

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.)

Generosity As most of you are well aware, we are shifting the way we think, respond, and celebrate the generosity of this congregation. As part of that re-imagining, we are also shifting the calendar on our annual financial commitment campaign from a fiscal-year to a calendar year.

This is part of a strategy that is designed to change the way we think about funding our church from merely *sustaining this church* to *funding our highest aspirations*. By separating the funding initiative (“pledge drive”) from the fiscal (budget) year, we shift our experience from scarcity to abundance, from “keeping the doors open” to the wide open and transformative possibility that is Mill Creek.

Right now, we are in the midst of a transitional pledge campaign where we are asking every member and friend to make a financial commitment for the latter six months of 2017 (July 1-December 31). If you have already received your pledge card, but have not yet turned it in, *please do so today*. We are asking that all financial commitment (pledge) cards be submitted by **noon on April 17, 2017**.

If you have not yet made your commitment, or if you have not yet been contacted by one of our Stewardship Ambassadors, please contact the office (administrator@uusmc.org) and we’ll get you connected. If you have questions, please contact a member of our Stewardship Team: Steven Selph, Fran Loeffelholz, MQ Riding, Melissa Bryson, Ram Ray, Judy Pappenhagen, or Rev. Greg.

Upcoming events

Earth Day Celebration, Saturday, April 22

Service Auction, Saturday evening, April 22

Family Promise Host Week – May 2-May 4

Mill Creek Annual Meeting, Sunday, June 4

Mill Creek Professional Staff

Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister	minister@uusmc.org
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Debra Damiani, Office Administrator	administrator@uusmc.org
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Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Music Director	music@uusmc.org



April 9, 2017
Rev. Mary Higgins

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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.

Welcome & Announcements Linda Lucero, Worship Associate

Prelude "Walk On the Earth" B. Tate

Chalice Lighting

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.

Congregational Greeting Rev. Mary Higgins

Story For All Ages Rev. Higgins

"The Apple Pie Tree" by Zoe Hall

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 "Mother Earth, Beloved Garden" #1067

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn "Meditation on Breathing" #1009

Meditation

Offering "Hava Nashirah" #394

Reading "Psalmsong" by Barbara Pescan

Sermon *On Becoming* Rev. Higgins

Postlude "How Can I Keep From Singing" arr. Ellingboe

***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.*

*Hymn "Rising Green" #1068

* Stand as you are able.

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, Helen Springer, helenspringer@icloud.com, Eileen Selph, caldwelleileen@hotmail.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. Mary Higgins. Rev Mary Higgins is a lifelong Unitarian Universalist. On the journey, she has been a religious educator, parish minister, and finally a district executive in two of our UUA districts: Florida and Northern New England. Mary moved to the area eighteen months ago to be closer to her children and grandchildren. She is a member of Mill Creek.

Today's music is provided by the Mill Creek choir, Kristen Tosh-Morelli, director; Pam Allenstein, pianist.

Children's Religious Education We welcome the children to classroom 1 after the Story For All Ages. Today will be spent mostly outside, investigating the Bluebird houses, feeding the Bluebirds, checking our Asian Pear trees, and digging the new butterfly garden. We might also catch a quick story under the weeping cherry tree that will hopefully still be in bloom.

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.

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

Mill Creek Service Auction – Everything you need to know!

Date: Saturday, April 22nd, 5:00 pm

Schedule: 5 pm-cocktails & appetizers, silent auction; 6 pm-delicious buffet dinner; 7 pm-live auction.

Tickets: \$15 per person in advance (today after service), \$20, door.

Donations: contact david@dlsk.net today with your offering!

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). If you're interested in helping with the main meal foods and/or serving, contact Chitra Vaidy, cvaidy226@gmail.com. If you'd like to help with the breakfast or lunch foods, contact Lauri Rickard rickardlauri@gmail.com