

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.)

Mill Creek Summer Service Schedule

August 4 - Rev. Gregory Pelley - Poolside Theology with Ram Ray

August 11 - Rev. Gregory Pelley - Poolside Theology with Anne Shuman

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

August 25 - Julia Smagorinsky "Gathering Roots"

September 1 - Rev. Keith Goheen

September 8 - Rev. Gregory Pelley – Ingathering

Congregational Survey Results Presentation – next Sunday immediately following the service, Tracy Morgan will review and share with the congregation the results of the recent survey.



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Upcoming Mill Creek Events

OWL Training, through today

Weekly Meadow Maintenance, Wednesday, July 31

Building & Grounds Chore Day, Saturday, August 3

Introduction to Mill Creek, Sunday, August 4

Congregational Survey results presentation, Sunday, August 4

Board Retreat, Friday & Saturday, August 9 & 10

Potluck Luncheon, Sunday, August 11

Ingathering & Water Communion, Sunday, September 8

Mill Creek Professional Staff

Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Lead Minister

minister@uusmc.org

>>Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9 am – 1 pm, and by appointment

Rev. Terry R. Vodery, Director of Religious Exploration

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>>Hours: Wednesdays & Thursdays 10 am – 3 pm, and by appointment

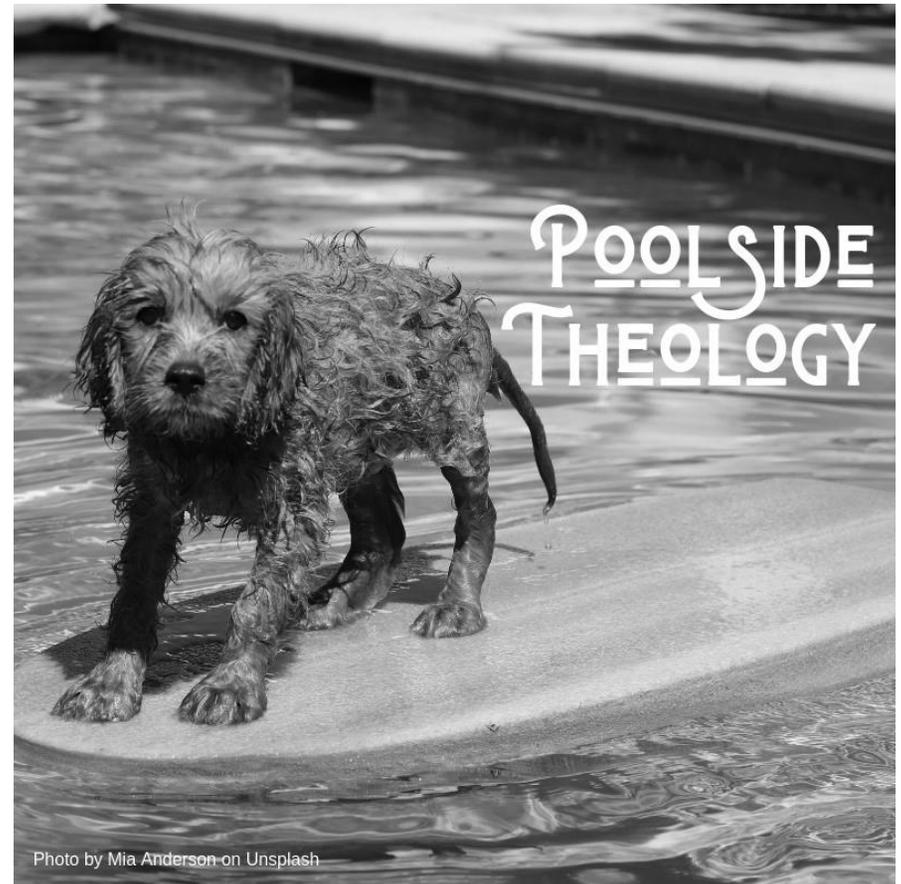
Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Music Director

music@uusmc.org

Debra Damiani, Congregational Administrator

administrator@uusmc.org

>>Hours: Monday-Thursday 8 am – 1 pm



July 28, 2019
Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

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

Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek
A Welcoming Congregation
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~ Order of Service ~

Prelude *Ofrenda* Chris Braddock

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

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 *As Tranquil Streams* #145

An Invitation to Religious Exploration

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn *Meditation on Breathing* #1009

Meditation

Offering *In My Room* Gary Usher & Brian Wilson

Sermon *Poolside Theology*
with Patti Ferich and Rev. Greg

Postlude *Married Life* from *Up*, Michael Giacchino

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 performed by Jeanmarie Braddock, violin and voice, and Chris Braddock, guitar and mandolin.

Religious Exploration This morning the children will be outdoors for a Mentos candy & Diet Coke geyser, and exploring the science behind the resulting 'explosion.' It's been called the vinegar and baking soda reaction for a new generation!

Share Our Plate For the months of July and August, half of our undesignated plate offering will be donated to **Meeting Ground, Inc.** in Cecil County, Maryland. Their mission is to respect and serve persons at risk of or experiencing homelessness with the goal of creating a path to a place they call home.

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

New & Improved Car Magnets Available in the Gathering Space

We have a new supply of car magnets. Anyone wishing to replace theirs is free to pick up one or more. Or, if you haven't picked yours up yet, there are four styles available – collect them all!

Weekly Email Communications Are you receiving our Thursday email? If not – you're missing out! It contains lots of information we can't fit in the order of service, includes links to registration meetings and events, and features local events of interest. Contact the church office and provide your email address to be included in the distribution list – administrator@uusmc.org

Share Our School Supplies – Mill Creek's Annual School Supplies Drive

The Social Justice Committee continues their school supplies drive. Stop by the table in the gathering space after service where empty book bags will be available for \$10 each (money collected will be used to purchase supplies as needed, as well as new bags for next years' drive). Fill the bag with suggested school supplies (a list of items is provided) and return on or before Sunday, August 18th when they will be recognized during the service then later donated to Eastside Charter School in Wilmington. Cash donations will be accepted, as well as miscellaneous/loose supplies. See Roberta Headley, or any member of the Social Justice team, with questions.