: *The inherent worth and dignity of every person.*

WHEN: Our next turn to offer support is **TUESDAY, APRIL 9th & THURSDAY, APRIL 11th.**

You can help in one or more of the following ways:

- prepare a salad, side dish and/or dessert
- donate food items for the meals
- help serve the meals at St. Mark's

For more details and to offer your support, contact Chitra Vaidy, cvaidy226@gmail.com or see the sign-up sheet on the Social Justice bulletin board!

www.familypromisede.org

MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU
SATURDAY MAY 4 2019 5:00 pm

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
SOCIETY OF MILL CREEK

2019 SERVICE AUCTION

Enjoy yourself
you will

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
5:00pm Check in, receive your BIDDER NUMBER and fortify yourselves with COCKTAILS and APPETIZERS. It is also time to purchase 50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS and to bid on the various and delightful SILENT AUCTION ITEMS.
6:00pm time for BUFFET DINNER
6:30pm SILENT AUCTION ENDS
7:00pm LIVE AUCTION with our own auctioneer: GENERAL LEVIN
9:00pm write your checks and know that YOU have done YOUR PART to insure the SUCCESS of our MILL CREEK CHURCH as it forges on with it's GLORIOUS and ILLUSTRIOUS MISSION to LIBERATE AND INSPIRE the GALAXY...

TICKETS
\$15 in advance
\$20 at the door
\$8 and under are FREE

CHILDREN WILL BE PROVIDED

Children are encouraged but not required

TICKETS ON SALE TODAY!

The annual Service Auction is a fun event when members and friends donate a **service** (think music or cooking lessons, tutoring, lawn care, personal IT consultation, transportation), an **experience** (such as themed dinners, picnics & BBQ's, garden tours, guided hikes, musical performances, beach weekends, vacation packages), or an **item** (like retail gift cards, food-of-the-month offerings, gift baskets, hand crafted items). We gather on the night of the auction to place our bids, get some great deals, and enjoy a full meal together. The event serves as Mill Creek's largest fundraiser. **What will your donation be?** Contact David Bonner, david@DLSK.net