

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 10<sup>th</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, 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.

**Cavanaugh/McLaughlin Farewell Party.** Join us on Sunday, June 17 after service to say goodbye to Mill Creek members Michele Cavanaugh and Maggie McLaughlin. Light luncheon will be served.

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

**RE Chat**, today after service

**Coming of Age celebration**, Sunday, June 3

**Annual Meeting & Potluck Lunch**, Sunday, June 10

**Cavanaugh/McLaughlin Farewell Party**, Sunday, June 17

**Green Funeral Workshop**, Wednesday, June 20

**Save the date – Church Picnic!** Sunday, June 24



## Hope is the Thing With Feathers

May 30, 2018

Connie Simon

*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**  
**Diana Saunders, Worship Associate**  
**~ Order of Service ~**  
**May 27, 2018**

Ringing of the Chime

Prelude

Welcome Diana Saunders

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 Connie Simon

*Two Frogs* by Christopher Buice

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 *Come, Come, Whoever You Are* #188

Reading *Hope is the Thing With Feathers* by Emily Dickinson

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn *Spirit of Life* #123

Meditation

Offering

Sermon ***Hope is the Thing With Feathers*** Connie Simon

Postlude *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

**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](mailto: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, Connie Simon.** Connie Simon graduated last Sunday, May 20 from Meadville Lombard Theological School. After ordination on June 10, she is excited about her upcoming move to Ohio, where she has been called as the next settled Minister at the First Unitarian Church of Cincinnati.

**Today's music** is performed the Harp-Tuba Duo Team of Margaret Love and Thom Remington. **Margaret Love** is a long-time organist, choral director, and church music director in the Wilmington area. She plays harp with the Brandywine Harp Orchestra and teaches piano and Celtic harp at the Music School of Delaware. **Thom Remington** is a full-time musician. He teaches tuba and euphonium at the Music School of Delaware and plays tuba, handbells, and other instruments with the Brandywine Harp Orchestra.

**Today in Religious Exploration for Children and Youth:** The Chalice Children will learn about our job to care for the plants and animals of the earth. The Roots and Shoots friends will complete their fairy gardens and planting their sunflower starts in the meadow (weather permitting). The Coming of Ager's will meet for the last time with their mentors. High School Youth (YRUU) will talk about building an inclusive community.

**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 --**

**Following Worship Today** Join our DRE in the MacArthur Library for "RE Chats." Learn more about what's happening in our wonderful RE program! Come with your questions and ideas for this informal monthly gathering.

**Next Sunday is Coming of Age Sunday!** Please show your support for our eight very special Mill Creek "Coming of Ager's" who will share their credo's in next Sunday's worship service.