

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.)

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, munity397@yahoo.com or 616-648-7316.

Upcoming events

Social Justice meeting – today after service

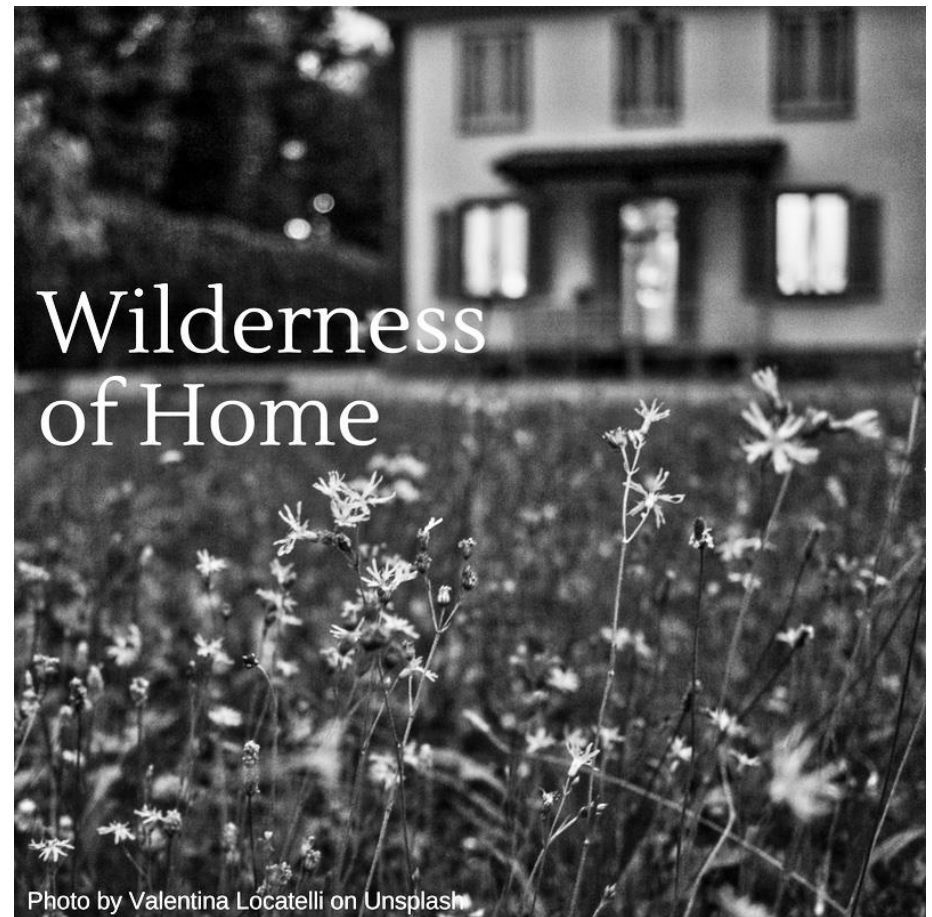
Celebration of Life-Ernie Freund – Wednesday, July 26

Ice Cream Social – Saturday, July 29

Potluck Pool Party – Sunday, August 6

Mill Creek Professional Staff

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July 23, 2017
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We are a community that invites you to awaken to love.

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

Welcome & Announcements Linda Lucero, Worship Associate

Prelude March from *The Hunt for Red October* Basil Poulidoris

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. Gregory S. Pelley

Story For All Ages Rev. Pelley

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 We Would Be One #318

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn Spirit of Life #123

Meditation

Offering Navy Hymn William Whiting & John Dykes

Reading The Moment by Margaret Atwood

Sermon **Wilderness of Home** Rev. Pelley

Postlude Men of Harlech Welsh 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.*

*Hymn Shall We Gather at the River #1046

* 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.

Today's music is performed by **Half Brassed**, so called because they make up half of the membership of the Clarion Brass, featuring Mill Creek members Gordon Roth on trumpet, Tom Hartline on trombone, and Brian Hanson on euphonium/tuba.

Children's Religious Education Today the children, along with parents and chaperones, are traveling to the Philadelphia Butterfly Pavilion where they will be immersed in all things fluttery, and learn the proper way to catch and handle butterflies so they will be ready when we tag the Monarchs later this summer.

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 --

Share our School Supplies is underway and will run for several weeks in the gathering space. 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 Committee meeting – join us after church today to learn about the committee's involvement in Family Promise, Share Our Plate program for the new church year, and other topics.

Celebration of Life – Ernie Freund Join us along with members of Ernie's family and friends this Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm as we celebrate the life of our friend and fellow Mill Creek member.