

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.)

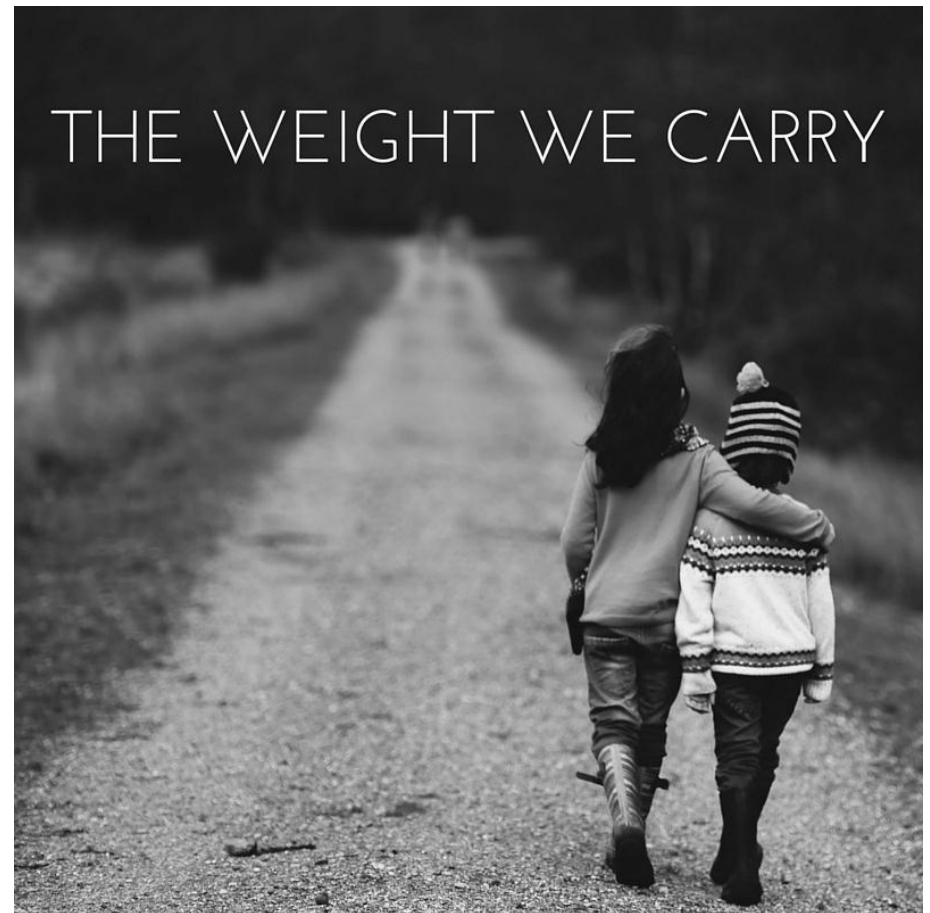
Book Drive

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.

Upcoming events

Leadership Gathering, Saturday, May 14

Annual Meeting, Sunday, May 22



May 8, 2016

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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Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek
Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister
~ Order of Service ~
May 8, 2016

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

Welcome & Announcements

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

Story For All Ages

Lion King skit

Children to Religious Education – “Go Now in Peace”

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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

“Building Bridges”

#1023

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn

“Spirit of Life”

#123

Meditation

Offering

Reading

“Forgive us that often we forgive ourselves...”

#477

Reflections

Postlude

“Lego House” Ed Sheeran

Kate Nolan

***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

“Comfort Me”

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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 Mattie Janis, piano and Kate Nolan, voice.

Today's flowers are contributed by Janice and Jeff Buckwalter, in honor of Philip Buckwalter's birthday.

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.

Leadership Gathering

All are invited to our Leadership Gathering at the church on **Saturday, May 14 at 9:30 am** as we continue the conversation about UUSMC's DNA (values, beliefs, and mission). The morning will be centered around storytelling about what is most important to us, our core values, and what beliefs are embedded in those values. If you lead a committee or team at Mill Creek, you are strongly encouraged to attend. If you do not consider yourself a leader in our church - you are strongly encouraged to attend!

MILL CREEK ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, MAY 22

Mark your calendar so you don't miss this important annual meeting held immediately after church service. Committee reports will be distributed, the proposed budget for the 2016-17 fiscal year will be presented and voted upon, and new board members will be elected.

* Stand as you are able.