

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

Mill Creek Summer Service Schedule

June 23 - Rev. Terry Vodery

June 30 - Rev. Gregory Pelley

July 7 - Rev. Gregory Pelley

July 14 - Doug Harrell

July 21 - Rev. Gregory Pelley - Poolside Theology with Chris Knight

July 28 - Rev. Gregory Pelley - Poolside Theology with Patti Ferich

August 4 - Rev. Gregory Pelley - Poolside Theology

August 11 - Rev. Gregory Pelley - Poolside Theology with Anne Shuman

August 18 - Rev. Gregory Pelley - Blessing of the Animals

August 25 - Julia Smagorinsky

September 1 - Rev. Keith Goheen

September 8 - Rev. Gregory Pelley – Ingathering

Mill Creek Book Group – Thursday, July 18-7:30 pm, classroom 4

Everyone is welcome to join us for the discussion for our next read, *The Time Traveler's Wife* by Audrey Niffenegger. Contact Deanna Koepcke with questions, dkoepcke@hotmail.com

Upcoming Mill Creek Events

Weekly Meadow Maintenance, Wednesday, June 19

Book Group, Thursday, July 18

Mill Creek Professional Staff

Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister minister@uusmc.org

>>Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, 9 am – 1 pm, and by appointment

Rev. Terry R. Vodery, Director of Religious Exploration dre@uusmc.org

>>Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 9 am – 2 pm, and by appointment

Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Music Director music@uusmc.org

Debra Damiani, Office Administrator administrator@uusmc.org

>>Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 am – 1 pm



Our Fathers Who Are or Aren't in Heaven

June 16, 2019

Michael Brown

We are a community that invites you to awaken to love.

Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek
A Welcoming Congregation
302-369-2712
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Stephen Petersen, Worship Associate
~ Order of Service ~

Prelude *Circle Round for Freedom*

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 *Henry Hikes to Fitchburg* by D.B. Johnson

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 *Freedom is Coming* #1035

Reading

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn *Nada Te Turbe* #1047

Meditation

Offering *Breaths* Barnwell

Sermon ***Our Fathers Who Are or Aren't in Heaven*** Michael Brown

Postlude *On Children* Barnwell

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.

Meet our guest speaker, Michael Brown. Michael Brown is community organizer with the Baltimore Action Alliance in Baltimore, Maryland, and a chaplain with the Greater Baltimore Medical Center.

Today's a cappella music is performed by the Mill Creek Choir under the direction of Kristen Tosh-Morelli.

It's Summer Religious Exploration Time! Following the Story for All Ages, children will be invited to gather classroom #1 to participate in experiments and activities led by our own Mill Creek Scientists!

Share Our Plate For the month of June we will be donating half of our undesignated plate offerings to **Arts Holding Hands and Hearts (AHHAH)**. AHHAH is an expressive art and literacy-based program, serving disadvantaged youth and their families in communities in Chester County, PA.

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

Pledge Check-Up June 30th marks the end of our fiscal year, but it is also the mid-way point for our pledge year. Now is a good time to log on to your Realm account and access your Giving page to see where you are with your payments. (*A suggested guideline is to be at the half-way point of your pledge.*) Realm provides transparency, offering you the ability to see exactly how your payments are being processed. You can also make electronic payments...even recurring ones. Contact the church office if you need assistance or have any questions.

Rev. Greg Out of Office

Rev. Greg will be away from **Sunday, June 16 through Sunday, June 23**. He will not have access to email or voice mail during this absence. **For pastoral care issues**, please contact the Pastoral Care Team at pastoralcare@uusmc.org. **For any other concerns**, contact the church office at 302-369-2712 or administrator@uusmc.org.