

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.)

Pledge cards for the new 2016-17 fiscal year have been mailed to all members. If you haven't already done so, please return your completed card as soon as possible. You can place yours in the collection plate, the drop box by the office door, email your pledge info to pledge@uusmc.org, 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!**

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 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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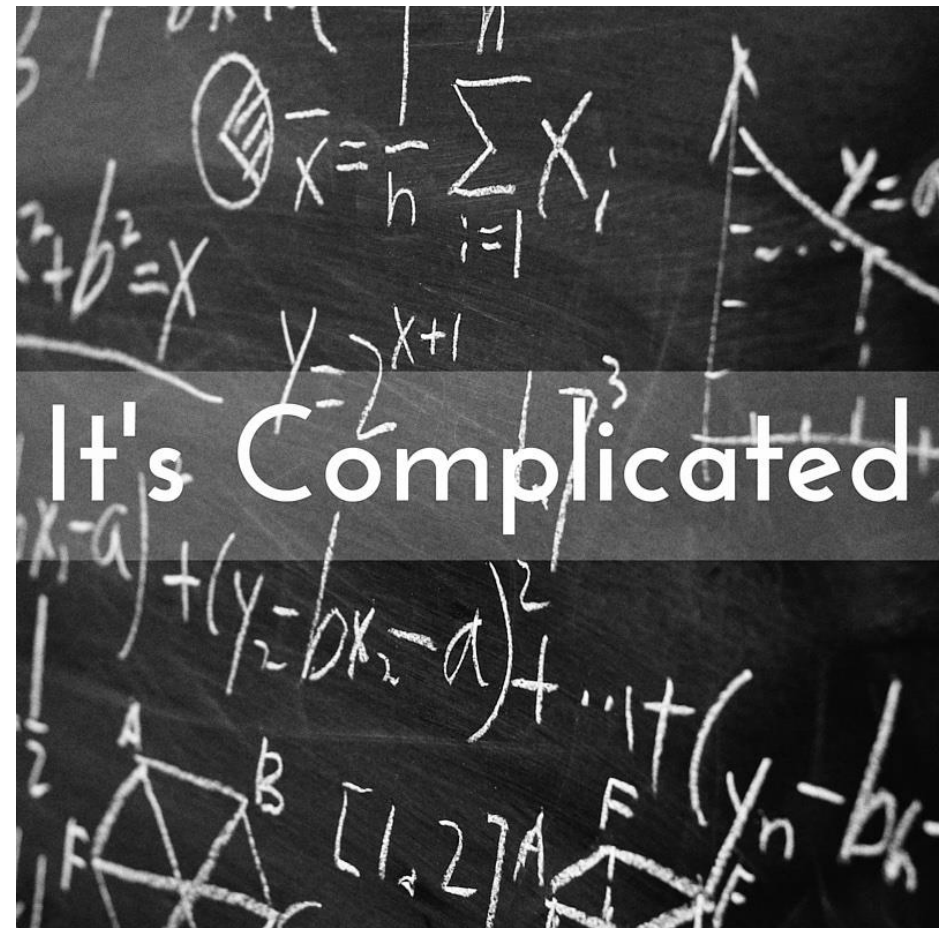
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June 26, 2016
Rev. Mary Higgins

A Welcoming Congregation
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Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek
Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister
~ Order of Service ~
June 26, 2016

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

Welcome & Announcements Eileen Selph, Worship Associate

Prelude "Sih'r Khalaq" Jim Papoulis

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. Mary Higgins

Story For All Ages Rev. Higgins

"A Bad Case of Stripes" by David Shannon

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 "Standing On the Side of Love" #1014

Joys and Sorrows

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

Meditation

Offering "Will You Teach Me?" Victor C. Johnson

Readings by Hafiz

Sermon **It's Complicated** Rev. Higgins

Postlude "True Colors/Born This Way"

*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 "Daona Nayeesh" #1032

* 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, the Rev. Mary Higgins. Rev. Mary Higgins is a lifelong Unitarian Universalist, and now retired UU minister. Mary says that, for her, being Unitarian Universalist is about her identity not about a belief. She says, "This faith causes me to be in constant dialogue with my actions and thoughts. What an experience! What a joy! What a tough path it is sometimes. My joys in life are my children, and their children and myriad lifelong friendships."

Today's music is provided by the Mill Creek choir, Kristen Tosh-Morelli, director; Pam Allenstein, accompanist. Jim Papoulis' *Sih'r Khalaq* explores the world of Arabic rhythms, textures, and style. The phrase "sih'r khalaq" describes the kind of magic that exists in art - magic that transforms and grows, and permeates the soul. It literally means "creative magic." *Will You Teach Me?* is an anonymous text, seemingly written to us all, as we come together in loving, caring community, each striving for authenticity and all striving for acceptance. Our postlude is in recognition of LGBTQA Pride Month, intertwining Cyndi Lauper's *True Colors* and Lady Gaga's *Born This Way*, two powerhouse anthems that celebrate diversity and authenticity. May we spread the message of seeing all of our fellow humans for who they truly are, recognizing their inherent worth, and respecting and accepting them as equals.

Next Week – join us for the start of our new church year as Rev. Greg returns to the pulpit to begin our month-long look at Wonder.

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.