

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.)

**Social Justice Committee announces annual school supplies drive.** We collect backpacks and basic school supplies for children in our area without access to these items. Buy a backpack for \$10, fill and return by Sunday, August 14. Or bring in whatever listed supplies you can. Backpacks and supplies lists are in the gathering space.

**Mill Creek Book Group** Join us on Thursday, September 1 at 7:30 pm in the MacArtor Library when we discuss *The Sense of an Ending* by Julian Barnes. If interested, please contact Book Group Coordinator Amy White, [amywwhite@comcast.net](mailto:amywwhite@comcast.net) or 302-540-3094.

**Women's Beach Retreat** Mark your calendar for Friday, September 23 - Sunday, September 25 for a women's retreat at the Kegerise beach home in Lewes, Delaware. Plan to bring food to share. See the sign-up sheet in the gathering space. Contact Michele Cavanaugh with questions, 610-952-0890.

### Upcoming events

**Family Pool Party**, today after church service  
**Planned Parenthood presentation**, Sunday, August 14  
**Pastoral Care Workshop**, Saturday, August 20  
**Book Group**, Thursday, September 1  
**Newark Community Day**, Sunday, September 18  
**Women's Beach Retreat**, Friday-Sunday, September 23-25  
**Membership Workshop**, Saturday, October 1  
**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.  
Debra Damiani: Monday through Thursday 8 am - 1 pm.

### Mill Creek Professional Staff

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**July 24, 2016**  
**Rev. Gregory S. Pelley**

A Welcoming Congregation  
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Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek  
Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister  
~ Order of Service ~  
July 24, 2016

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

Welcome & Announcements Susan Klugerman, Worship Associate

Prelude "Afghan Song"

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 "Come and Go With Me" #1018

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn "When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place" #1008

Meditation

Offering "ETS"

Reading

Sermon *an infinite game* Rev. Pelley

Postlude "More Than Happy"

\*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 "Go Lifted Up" #1057

\* 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](mailto:mmclaughlin13123@gmail.com), Jack Guerin, [jackguerin7@gmail.com](mailto:jackguerin7@gmail.com), Eileen Selph, [caldwelleileen@hotmail.com](mailto:caldwelleileen@hotmail.com), or our minister, Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, [minister@uusmc.org](mailto:minister@uusmc.org). We hope you have found the service meaningful and our fellowship warm, and that you will be with us again.

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

**Today's music is provided by E. Shawn Qaissaune.** Shawn is a Berklee College of Music Alumnus, has been in demand as a multi-instrumentalist and composer for over twenty years. Sought out for his talents on guitar, bass, piano and both the rubab and dutar, instruments from his native Afghanistan, Shawn is known for his musical sensitivity, lyricism and spirited drive to create excitement among listeners and fellow musicians. Shawn divides his time between composition, performance, instruction, studio recording and engineering, and constructive outreach to the community. Mill Creek members will remember Shawn's appearance from last fall's *Afghan Jazz Project* concert as part of the Kaleidoscope Concert Series. Today's prelude, offering and postlude pieces are Shawn's own compositions.

**Next Week** – guest speaker Maggie McLaughlin concludes our month of Wonder with her message, "Inspired By Wonder."

**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 women, men, and young people worldwide.

**Planned Parenthood – High name recognition, low understanding of its Mission** To learn more about Planned Parenthood of Delaware, its programs and services (including the newest and improved birth control methods), and how politics are affecting reproductive health care, please join us on Sunday, August 14 to meet Ruth Lytle-Barnaby, President and CEO of PPDE, and her staff. Your questions will be answered and your suggestions heard for making an even better and more successful PPDE. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet other likeminded individuals who share similar allegiance to reproductive health and rights. We will meet in the sanctuary after church service and keep the time to one hour-we will not be soliciting contributions. A light lunch will be served. **Please RSVP** to Melissa Bryson, [mbryson@ppde.org](mailto:mbryson@ppde.org) or 302-655-7232 by Friday, August 12.