

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: Life, Death, and Hope in a Mumbai

Undercity 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.

Mill Creek's International Charity Gala Returns

Mark your calendar now and join us on Saturday, October 15 at 5:30.

Tickets, \$20 each, are available for sale in the gathering space after Sunday service. More detailed information will be available soon.

Upcoming events

Book Group, Thursday, July 7

Pastoral Care Workshop, Saturday, August 20

Membership Workshop, Saturday, October 1

International Charity Gala, Saturday, October 15

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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June 19, 2016
Eileen Selph

A Welcoming Congregation
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Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek
Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister
~ Order of Service ~
June 19, 2016

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

Welcome & Announcements Maggie McLaughlin, Worship Associate

Prelude "You Are the New Day" John David

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 Eileen Selph

Story For All Ages Eileen Selph

"The Saggy Baggy Elephant" by K. & B. Jackson

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 "Morning Has Broken" #38

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn "Meditation on Breathing" #1009

Prayer "for our pulse"

Offering "Credo" Mark Hayes

New Member Recognition

Commissioning of the Board of Trustees

Reading "The privilege of a lifetime
is to become who you truly are." C.G. Jung

Sermon *Be Your (Evolving) Self* Eileen Selph

Postlude "A Benediction" A. Vermeulen

*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 "Chant For the Seasons" #73

* 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 --

Meet our guest speaker, Mill Creek member Eileen Selph. Eileen is a professional vascular sonographer and student of psychology. In her spare time she volunteers with the VFW, trains in the martial art Kenpo and serves on the UUSMC membership committee and pastoral care organization. She enjoys cats, bats and the humor of her beloved husband Steve. Her evolution is not yet complete.

Today's music is provided by the Mill Creek choir, Kristen Tosh-Morelli, director; Pam Allenstein, pianist.

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.

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!**

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



Remember to "Like" us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/UUSMC>) to receive timely updates and information about Mill Creek.

WELCOMING THE NEW MEMBER

By Manish Mishra-Marzetti

New Member Covenant

(new members recite in unison)

We enter this faith with hope and possibility in our hearts,

pledging to participate in and support the ministries of this church.

We covenant to remain true to the spirit of love that flows through this church and guides us.

We seek your welcome as we join you in this faith.

Congregational Response

(congregation responds in unison)

We welcome you as once we were welcomed ourselves.

We seek to be open and inclusive; respecting your inherent dignity, your ideas and your vision, in times when it is easy and in times when it is difficult.

We seek to be supportive, not only when you reach out in courage to us, but also when you need us to reach out to you. In return we ask that you recognize our humanity:

We will not always live up to our ideals.

And, when we fall short we invite you to stay in relationship with us and help us more fully bring alive the spirit of love.

We welcome you as an equal member of this congregation, of this faith, and of our shared spiritual journey.

BLESSING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

By Rev. Kendyl Gibbons

We, the members of this congregation express to this congregation's Board of Trustees our gratitude for your investment in our community our trust in your integrity and wisdom, our support of your leadership, and our enduring loyalty to the mission and vision of this church.

We pledge to do what is within our power to make your stewardship of our shared future and experience of discovery, accomplishment, and growth.

Together we may make this community a beacon of reason, compassion, and freedom, and a witness to the power of love and aspiration to make a better world.