

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.)

Coming this Fall: Adult RE Workshop - *The Work that Reconnects*

Saturdays: Sept 15; Sept 29; Oct 13; Oct 27, 9:00 – 1:00

Julia Smagorinsky leads this workshop, which explores how grief, anger and fear are healthy responses to the harsh realities of our time, and that when honored through the practice of *The Work that Reconnects*, they can free us from paralysis and move us toward creative action. Contact dre@uusmc.org with questions.

Attention RE Teachers – Mark your calendars! It's time to get ready for the New Year with the following "Touching Base" Meetings:

- Roots & Shoots Teachers – TODAY at 12 noon
- O.W.L. Teachers– Sunday, August 19, *before service* (9:15-10:15)
- ALL R.E. VOLUNTEERS (SERVING CHILDREN AND YOUTH) GATHER TOGETHER, Sunday, August 26 (11:45-1:00) Lunch provided.

Upcoming events

Potluck Lunch, today

Roots & Shoots teachers meeting, today

Share Our School Supplies Drive ends – next Sunday, August 19

RE Classroom Cleaning & Door Decorating Party, Sat., Aug. 25

Ingathering, Sunday, September 9

Mill Creek Professional Staff

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

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

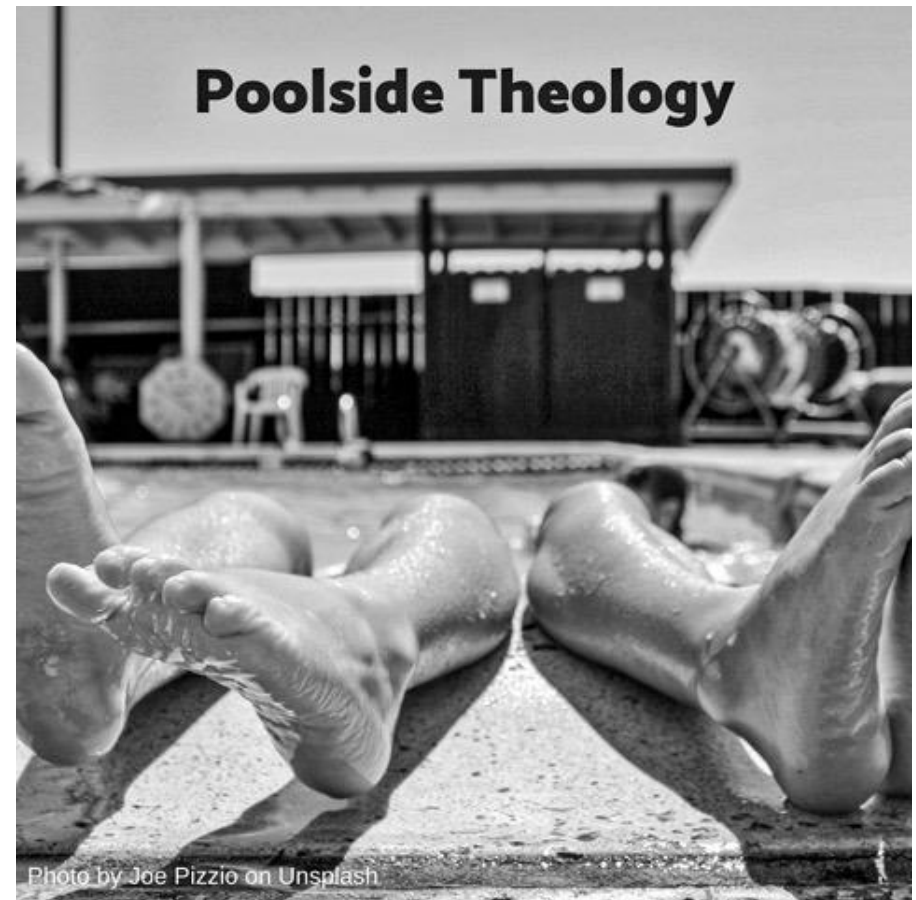
Terry Vodery, Director of Religious Exploration dre@uusmc.org

>>Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 9 am – 2 pm, and by appointment

Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Music Director music@uusmc.org

Debra Damiani, Office Administrator administrator@uusmc.org

>>Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 am – 1 pm



August 12, 2018
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 ~
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Ringing of the Chime

Prelude *The Forest* Cyril Caster

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 *I've Got Peace Like a River* #100

Reading *Gate 4-A* by Naomi Shihab Nye

Joys and Sorrows

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

Meditation

Offering *Instrumental Medley*

Sermon *Poolside Theology*
with Rev. Greg and Seetha Coleman

Postlude *In the Neighborhood* Catherine Braik Selin

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 FishCastle Music, a delightful musical confabulation featuring local multi-instrumentalists Cyril Caster and Catherine Braik Selin. Cyril and Catherine are currently recording their all-original children's album.

Children's & Youth Religious Exploration The Chalice Children will enjoy summer arts and crafts, snack and story. All other children and youth will take a break from R.E. until **2018-2019 Opening Day (September 16-Ingathering)** to allow their teachers to prepare for the year.

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 people worldwide.

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

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

Share Our School Supplies Drive Ends Next Sunday, August 19

The Social Justice Committee will conclude their school supplies drive next Sunday. Stop by the table in the gathering space after today's service where empty book bags will be available for \$10. Fill the bag with school supplies (a list of suggested supplies will be provided) and return on or before **next Sunday, August 19th** when they will be recognized during the service, then later donated to Eastside Charter School. Cash donations will be accepted, as well as miscellaneous school supplies.

RE Classroom Cleaning & Door Decorating Party Join us on Saturday, August 25, 10 am-12 noon, to clean out some clutter and get our classrooms ready for September. Bring your creativity and ideas to decorate the classroom doors for the fall RE classes. We'll play music and offer plenty of snacks to keep the party going!