

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.)

Flower Communion

This annual celebration will be on Sunday, June 5. Remember to bring a flower or two from your garden or florist.

WELCOME, VISITORS! On Sunday June 5, after the service, please join us in the MacArtor Library to learn more about Mill Creek, our congregation and the activities we offer.

Upcoming events

Annual Meeting, today after service
Flower Communion, Sunday June 5
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 22, 2016
Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

A Welcoming Congregation
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Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek
Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister
~ Order of Service ~
May 22, 2016

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

Welcome & Announcements Susan Klugerman, Worship Associate

Prelude "In This Very Room" Ron and Carol Harris

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 "Filled With Loving Kindness" #1031

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn "Nada Te Turbe" #1047

Meditation

Blessing of the Books

Offering "Sister Song" Helen Avakian

Reading

Sermon *The Hot Seat* Rev. Pelley

Postlude "Life Calls Us On" Jason Shelton

*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 "Raghupati" #178

* 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, Jack Guerin, jackguerin7@gmail.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.

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

Today's music is provided by the Mill Creek choir, Kristen Tosh-Morelli, director; Pam Allenstein, pianist. Joining us today is Helen Avakian, an award winning singer/songwriter/guitarist living in Madison, WI. In September 2014 she won the International Fingerstyle Guitar Championship, the first female to do so. Helen grew up in the First Unitarian Church in Wilmington, DE. She has been performing on occasion at Mill Creek from our early days when we met at Tatnall School. Her song, "Christmas Tree," was first debuted at Mill Creek and has been reprised for holiday services a number of times. She is always happy and honored to participate in the service here.

Mill Creek Annual Meeting - TODAY

Everyone is invited and encouraged to remain with us after today's service for the Annual Meeting. 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.

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.

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.



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