

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.)

Worship Workshop I

Do you love our worship services at Mill Creek? Do you have spiritual questions or ideas you'd like us to explore together in worship? Then you are just the folks we'd like to invite to our Worship Workshop on **Saturday, May 12 from 9:00 am - 11:30 am**. We will be brainstorming ideas, questions, stories, directions, and themes for the coming year's worship at Mill Creek. We won't be making decisions on this morning — just generating ideas and questions. All are welcome to come and play with us!

Mill Creek Book Group Everyone is welcome to join the group on Thursday, May 17 at 7:30 pm in the MacArtor Library when we discuss *Fates and Furies* by Lauren Groff. Contact Deanna Koepcke at dkoepcke@hotmail.com for more details.

Upcoming events

Worship Workshop I, Saturday, May 12

Flower Communion, Sunday, May 13

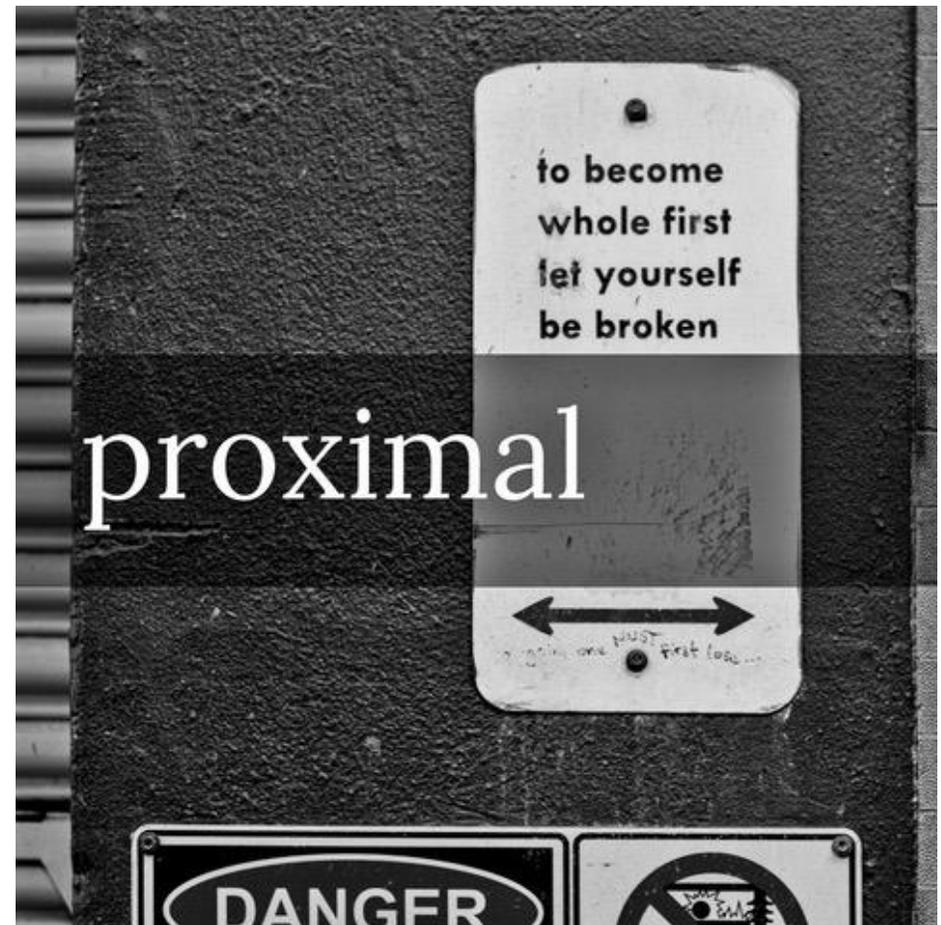
Book Group, Thursday, May 17

Annual Meeting, Sunday, June 10

Save the date – Church Picnic! Sunday, June 24

Mill Creek Professional Staff

Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister minister@uusmc.org
>>Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, 9 am – 1 pm, and by appointment
Terry Vodery, Director of Religious Exploration dre@uusmc.org
Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Music Director music@uusmc.org
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>>Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 am – 1 pm



May 6, 2018
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 ~
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Ringing of the Chime

Prelude Ave Verum Corpus Mozart

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

What Do You Do With a Problem? by Kobi Yamada

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 De Colores #305

Reading excerpt from *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*
by Bryan Stevenson

Joys and Sorrows

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

Meditation

Offering Allegretto Beethoven

Sermon **Proximal** Rev. Pelley

Postlude Ancient Tune Tallis

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. 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 Clarion Brass: trumpets, Gordon Roth and Kristen Tosh-Morelli; trombone, Tom Hartline; horn, Wendy Myers; bass, Brian Hanson and Amanda Ostrusky. Clarion brass has been performing for 20+ years in and around New Castle County. The six-piece brass ensemble has a repertoire of 300 titles from Albinoni to Zack Smith. The group is flexible with venue, and happy to perform live music anywhere. Clarion Brass performs Classical, Jazz, Sacred, and Secular tunes for venues ranging from libraries and schools, to churches and festivals.

Religious Exploration From learning how to tie a shoe, to learning to read, to losing a tooth, the Chalice Children will celebrate the changes that are happening as they grow. The Roots and Shoots friends will continue a project of their choice. Coming of Agers will meet with the DRE, and High School youth will talk about multigenerational leadership.

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. Their programs are designed to engage youth in mindful, artistic initiatives in order to establish positive pathways towards building a productive and fulfilling future.

Potluck Lunch and All-Church Read/Discussion Today. Please remain with us after church service for our monthly Potluck Lunch – you need not have brought anything, just pick up and plate and join the conversation! We will be discussing our all-church read of Bryan Stevenson's *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*. All are welcome, regardless of whether or not you have read or completed the book.

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

Next Sunday, May 13 – Mother's Day and Flower Communion

Please join us next Sunday for this annual celebration. All are invited to bring a flower or two from the garden or florist.