

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 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.

Upcoming events

Social Justice meeting, today after service

Book Group, Thursday, July 7

Pastoral Care Workshop, Saturday, August 20

Membership Workshop, Saturday, October 1

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

Welcome & Announcements Catherine Kegley, Worship Associate

Prelude "Lullaby" Billy Joel

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 "Higgins, A Drop With a Dream" Rev. Pelley
by Christopher Buice

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 "Blessed Spirit of My Life" #86

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn "When Our Heart Is In a Holy Place" #1008

Meditation

Offering "You Are the New Day" John David

Reading A Collection of Collective Nouns

Sermon Trouble? Or Blessing? Rev. Pelley

Postlude "Deep Peace to You"

Penny Gnesin – a wish and a song written for Olympia's Daughters

*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 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" #370

* 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, Jack Guerin, jackguerin7@gmail.com, Eileen Selph, caldwelleileen@hotmail.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 Nothing But Treble, a female a cappella group performing songs that entertain, from oldies and Broadway to folk and swing. We enjoy sharing arrangements we love in retirement communities, private events, cafes such as Brew Ha Ha and church services, and have for several years presented a holiday program as part of the Longwood Gardens concert series. The group is directed by Pamela Finkelman.

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.

Mill Creek Social Justice Committee will meet today after service in the MacArtor Library. We will discuss Family Promise, Charity Gala Fundraiser, and other topics.

Annual Report 2015-16 is available in the gathering space. Minutes from the Annual Meeting are available on the church website.

2015-16 Pledge Year Comes to a Close

Our current pledge year ends on June 30. Please help us balance our current budget by fulfilling your pledge commitment by this date.

Pledge cards for the upcoming 2016-17 fiscal year have been mailed to all members. We would like to have completed cards in by Sunday, June 19. You can place yours in the collection plate, the drop box by the office door, or mail it (or you can access one on the church website, www.uusmc.org/support). Questions regarding your pledge can be directed to bookkeeper@uusmc.org. **Thank you for your support!**



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