

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.)

Congregational Alignment Survey

Rev. Greg and the Board of Trustees are seeking your voice, experience and opinions about Mill Creek so that we may begin to determine where we are today and where we are heading in the next five years. Mill Creek member Tracy Morgan is coordinating a two-part congregational survey, the first of which has been emailed to all members, visitors and friends. We ask that this part be completed **TODAY**. After June 10th you will receive an invitation to participate in the second online activity that will allow you to provide further information and comments based on your responses.

We value your views and appreciate your generosity in making yourself available for this survey. If you have any questions, or need the email resent, do not hesitate to contact Tracy Morgan (302) 584-7940, tmorgan@north-star-strategies.com

Upcoming Mill Creek Events

Potluck Lunch, today

Meaning of Membership, today, 12 noon

Weekly Meadow Maintenance, Wednesday, June 12

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



June 9, 2019
Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

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

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A Welcoming Congregation
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Prelude *Everything Possible* #1019

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

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 *I Know I Can* #1015

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn *Comfort Me* #1002

Meditation

Bridging Ceremony (See insert)

Offering *True Colors* arr. Emerson

Sermon **Prophecy for One** Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

Postlude *Testimony* Schwartz

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.

Today's music is in recognition of June as LGBTQI Pride month and performed by the Mill Creek Choir, with Kristen Tosh-Morelli, director, and Pam Allenstein, pianist. "Everything Possible" is a lullaby written by Fred Smalls in 1985, after a lesbian friend asked for a song she could sing to her son; it is now in the UU hymnal. "True Colors", an 80's pop song, was adopted by the LGBTQ community as an anthem celebrating diversity. "Testimony" was written by Broadway composer Steven Schwartz for the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus. Its text is comments from Dan Savage's "It Gets Better Project". It is a piece dedicated to all those who have ever felt alienated, different or isolated- as a reminder that we are in this together and when we find each other, it does get better!

Religious Exploration While there is no formal programming for Children's RE this morning, the Chalice Children's room (classroom 2) will be open for crafts, a snack and a story following the Story For All Ages for children who are present.

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.

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Potluck Luncheon Today Everyone is welcome to remain with us after today's worship service for our monthly potluck lunch. You need not have brought anything – just grab a plate and join the conversation!

New Member Class – Meaning of Membership This session is a conversation about what it means to be a member of Mill Creek. It will provide information and establish our shared expectations for membership. Join Rev. Greg after service today, 12 noon, in the MacArtor Library.

Congregational Blessing

Rev. Julia Hamilton, adapted

Today we offer our blessing:

May your mind be on fire
with wonder and wisdom;
May your heart be aflame
with love for this life;

May your hands be ignited with purpose;

And may your spirit be aglow
with courage and compassion.

You are a light unto the world,

And you carry our steadfast love with you
wherever you may go.

We bless you.

We love you.

May your life unfold with joy.

Mill Creek Summer Service Schedule

June 16 - Michael Brown

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

July 28 - Rev. Gregory Pelley - Poolside Theology

August 4 - Rev. Gregory Pelley - Poolside Theology

August 11 - Rev. Gregory Pelley - Poolside Theology

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

August 25 - Julia Smagorinsky

September 1 - Rev. Keith Goheen

September 8 - Rev. Gregory Pelley - Ingathering