

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

**Our annual Service Auction raised \$16,244.77 after expenses.**

The Service Auction is Mill Creek's only major fundraiser and would not be possible without the combined and tireless efforts of everyone involved: Adam Kegley, Linda Pugh, Jeff Buckwalter, Tom & Joanne Hartline, Fran & Pat Loeffelholz, David Bonner, Andy & Brenda Levin, Randy Ploener, Lauri Rickard, Catherine Kegley, Steven Selph, Ram & Shashi Ray, Sydney Pelley, Stefanie Matsen, Steve Matsen, Liv Reichle, Matt Nolan, and David Pugh.

And YOU! For donating goods and services, for attending the event, and making purchases and financial contributions. *Thank you.*

**Financial Commitment Forms** – thank you to the many members who have made their pledge to support Mill Creek's transitional pledge campaign for July 1-December 31, 2017. If you haven't been contacted by someone on the Stewardship Team, or if you need a pledge card, please contact the office, 302-369-2712 or [administrator@uusmc.org](mailto:administrator@uusmc.org).

**Book Group** – everyone is welcome to join us on Thursday, May 18 at 7:30 pm in the MacArtor Library when we discuss *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood. For more info, contact group leader Amy White at [amywwhite@comcast.net](mailto:amywwhite@comcast.net) or (302) 652-1952.

## Upcoming events

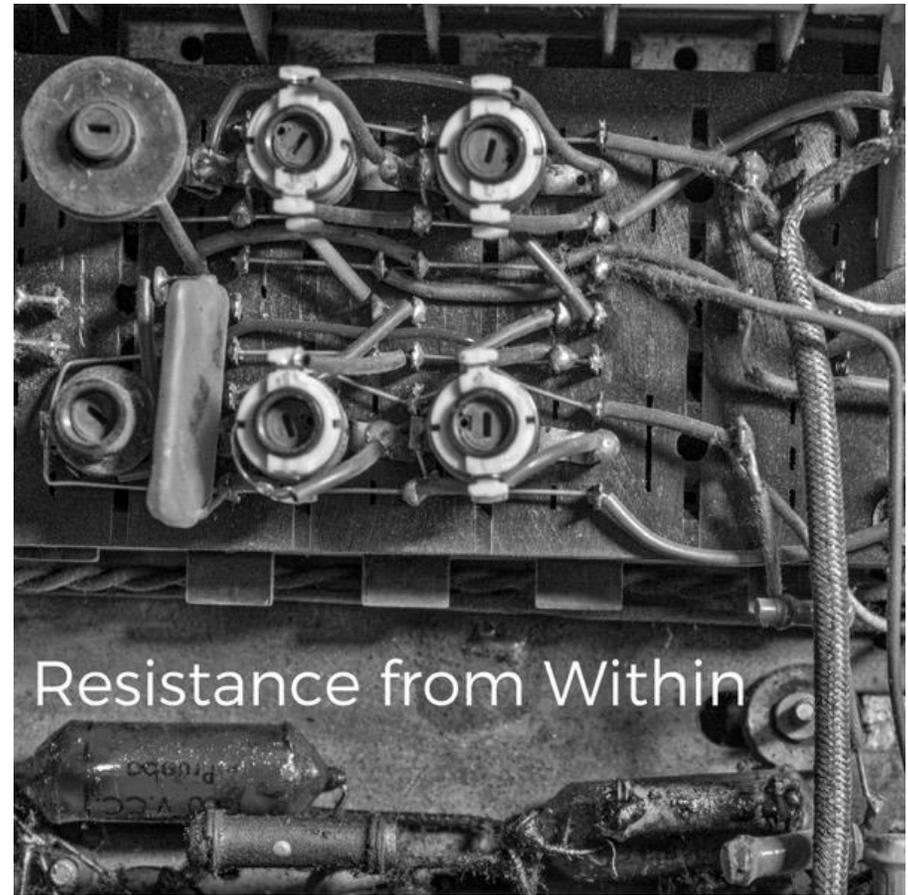
**Congregational Meeting-Celebrating Our Legacy** – TODAY

**Book Group** – Thursday, May 18

**Mill Creek Annual Meeting** – Sunday, June 4

## Mill Creek Professional Staff

Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister [minister@uusmc.org](mailto:minister@uusmc.org)  
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**May 7, 2017**  
**Michael Brown**

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A Welcoming Congregation  
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~ Order of Service ~  
May 7, 2017

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

Welcome & Announcements Ellen Justice, Worship Associate

Prelude "Solstices" Kevin J. Cope

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 Michael Brown

"The Sneetches" by Dr. Seuss

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 "Standing on the Side of Love" #1014

