

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.)

**You ought to be in pictures!** At the core of our Realm church management program is the member profile, and one of the features is the ability of each member to add a photo to their profile. Our good friend Rudy Nyhoff has volunteered to take “head shots” for members wishing to enhance their profile with a photo. We will be taking pictures before and after the Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup> service which coincides with the annual meeting. We encourage everyone to take advantage of this opportunity to help us strengthen the web of our community.

### **(More!) Opportunities for Engagement**

There are several ways to engage in the Mill Creek community beyond attending Sunday service. If you enjoy the outdoors, consider the **Natural Lands Stewards**, who meet every Wednesday at 5:30 pm to tackle light gardening and meadow maintenance. Or you may want to help out with **Religious Education** where there are many different opportunities to get involved with just a little (or a pinch more) of your time. Or perhaps the **Sound Team** is more to your liking, which is a great way to help on Sundays and not miss the Sermon. For information about these opportunities *and more*, contact the church office, [administrator@uusmc.org](mailto:administrator@uusmc.org)

### Upcoming Mill Creek Events

**Weekly Meadow Maintenance**, Wednesday, May 29  
**Building & Grounds Chore Day**, Saturday, June 1  
**Mill Creek Annual Meeting**, Sunday, June 2

### 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  
Rev. Terry R. Vodery, Director of Religious Exploration [dre@uusmc.org](mailto:dre@uusmc.org)  
>>Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 9 am – 2 pm, and by appointment  
Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Music Director [music@uusmc.org](mailto:music@uusmc.org)  
Debra Damiani, Office Administrator [administrator@uusmc.org](mailto:administrator@uusmc.org)  
>>Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 am – 1 pm



**May 26, 2019**  
**Rev. Gregory S. Pelley**

*We are a community that invites you to awaken to love.*

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A Welcoming Congregation  
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~ Order of Service ~  
May 26, 2019

Prelude *Summertime Sonata* original composition

Welcome

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 *The Tale of a Fish* by Nancy Ludmerer

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 *Love Knocks and Waits For Us to Hear* #1029

Reading

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn *Spirit of Life* #123

Meditation

Offering *Waltz of the Rustling Trees* original composition

Sermon *Fish Stories* Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

Postlude *And All the People Said Amen* Matt Maher

**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 Tracy Morgan, [tracymorgan2000@verizon.net](mailto:tracymorgan2000@verizon.net), 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 returning guest musician Katie August. Katie is 18 years old about to graduate of Cab Calloway School of the Arts where she studied piano. She will attend Delaware Technical Community College in the fall, and plans to continue piano performance throughout college.

**Religious Exploration** Following the Story for All Ages, Children and Youth are invited to depart to the RE Wing for regular Sunday morning learning, fellowship and fun.

**Share Our Plate** For the month of May, half of our undesignated plate offering will be donated to the Delaware Theatre Company, whose mission is to create theatre of the highest professional quality in Delaware and thereby enrich the vitality of the area through artistic programming, education and community service. Learn more at [www.delawaretheatre.org](http://www.delawaretheatre.org)

**--Announcements--**

**Office Closure** As a reminder, the church office will be closed tomorrow – Monday, May 27, for the Memorial Day holiday.

**Building & Grounds Chore Day – this Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> – 9 am to 12 pm**  
Everyone is welcome to join us when we gather to work on the building and grounds. We will be painting, killing weeds, replacing light bulbs outside, working on our gardens, and cleaning stucco. Bring gardening tools if you like, otherwise all materials will be supplied. Looking forward to seeing you there – and plan for lunch afterwards!

**Mill Creek Annual Meeting  
Next Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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, adopt an annual budget, and hear any business before the congregation.