

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.)

Mill Creek Social Justice Committee will meet on Sunday, June 12 in the MacArtor Library. Everyone is welcome to join us after service when we will discuss Family Promise, Charity Gala Fundraiser, and other topics.

Annual Report 2015-16 is available in the gathering space.

Mill Creek Book Group Summer Reading List

Behind the Beautiful Forevers by Katherine Boo, Thursday, July 7.

The Sense of an Ending by Julian Barnes, Thursday, September 1.

Everyone is welcome to join us in the MacArtor Library at 7:30 pm for these discussions.

A word about our monthly potluck luncheons – a very special thank you is extended to Randy Ploener and Susan Klugerman for orchestrating the delicious and varied potlucks we've had during this church year. Randy and Susan take a well-deserved break during the months of June, July and August. Potlucks resume in September. Thank you Randy and Susan!

Upcoming events

Flower Communion, Sunday, June 5

Visitor Reception, Sunday, June 5 after church service

Ice Cream Social, Saturday, June 11

Social Justice meeting, Sunday June 12

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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~ Order of Service ~
May 29, 2016

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

Welcome & Announcements Eileen Selph, Worship Associate

Prelude

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

“What if Nobody Forgave?” by Barbara Marshman

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 **“Here We Have Gathered”** #360

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn **“Spirit of Life”** #123

Meditation **Memorial Day Prayer** (see insert)

Offering

Reading from **“The Forgiveness Project:
Stories for a Vengeful Age”** by Maria Cantacuzin

Sermon **It’s Complicated** Rev. Pelley

Postlude

***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 **“Not in Vain the Distance Beacons”** #143

* 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 or Jack Guerin, jackguerin7@gmail.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 1st Delaware Regiment Fife and Drum Corps; it is generally associated with the American Revolutionary War era. They will be performing selections from their Ancient Fife and Drum repertoire. The Corps is a new ensemble based out of New Castle County, DE. Their members range from ages 18-80+. The Corps is a program of the 1st Delaware Regiment, a newly founded Living History non-profit organization.

Today’s hymns are accompanied by a Mill Creek flute ensemble with Amy White, Diana Saunders, Carol Nicastro and Kristen Tosh-Morelli.

Next Week – join Rev. Greg as he begins our month of Authenticity. We will celebrate our annual Flower Communion; bring a flower or two from your garden or florist.

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.

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

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.

Memorial Day Prayer
by Rev. Barbara J. Pescan (adapted)
Responsive Reading #230
from *Lifting our Voices:*
Readings in the Living Tradition

Spirit of Life
whom we have called by many names
in thanksgiving and in anguish —

***Bless the poets and those who mourn
Send peace for the soldiers who did not make the wars
but whose lives were consumed by them***

Let strong trees grow above graves far from home
Breathe through the arms of their branches
The earth will swallow your tears while the dead sing
“No more, never again, remember me.”

***For the wounded ones, and this who received them back,
let there be someone ready when the memories come
when the scars pull and the buried metal moves
and forgiveness for those of us who were not there
for our ignorance.***

And in us, veterans in a forest of a thousand fallen promises,
let new leaves of protest grow on our stumps.
Give us courage to answer the cry of humanity’s pain
And with our bare hands, out of full hearts,
with all our intelligence
let us create the peace.



**ICE CREAM SOCIAL
AT
WOODSIDE FARM
CREAMERY**

Join the congregation and Rev. Greg for ice cream at Woodside Farm Creamery on Saturday, June 11, from 12:00 - 4:00 pm. Drop by with your family and friends to enjoy the Best Ice Cream in Delaware - (according to purewow.com) - delicious and homemade, with fresh ingredients right from the farm. Cups, Cones & Sundaes are 57¢ per oz.