

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.)

**Butterfly Spirituality Program** – the kids are anxiously awaiting the Monarch butterflies to arrive. You can help us attract them by bringing treats to the butterfly garden. Spoiled fruit is a good food source – leave on the flat rocks located in the garden.

### 2016-17 Pledge Year Comes to a Close on June 30

Thank you to everyone who has paid their pledge in full. If you haven't already done so, please fulfill your financial commitment by this date. We currently have **over \$16,000 in outstanding pledges** which, if paid, would reduce the draw from reserves. Payments can be dropped in the collection plate, mailed or dropped off to the church office, **or you can pay online** by accessing the 'Connect' button, followed by 'donate', on the church website. Contact [bookkeeper@uusmc.org](mailto:bookkeeper@uusmc.org) or 302-369-2712 with any questions.

### Clothes For Kids' Sake can help make your spring cleaning easier!

Clothes For Kids' Sake is an organization established with the mission to help support local Big Brothers Big Sisters agencies. They collect and re-sell donations of gently-used clothing, housewares, books, toys, etc., from the local community with all proceeds supporting local programs. Look for the green collection bin at the church entrance.

**Mill Creek Book Group** – everyone is welcome to join our next meeting on Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in the MacArtor Library when we discuss *I Am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai. Questions can be directed to Amy White, [amywhite@comcast.net](mailto:amywhite@comcast.net)

### Upcoming events

**CDNJ meeting** – Monday, June 19

**Book Group** – Thursday, July 20

### Mill Creek Professional Staff

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June 18, 2017  
Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

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

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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 Linda Lucero, Worship Associate

Prelude *Gymnopedie No.1* Erik Satie

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 Rev. Pelley

excerpts from “God got a dog” by Cynthia Ryland & Marla Frazee

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 *Chant for the Seasons* (Summer verse) #73

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn *Spirit of Life* #123

Meditation

Offering *Braul* Bela Bartok

Reading

Sermon *Moral Imagination* Rev. Pelley

Postlude *Chorale* Johann Sebastian Bach

**\*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 *I Sought the Wood in Summer* #328

\* 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.

**Today's music** is provided by Mill Creek members Brian & Jeanne Hanson, Patti Ferich, and Bea Webb.

**Children's Religious Education** We welcome the children to classroom 1 after the Story. We will be walking the meadow to look for Monarchs.

**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, Pennsylvania.

**Today's flowers** are in honor of Kaitlin Bonner's bridal shower.

## -- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

Attention, all musicians! Do you sing or play an instrument? If so, **please consider performing at a summer service- we are in need of musicians for July and August services.** Service music features three songs of your own choosing, and at least the melody to three hymns, which will be chosen by you and Kristen together. This is a great opportunity to be involved in the service, and summer is the perfect time to try it out, if you've never done it before. Summer services must be filled before June 20; please don't delay! **Contact Kristen Tosh-Morelli: [music@uusmc.org](mailto:music@uusmc.org) to volunteer to play.** Thank you!

**Coalition to Dismantle the New Jim Crow (CDNJC) Meeting** The Newark branch of the CDNJC will be meeting in our sanctuary tomorrow evening, Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00—7:30 pm. Kate Parker West of the Delaware Center for Justice (DCJ) will speak on pretrial detention and bail reform. Delaware's bail system is failing in two ways: we unnecessarily detain individuals who lack funds for their release, and on the other end of the spectrum, we release defendants who fail to appear or remain law abiding during their period of pretrial release. DCJ believes that liberty should be the norm and that all individuals are innocent until proven guilty. DCJ is advocating for the passage of HB 204 which provides for the reduction of Delaware's pretrial detention population through the use of data-driven, reliable risk assessments, as well as for improved pretrial practices statewide. UUDAN is supporting this important legislation.