

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.)

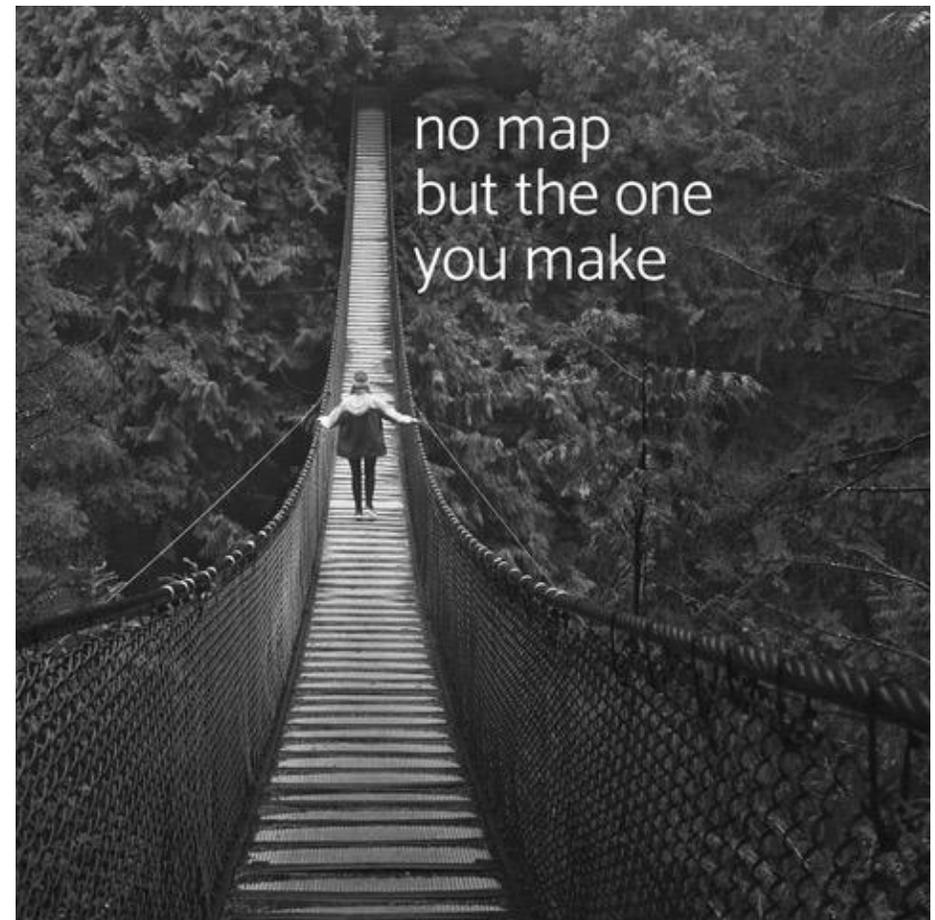
CALLING ALL CREATIVE PEOPLE — and those who don't *think* of themselves as creative, but really are. Please join Rev. Greg on **Saturday, June 23, from 9-11 am** for a fun and playful brainstorming session designed to develop the ideas, words, music, imagery, and movement of our worship at Mill Creek. Rev. Greg has selected the themes for the year from which our worship services will unfold. On June 23, we will be working with three of these: **Origin Story, Journey,** and **Light & Dark.** We will engage in brainstorming exercises and a process called “metaphoraging” (foraging for metaphors). No experience designing worship is required and participation in the workshop does not commit you to anything more than having some fun and playing in the process! Please come. Donuts will be served.

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

Interested in becoming an O.W.L. Instructor? Our Whole Lives (O.W.L.) training will be offered August 3 - 5 at Accotink UU Church in Burke, VA. Deadline to register is July 25, 2018. For further information contact our DRE office at dre@uusmc.org. Financial support is available.

Upcoming events

- Annual Meeting & Potluck Lunch**, today after worship
- Cavanaugh/McLaughlin Farewell Party**, Sunday, June 17
- Green Funeral Workshop**, Wednesday, June 20
- Worship Workshop**, Saturday, June 23
- EVENT CANCELLED: Church Picnic**, Sunday, June 24



June 10, 2018
Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

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
Gladys Smith, Worship Associate
~ Order of Service ~
June 10, 2018

Ringing of the Chime

Prelude *May Love Be Your Guide* Clif Hardin

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 *Only the Seed*

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 *Alleluia* #384

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn *Meditation on Breathing* #1009

Meditation

Bridging Ceremony

Congregational Blessing (Rev. Julia Hamilton, adapted)

Today we offer our blessing:

May your mind be on fire with wonder and wisdom;

May your heart be aflame with love for this life;

May your hands be ignited with purpose;

And may your spirit be aglow with courage and compassion.

You are a light unto the world,

and you carry our steadfast love with you

wherever you may go.

We bless you.

We love you.

May your life unfold with joy.

Homily

Offering *Let Me Find Some Quiet Place* Doris Clevenger

Postlude *Bridge Over Troubled Water* Kirby Shaw

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 Tracy Morgan, tracymorgan2000@verizon.net, 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.

Today's music is performed by the Mill Creek Choir, directed by Kristen Tosh-Morelli; with Karen Rege, guest pianist. Our musical selections echo our gifts and hopes to the bridging youth: we hope love will be your guide as you step into the next chapter of your life, and that you will remember to find quiet places for rest, reflection, meditation, and prayer. We hope you remember that this community will always be here to support you as you navigate the waters of your future.

Today in Children's & Youth Religious Exploration Today's worship is a multigenerational experience. The Nursery will be open and available and there will be activities for the Chalice Children in their classroom. Elementary age children & youth are encouraged to attend the worship – which is aimed at lasting one hour. We support and celebrate with our Senior Youth as they “bridge” over into young adulthood.

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Green Funeral Workshop – Wed., June 20, 7 pm, MacArto 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.