

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.)

Adult RE Planning Meeting A small group will be meeting on Wednesday, July 19th at 7 pm in the MacArtor Library to discuss basic Adult RE programming for the fall, and to begin looking at how to design a more comprehensive program for the future that fits with our new mission. Everyone is welcome to join us. For more information, contact Karen Rege at [302-373-1832](tel:302-373-1832) or karenrege@gmail.com.

Mill Creek Book Group Everyone is welcome to join us next Thursday, July 20th at 7:30 pm in the MacArtor Library when we discuss *I Am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai. Questions can be directed to Amy White, amywwhite@comcast.net

Share our School Supplies will begin next Sunday and run for several weeks. We will be providing book bags for sale for \$10; lists of suggested school supplies will be provided. These will be donated to students at East Side Charter School in Wilmington.

Social Justice meeting – join us after church next Sunday, July 23.

Family Fun Night - Ice Cream Social All generations are welcome to attend a special Ice Cream Social here at Mill Creek on Saturday evening, July 29 starting at 6:30 pm.

Mill Creek Potluck Pool Party Join us after church service on Sunday, August 6th at Chitra & Prakash Vaidy's house for a relaxing afternoon poolside. Bring your swimsuit & towel and a dish or beverages to share. **See the sign-up sheet in the gathering space;** or access the SignUp Genius link via the weekly email. Contact Steve Selph with questions, mutiny397@yahoo.com or 616-648-7316.

Upcoming events

Adult RE planning meeting – Wednesday, July 19

Book Group – Thursday, July 20

Butterfly Pavilion – Sunday, July 23

Social Justice meeting – Sunday, July 23

Ice Cream Social – Saturday, July 29

Potluck Pool Party – Sunday, August 6



Into the Wilderness: Shifting Gears

**July 16, 2017
Maggie McLaughlin**

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
~ Order of Service ~
July 16, 2017

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

Welcome & Announcements Ellen Justice, Worship Associate

Prelude Minuet 2 Bach

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 Maggie McLaughlin

Story For All Ages Maggie McLaughlin

If I Never Forever Endeavor by Holly Meade

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 Come Sing a Song With Me #346

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn When Our Heart is In a Holy Place #1008
(verse 2 only, no repeat)

Meditation

Offering The Ash Grove folk song

Reading

Sermon **Into the Wilderness:
Shifting Gears** Maggie McLaughlin

Postlude Swallowtail Jig folk song

*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.*

* 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, Helen Springer, helenspringer@icloud.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.

Meet today's guest speaker, Maggie McLaughlin. Maggie has been a member of Mill Creek since 2007 and lives in Oxford PA with her wife, Michele Cavanaugh.

Music today is provided by Joey Tosh-Morelli, violin. Joey is playing Bach and a couple fiddle tunes. He is 9 years old, likes Legos, video games and Star Wars, and has taken Suzuki violin lessons from Eddy Rosen-Wallberg since Kindergarten. This is the first time Joey has provided music for a whole service at Mill Creek! He is accompanied today by his parents, Vicky and Kristen Tosh-Morelli, who are doing their best playing guitars.

Children's Religious Education Today our children will explore the theme of "Wildness" and we plan to be outside in our meadow and in the park. *Please sign up your children for our visit to the Philadelphia Butterfly Pavilion on Sunday, July 23!*

Share Our Plate For the months of July and August we will be donating half of our undesignated plate offerings to **Arts Holding Hands and Hearts** (AHHAH) in West Chester, PA. AHHAH is an expressive arts and literacy based program, serving disadvantaged youth and their families in communities in Chester County, with the primary focus as Coatesville, PA. Their programs are designed to engage youth in mindful, artistic initiatives in order to establish positive pathways towards building a productive and fulfilling future.

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

2016-17 Pledge Year Came to a Close on June 30

We are still accepting payments toward open pledge commitments. 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, www.uusmc.org. Contact bookkeeper@uusmc.org or 302-369-2712 with any questions.

Attention all musicians! We have a few open dates in August. Contact Kristen Tosh-Morelli to volunteer to play, music@uusmc.org