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn "Comfort Me" #1002

Meditation

Welcoming the New Member [see insert for New Member Covenant]

Offering "Prelude No. 4" Heitor Villa-Lobos

Reading "A Step Along the Way" Archbishop Oscar Romero

Sermon **Resistance from Within** Michael Brown

Postlude "Twilight at the Dawn" Kevin J. Cope

**\*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 "One More Step" #168

\* 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](mailto:mmclaughlin13123@gmail.com), Helen Springer, [helenspringer@icloud.com](mailto:helenspringer@icloud.com), Eileen Selph, [caldwelleileen@hotmail.com](mailto:caldwelleileen@hotmail.com), 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.

**Meet our guest speaker, Michael Brown.** Michael Brown is a candidate for Unitarian Universalist ministry currently working as a community organizer for the Baltimore Action Alliance, a collaboration of faith-based organizations putting progressive values and ideals to work for the most marginalized in the Baltimore/Washington area. He lives in Baltimore, Maryland with his husband, Adam, and their two cats, Leviticus and Miriam.

**Today's music** is provided by Kevin J. Cope. Kevin is a graduate of the University of Delaware where he received master's degrees in composition and guitar performance. He has received from the DE Division of the Arts the 2011 Emerging Artist Fellowship and the 2015 Established Professional Fellowship in music composition. He was featured on the cover of Soundboard Magazine's 40th Anniversary Edition, "Composing for the Guitar." Kevin is also currently the president of the Philadelphia Classical Guitar Society which will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary this season ([www.phillyguitar.com](http://www.phillyguitar.com)). More information including extended bio, sheet music, and recordings can be found at [www.kevinjcope.com](http://www.kevinjcope.com).

**Children's Religious Education** We welcome the children to classroom 1 after today's Story For All Ages. You will see us outside watering the garden and looking for butterflies and Milkweed plants.

**Share Our Plate Share Our Plate** For the months of May and June we will be donating half of our undesignated plate offering to The Adult Literacy Program (ALP) in Kennett Square, PA. The mission of the ALP is to provide free educational instruction to community adults and to improve the literacy of the educationally disadvantaged to levels of proficiency necessary to function on the job, in the family and in society.

## WELCOMING THE NEW MEMBER

By Manish Mishra-Marzetti

### **New Member Covenant (new members recite in unison)**

We enter this faith with hope and possibility in our hearts,  
pledging to participate in and support  
the ministries of this church.

We covenant to remain true to the spirit of love  
that flows through this church  
and guides us.

We seek your welcome as we join you in this faith.

### **Congregational Response (congregation responds in unison)**

We welcome you as once we were welcomed  
ourselves.

We seek to be open and inclusive;  
respecting your inherent dignity,  
your ideas and your vision,  
in times when it is easy  
and in times when it is difficult.

We seek to be supportive,  
not only when you reach out in courage to us,  
but also when you need us to reach out to you.  
In return we ask that you recognize our humanity:

We will not always live up to our ideals.

And, when we fall short

we invite you to stay in relationship with us  
and help us more fully bring alive the spirit of love.

We welcome you as an equal member  
of this congregation,  
of this faith,  
and of our shared spiritual journey.

## **Please remain with us after today's worship service for a very important Congregational Meeting.**

The Board of Trustees has called this special meeting of the membership to review and vote on a proposal for the dispensation of two estate gifts we have received: from Frank MacArtor and Ann Roschinsky. The proposal is the result of lengthy and meaningful discussions and planning by the Board of Trustees and the Finance Committee, and includes special projects to honor both Frank and Ann's legacies. Additionally, the proposal includes a principal payment on the church mortgage debt. The congregation will be invited to participate in a new campaign – **Celebrating Our Legacy** – by making a financial commitment in honor of Frank and Ann in support of the debt pay-down. Please join us.

## **The 2017 Nominating Committee Announces Board Vacancies**

There are three Board of Trustee positions that need to be filled by July 1, 2017. Each is for a two-year term, July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2019. The Nominating Committee is tasked with identifying and formally nominating candidates for congregational approval at the annual meeting in June.

This is an opportunity to get more deeply involved in your church community, have your voice and opinions heard, and take part in important decision-making. It's also a chance to work closely with your minister, Rev. Greg!

The Nominating Committee is hard at work to fill these positions. If you would like to be considered for one of these seats, please let Ivonne Antongiorgi, Tracy Morgan, or Bruce Koepcke know and we will get in touch with you about details.