

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 – next week and beyond

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

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



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Upcoming Mill Creek Events

Weekly Meadow Maintenance, Wednesday, August 14

Board Retreat, Saturday August 17

Share Our School Supplies ends, Sunday, August 18

Ingathering & Water Communion, Sunday, September 8

Book Group, Thursday, September 19

Mill Creek Professional Staff

Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Lead Minister minister@uusmc.org

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

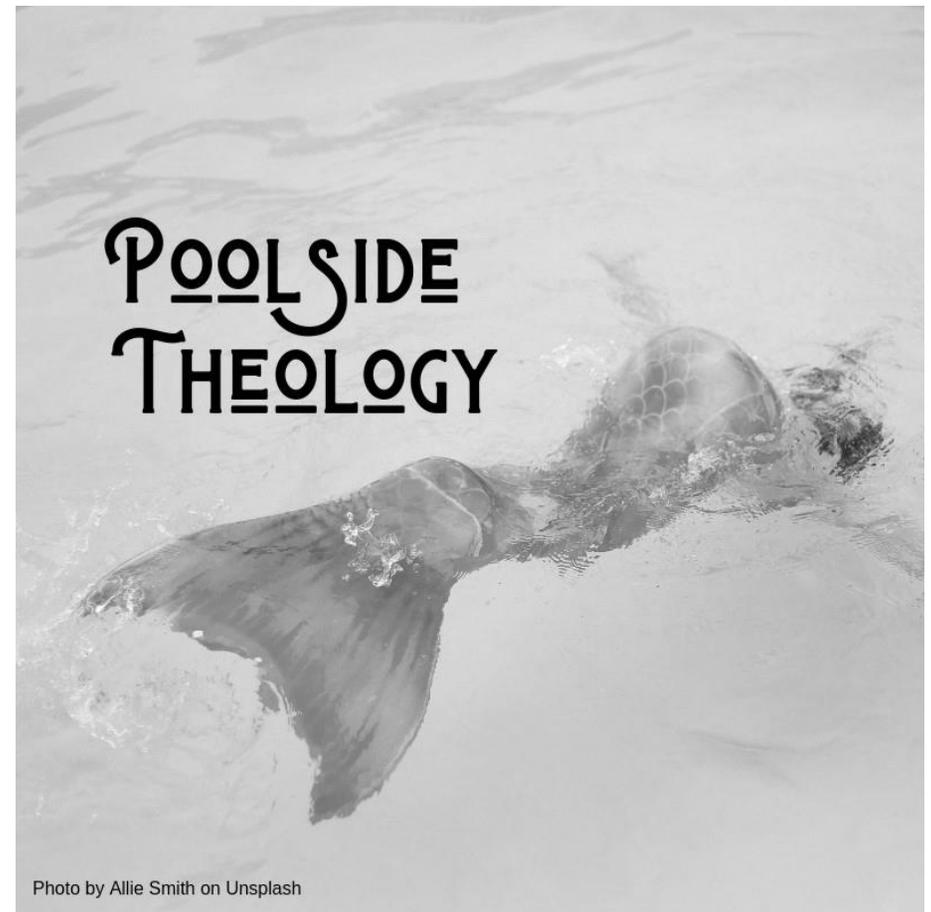
Rev. Terry R. Vodery, Director of Religious Exploration dre@uusmc.org

>>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



August 11, 2019
Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

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

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A Welcoming Congregation
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~ Order of Service ~

Prelude *Ring of Keys* from *Fun Home*

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 *Come, Come, Whoever You Are* #188

Reading

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn *Spirit of Life* #123

Meditation

Offering *Shadowland* from *Lion King, The Musical*

Sermon ***Poolside Theology***
with Anne Shuman and Rev. Greg

Postlude *Waiting for Life* from *Once On This Island*

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 Beth Ostrusky.

Religious Exploration "Buoyancy" What makes your boat float? In this lesson children will learn about buoyancy and how it is used in ship building. Children will make their own boats and compete to see which boat can hold the most pennies before sinking.

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 --

Potluck Luncheon Today! Everyone is warmly invited to remain with us after today's service for our monthly potluck lunch. You need not have brought anything – just take a plate and join the conversation!

Blessing of the Animals: next Sunday, August 18th

Next Sunday our worship service will be centered on the tradition of the Blessing of the Animals. This will be a multi-generational worship service where members and friends are invited to bring their well-behaved live pets; or a photograph of them; or even a stuffed animal to be blessed. We will also create space during the service to honor those animals that have died and remain in our memory - bring a photo or an object of remembrance of a beloved deceased pet and we will create a memorial altar. If you choose to bring a live animal, they must be **restrained at all times** and well-socialized. If you have allergies, please know that there will be live animals in our sanctuary, take care of yourself, even if that means having to miss this service.

Share Our School Supplies – Mill Creek's Annual School Supplies Drive Six remaining bags are available for \$10 each (money collected will be used to purchase supplies as needed, as well as new bags for next years' drive). All filled bags should be returned on or before next **Sunday, August 18th** when they will be recognized during the service then later donated to Eastside Charter School in Wilmington. See Roberta Headley, or any member of the Social Justice team, with questions.