

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 --

Today is Potluck Sunday! Please join us for a Central Asian Banquet. after today's worship service. During the gathering the Roots & Shoots class will share their projects and presentations on the state of education for women and girls in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Service Auction 2018 – Saturday, April 14 Join us for a fun evening of good food and great deals at our auction! Contact David Bonner with your donation(s) – david@dlsk.net Tickets are on sale today after service at a bargain price of \$15 each (or pay \$20 each at the door).

Appetizers & Desserts Needed! To make things easier for everyone we are asking for single-portion finger foods for **appetizers** (like cheese & crackers, veggie tray, stuffed mushrooms, deviled eggs, tea sandwiches, Swedish meatballs, fruit tray, etc.) **and bite sized desserts** (like cookies, brownies, chocolate truffles, pumpkin/banana/nut breads, mini cream puffs, etc.). Please email laurie.guinard@gmail.com or cathyablanchet@gmail.com if you can help.

All-Church Common Read Our Social Justice Team is inviting us into an all-church common read this Spring - *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Delaware native Bryan Stevenson. Everyone is invited to an all-church discussion during our May Potluck Lunch after church service on May 6 (the lunch is *one week earlier* for the month of May).

Upcoming events

Service Auction, Saturday, April 14

Big Music Sunday, April 15

Earth Day Celebration, April 22

Adult RE Music & Imagery Workshop, Saturday, May 5

May Potluck Lunch & Just Mercy book discussion, Sunday, May 6

Annual Meeting, Sunday, June 10

Save the date – Church Picnic! Sunday, June 24

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Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister minister@uusmc.org

>>Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, 9 am – 1 pm, and by appointment

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>>Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 am – 1 pm



Rev. Robert J. Broesler

April 8, 2018

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

Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek

A Welcoming Congregation

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

Ringling of the Chime

Prelude *The Flute of the Infinite* C. Dalton

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

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 *O World, Thou Chooseth Not the Better Part* #341

Reading

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn *Spirit of Life* #123

Meditation

Offering *Simple Song* from *Mass* L. Bernstein

Sermon ***When the Ground is Pulled Out from Under You***

Postlude *Deep River/Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child*
arr. Everson

***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 Maggie McLaughlin, mmclaughlin13123@gmail.com, 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, Rev. Robert J. Broesler. Rev. Robert (Bob) Broesler is a retired Episcopal Priest who served four parishes over his 28-year career. He also served for 12 years in non-profits and government positions in various aspects of social service. Rev. Bob currently serves as Church Administrator with occasional clerical duties (including every Sunday) at Grace United Methodist Church in West Center City.

Music today is provided by the choir, Kristen Tosh-Morelli director and Pam Allenstein, pianist. Many people find comfort in grounding themselves in their faith; today's selections are spiritual in nature and varied in their reflections of spirituality. "The Flute of the Infinite" uses text from 15th century poet Kabir, who found the holy in everyday life and love. Leonard Bernstein's revolutionary setting of *Mass* features "Simple Song", sung from the perspective of a man seeking to praise his G-d simply by singing His praises and walking in His ways; a man so in tune with his faith that it seems an easy nature to do so. "Deep River" and "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child" are well-known African American spirituals. They seem to encompass the full range of human emotion, including deep sorrow, but with no call for retribution; only a hope for a just future, a hope that God would set things right. This beautiful arrangement by Lowell Everson is one of our choir's favorites. Andy Levin is the featured soloist for "Simple Song", and Diana Saunders' flute adds to both our prelude and offering songs today.

Religious Exploration Today our Chalice Children will begin a unit about nature. Our Coming of Age group is scheduled to visit WellSprings Congregation in Chester Springs, PA. The Youth Group will have a session on attentive listening.

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.