

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

Mill Creek Annual Meeting

579 Polly Drummond Hill Road, Newark, Delaware

Sunday, June 10th, 12 noon

The purpose of the annual business meeting shall be to hear reports of officers and staff, to elect new trustees, including the President and nominating committee members, and to adopt an annual budget.

Each member shall be entitled to one vote who: (a) has attained the age of 18 years or has completed the Coming of Age program on or before the date of the meeting at which the vote is to be cast; and (b) whose request to be admitted or readmitted to membership was recorded in the records of the congregation at least 35 days before the date of the meeting at which the vote is to be cast; and (c) has made a financial contribution of record during the twelve-month period preceding the meeting at which the vote is to be cast.

Help Wanted: A few creative people willing to help plan our church picnic. If interested, contact Rev. Greg (minister@uusmc.org) or Terry Vodery (dre@uusmc.org).

Green Funeral Workshop – Wed., June 20, 7 pm, MacArtor Library

During this workshop we will examine a number of practices which can make funerals more meaningful and environmentally sound, including home funerals and green burial. The workshop will be facilitated by Carin Bonifacino, a graduate of the Open Center's "Art of Dying" certificate program in New York City, and a second-year seminary student at One Spirit Interfaith Seminary, also in New York City.

Upcoming events

Book Group, Thursday, May 17

Family Promise Meal Support, Thursday, May 24

Annual Meeting & Potluck Lunch, Sunday, June 10

Green Funeral Workshop, Wednesday, June 20

Save the date – Church Picnic! Sunday, June 24



May 20, 2018
Rev. Keith Goheen

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
Terry Vodery, Director of Religious Exploration
Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Music Director
Dorian Pyle, Worship Associate
~ Order of Service ~
May 20, 2018

Ringing of the Chime

Prelude *Blessings of Love* traditional

Welcome Rev. Keith Goheen

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 Terry Vodery

The Voice by R.W. Metlen

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 *Fire of Commitment* #1028

Reading *The Oversoul* Emerson #531

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn *Comfort Me* #1002

Meditation

Offering *Busca el Amor* #1004

Sermon ***Who's Calling?*** Rev. Goheen

Postlude *On Compassion* Stephanie K. Andrews

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 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, the Rev. Keith Goheen. The Reverend Keith Goheen is a very southern member of Mill Creek, living in Rehoboth Beach. He serves as the chaplain at Beebe Healthcare in Lewes, DE. Keith was a member of the Unitarian Universalist congregation in Brookfield, Massachusetts when he received a life changing call to ministry. He was ordained five years later by the First Universalist Church in Orange, Massachusetts. Next month, Keith will be marking the 19th year of ordained practice and the thirteenth anniversary of the start of his current position.

Today's music is performed by the Mill Creek Choir; Kristen Tosh-Morelli, director; Pam Allenstein, pianist. The text for "On Compassion" comes from two quotes by His Holiness the Dalai Lama, and the Tibetan Buddhist mantra "om mani padme hum". The purpose of the mantra is to invoke compassion and ease suffering and pain. The piece encourages us to look both inward and outward, seeking fulfillment by exercising compassion toward those around us as well as ourselves.

Religious Exploration for Children and Youth: Today the Chalice children are using teamwork to make playdough. The Roots and Shoots friends are creating fairy gardens and planting their sunflower starts in the meadow (weather permitting). The Coming of Agers will be visiting our friends at the Islamic Society of Delaware, and High School Youth will delve into the subject of racial equality.

Share Our Plate For the month of May we will be donating half of our undesignated plate offerings to **Arts Holding Hands and Hearts (AHHAH)** in West Chester, PA. AHHAH is an expressive art and literacy-based program, serving disadvantaged youth and their families in communities in Chester County.

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

The Social Justice Team meets today after service to discuss and finalize the **Share Our Plate** charities for the 2018-19 church year.