

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

Drumming Workshop with Pape Demba “Paco” Samb

Saturday, July 28, 10:00am – 11:30am

In this workshop, Paco will teach you the basics of how to play the djembe (pronounced JEM-bay), a drum that is found all over West Africa, as well as a basic traditional multi-part rhythmic pattern called Kuku. **\$20 per person payable cash or check at the event. Ages 16 and up.** RSVP: Terry Vodery, dre@uusmc.org

Chalice Circle News

Our Chalice Circles are small groups (4 to 10 members) and are intended to provide a comfortable environment for sharing stories, experiences, and ideas. They are designed to augment and strengthen Sunday’s spiritual experience; the objective is to get to know each other on a deeper level and develop a richer spirituality. Chalice Circles usually meet once or twice a month for two to three hours. Meetings generally consist of a check-in, a guided discussion, and usually some informal social time at the end. **We have openings in our Daytime Circle** which meets monthly on the first Thursday at 12:30 pm, and our **Tuesday Evening Circle** which meets monthly at 7:15 pm on second Tuesdays. Contact Helen Springer at helen_springer@msn.com or 484-732-8641.

Interested in becoming an O.W.L. Instructor? Our Whole Lives (O.W.L.) training will be offered August 3 - 5 at Accotink UU Church in Burke, VA. Deadline to register is July 25, 2018. For further information contact our DRE office at dre@uusmc.org. Financial support is available.

Upcoming events

Family Fun time Ice Cream Social, TODAY

Book Group, Thursday, July 19

Drumming Workshop, Saturday, July 28

R.E. Teacher’s Meeting, Sunday, July 29

Youth Democracy Challenge, Friday, July 27

RE Classroom Cleaning & Door Decorating Party, Sat., Aug. 25

Ingathering, Sunday, September 9



July 15, 2018

Brian Hanson

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

Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek

A Welcoming Congregation

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Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister
Terry Vodery, Director of Religious Exploration
Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Music Director
Emily Johnston, Worship Associate
~ Order of Service ~
July 15, 2018

Ringing of the Chime

Prelude *Alive in the World* Jackson Brown

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 *The Safe* by Pedro Pablo Sacristán

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 *Lean On Me* #1021

Reading

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn *Comfort Me* #1002

Meditation

Offering *If I Had the World to Give* J. Garcia & R. Hunter

Sermon *The Gift of Giving* Brian Hanson

Postlude *Man in the Mirror* G. Ballard & S. Garret

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, Brian Hanson. A UU for 34 years and a member of Mill Creek since 1992, Brian is a graduate of MIT and a Vietnam-era Navy veteran. Professionally, he has been an engineer, writer, Web developer, and IT applications support person. Brian is a longtime bicyclist and former racer, and a lifelong singer; he took up euphonium, tuba and cello in his retirement, and has recently diversified into arranging music and conducting musical groups. He and his wife Jeanne teach Our Whole Lives and Coming of Age to our junior youth, and Brian also leads the church Pastoral Care team. His message, "The Gift of Giving," is the product of his participation in the Shared Pulpit workshop this past winter and spring.

Today's music is performed by The Jean Therapy Worship Trio, with Pete Bretz (keys), Jean Lenke (vocals), and Dan McKay (guitar).

Today in Religious Exploration we will continue what we started last week: the Chalice Children will continue talking about friendship; the Roots & Shoots friends will finish Hanging Shape Birdseed Feeders; and Youth in Grades 7-12 will talk about personality types and have a little fun.

Share Our Plate For the months of July and August we will be donating half of our undesignated plate offerings to Planned Parenthood. Planned Parenthood delivers vital reproductive healthcare, sex education and information to millions of people worldwide.

Today after worship service - Family Fun Time Ice Cream Social! The RE-Imagineers will be sharing ice cream with all the fixins'. There will be lawn games and plenty of fun for all.

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

Mill Creek Book Group meets this Thursday, July 19th at 7:30 pm in the MacArtor Library to discuss *The Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test* by Tom Wolfe. All are welcome! Contact Deanna Koepcke with questions, dkoepcke@hotmail.com