

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.)

**Member Celebrations and Recognitions** A child graduating from high school or college and child dedications are meaningful events that are deserving of special recognition. They are important to you – and to us! If you would like an event recognized by your church, let Rev. Greg know so he may adequately plan.

### ***Clothes For Kids' Sake* can help make your spring cleaning easier!**

*Clothes For Kids' Sake* is an organization established with the mission to help support local Big Brothers Big Sisters agencies. They collect and re-sell donations of gently-used clothing, housewares, books, toys, etc., from the local community with all proceeds supporting local programs. Look for the green collection bin at the church entrance.

### **The 2017 Nominating Committee Announces Board Vacancies**

The Nominating Committee is working to fill three Board of Trustee positions which will be available for a three-year term, July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2019. This is an opportunity to get more deeply involved in your church community, have your voice and opinions heard, and take part in important decision-making. *It's also a chance to work closely with your minister, Rev. Greg!* If you would like to be considered for one of these seats, please let Ivonne Antongiorgi, Tracy Morgan, or Bruce Koepcke know and we will get in touch with you about details.

### Upcoming events

**RE-Imagineers meeting** – TODAY after service

**Celebrating Our Legacy--Campaign Ends – May 28**

**Mill Creek Annual Meeting** – Sunday, June 4

### Mill Creek Professional Staff

Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister [minister@uusmc.org](mailto:minister@uusmc.org)  
>>Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, 9 am – 1 pm, and by appointment  
Debra Damiani, Office Administrator [administrator@uusmc.org](mailto:administrator@uusmc.org)  
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Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Music Director [music@uusmc.org](mailto:music@uusmc.org)



**Rev. Gregory S. Pelley**  
**May 21, 2017**

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A Welcoming Congregation  
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~ Order of Service ~  
May 21, 2017

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

Welcome & Announcements Catherine Kegley, Worship Associate

Prelude "Life Calls Us On" J. Shelton

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. Gregory S. Pelley

Story For All Ages Rev. Pelley

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

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn "When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place" #1008  
(verse 2 only, no repeat)

Witness to These Hopes Kristen Froehlich

Meditation

Offering "Busca el Amor" #1004

Reading

Sermon **The Forming Edge** Rev. Pelley

Postlude "He Never Failed Me Yet" R. Ray

**\*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 "I Know I Can" #1015

\* 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), Helen Springer, [helenspringer@icloud.com](mailto:helenspringer@icloud.com), Eileen Selph, [caldwelleileen@hotmail.com](mailto:caldwelleileen@hotmail.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.

**Today's music** is performed by the Mill Creek Choir, under the direction of Kristen Tosh-Morelli, with Pam Allenstein, pianist.

**Children's Religious Education** – Our flowers are growing and so is the Milkweed. We are ready for Monarch Butterflies! The kids will be tracking the Monarchs to see when they should arrive as we continue to explore interconnectedness and transformation. Everyone is welcome to join the RE meeting after service today – including youth.

**Witness to These Hopes – Kristen Froehlich**

Kristin Froehlich is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in Wilmington, Delaware. She served for three years as Board President of Delaware Citizens Opposed to the Death Penalty, and serves on the Advisory Board for the Delaware Repeal Project. She is a member of Murder Victims' Families for Human Rights and Murder Victims' Families for Reconciliation. After the murder of her brother and four of his friends in Connecticut in 1995, Kristin learned that the death penalty does not heal. Rather, it inflicts additional suffering and continues the cycle of violence. She has shared her story of loss and healing publicly since 2001.

**Share Our Plate** For the months of May and June we will be donating half of our undesignated plate offering to The Adult Literacy Program (ALP) in Kennett Square, PA.

**-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --**

**Celebrating Our Legacy**

On May 7, 2017, the members of this congregation voted unanimously to honor the estate gifts from Ann Roschinsky and Frank MacArtor by reserving \$25,000 for specific projects to reflect their legacies. The remaining \$209,000 is to be used toward reducing the church mortgage debt. We invite everyone to participate in the *Celebrating Our Legacy* campaign, by offering your financial commitments to the debt reduction – in any amount – to be paid over the next 3 years. Commitment forms are available in the gathering space, or you may email your intentions to join your community in this new campaign, [administrator@uusmc.org](mailto:administrator@uusmc.org). **We hope to have everyone's participation by May 28, 2017.**