

**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.)**

**Share Our Plate** For the months of May and June 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.

### **MILL CREEK ANNUAL MEETING - NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 22**

Please join us next week for this important annual meeting held immediately after church service. Committee reports will be distributed, the proposed budget for the 2016-17 fiscal year will be presented and voted upon, and new board members will be elected.

### **Book Drive**

Mill Creek's Religious Exploration is collaborating with the Social Justice Committee on an ongoing book drive to benefit Nemours DuPont Pediatrics, Jessup Street in Wilmington. Nemours Jessup Street provides premier primary care services in a comfortable, family-centered environment, serving a disadvantaged population. Please place new or gently used children's books for ages birth to 6 years in the collection bin located in the cloak room.

### **Upcoming events**

**Leadership Gathering**, Saturday, May 14

**Annual Meeting**, Sunday, May 22

**Visitor Reception**, Sunday, June 5

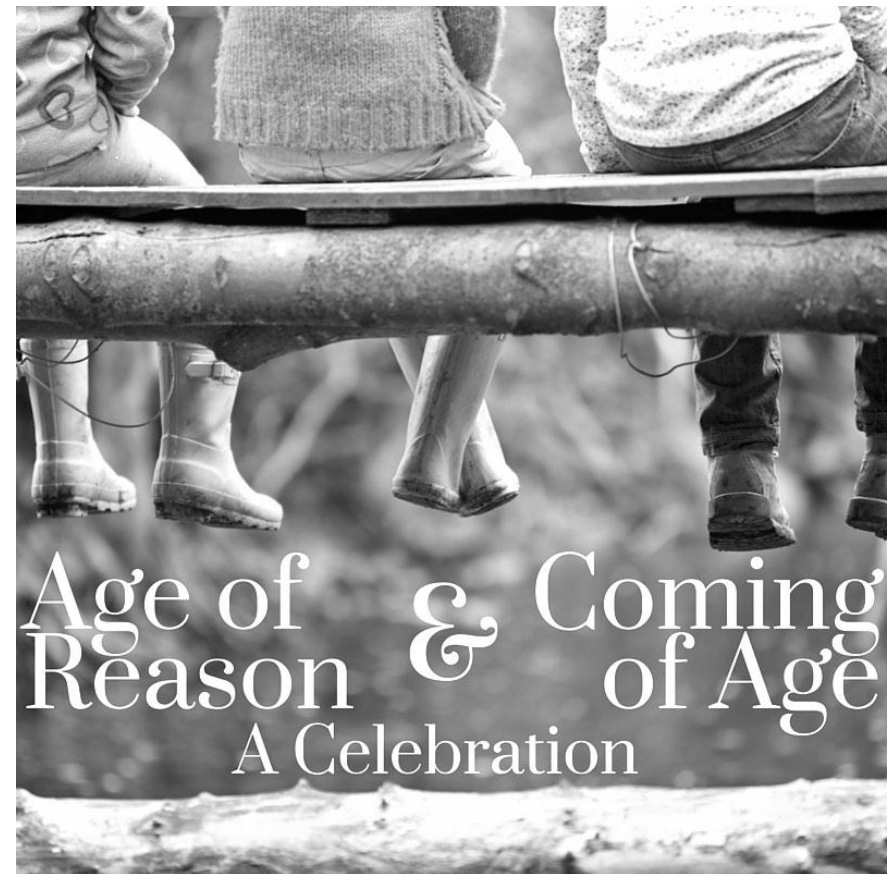
**Delmarva Cluster Retreat**, October 7-9

### **Mill Creek Staff Office Hours**

Rev. Greg: Monday & Thursday 9 am - 1 pm; Tuesday 1 pm - 4 pm; by appt.  
Stefanie Anderson: Tuesday 3 pm - 5 pm; Wednesday 10 am - 1 pm; by appt.  
Debra Damiani: Monday through Thursday 8 am - 1 pm.

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**May 15, 2016**  
**Rev. Gregory S. Pelley**  
**and**  
**Stefanie Anderson,**  
**Director of Religious Exploration**

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Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister  
~ Order of Service ~  
May 15, 2016

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

Welcome & Announcements Grace Pelley  
Prelude "Be Still" arr. Jennifer Lundlay Lewis  
Chalice Lighting Age of Reason Class  
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. Gregory S. Pelley  
Age of Reason Ceremony Stefanie Anderson and Age of Reason Class  
Children to Religious Education – "Go Now in Peace" #413  
Covenant Malaki Rhodes  
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 "We Begin Again in Love" #1037  
Joys and Sorrows Malaki Rhodes  
Centering Hymn "Comfort Me" #1002  
Meditation Kelly Janis  
Offering  
Coming of Age  
Postlude "Loves Me Like a Rock" Paul Simon, arr. Greg Gilpin  
\*Unison Benediction Josh Mortenson  
*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 "Words That We Hold Tight" #179

\* 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](mailto:mmclaughlin13123@gmail.com) or Jack Guerin, [jackguerin7@gmail.com](mailto:jackguerin7@gmail.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.

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

**Today's music** is provided by the Mill Creek Choir, Kristen Tosh-Morelli, director; Pam Allenstein, pianist; Louis Mortenson, percussion; Andy Levin and Melissa Bryson, soloists.

**Today we celebrate two core Rites of Passage** for our children and their completion of the Age of Reason and Coming of Age curricula.

**The Age of Reason program** is intended to honor our children's religious growth and to foster their identity as young Unitarian Universalists. The program is designed to engage young minds in ways of thinking about the world and how those ways form our understanding of ourselves, our families, our communities, and the world. This year's program was lead by our Director of Religious Exploration, Stefanie Anderson. She was assisted by Craig Anderson and Sydney Pelley. The participants in the class were: Will Doty, Ryan Doty, Maddie Gough, Lily Haas, Parker Haas, Elliot Rhodes, Finley Rhodes, and Joey Tosh-Morelli.

**The Coming of Age curricula** is designed to go deeper into understanding and developing a Unitarian Universalist identity and to guide young UU's in ways of articulating their values and beliefs. The program culminates in each student writing their own credo - a statement of what they believe at this moment in their life, and how those beliefs call them to be in this world. The Coming of Age class was led this year by, Jeanne Hanson, Brian Hanson, Jamie Kegerise, and Stephen Selph. The participants in the class were Kelly Janis, Stefanie Matsen, Josh Mortenson, Kate Nolan, Grace Pelley, and Malaki Rhodes.

**Next Week** – Rev. Greg in the Hot Seat! Come to service with your questions, queries and inquiries. Nearly nothing is off-topic!



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