

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.)

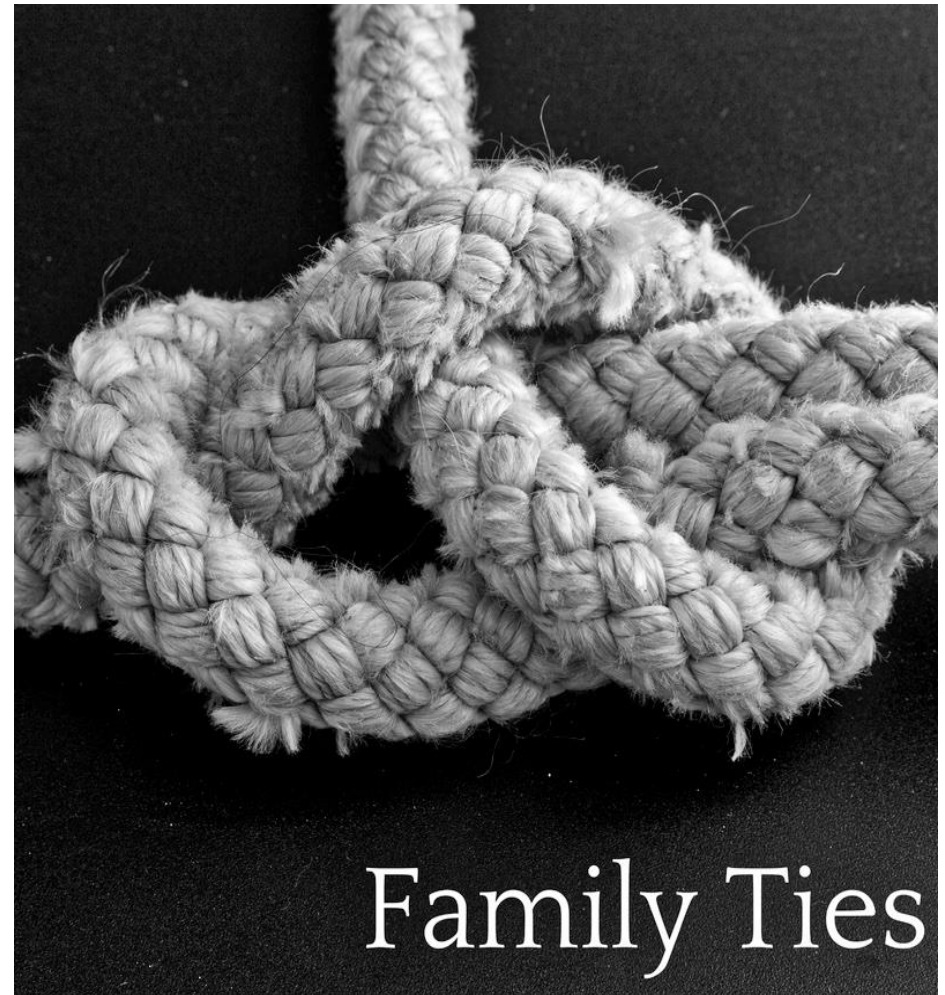
Mill Creek Book Group Join us on Thursday, September 1 at 7:30 pm in the MacArtor Library when we discuss *The Sense of an Ending* by Julian Barnes. If interested, please contact Book Group Coordinator Amy White, amywwhite@comcast.net or 302-540-3094.

Upcoming events

Planned Parenthood presentation, TODAY after service
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 Professional Staff

Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister minister@uusmc.org
Hours: Monday & Thursday 9 am-1 pm; Tuesday 1 pm-4 pm; by appt.
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August 14, 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 ~
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♥ Please silence cell phones, and hold applause until the end of service.

Welcome & Announcements Stephen Petersen, Worship Associate

Prelude **Adagio from Sonaten, opera I No. 1**
Jean Baptiste Loeillet de Gant

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 **“A Bundle of Sticks”** Aesop 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 **“Bright Morning Stars are Rising”** #357

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn **“When Our Heart Is In a Holy Place”** #1008

Meditation

Offering **Syrinx** Claude Debussy

Reading

Sermon **Family Ties** Rev. Pelley

Postlude **Ava Maria** J.S. Bach/C. Gounod

*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 **“No Matter if You Live Now Far or Near”** #181

* 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, Jack Guerin, jackguerin7@gmail.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.

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

Today's music is provided by Diana Headley Saunders on flute and Judith Jaeger on piano. **Diana Headley Saunders** has been a member of this congregation since 2004 and has taught R.E. and sings in the choir. She is a teacher at Wilmington Friends School and has resumed her flute playing in the past few years after a long hiatus. She played the flute in the New Jersey Symphony when she was in high school and was in several different musical ensembles at Dartmouth College. **Judith Jaeger** studied piano from the age of 8 until she was about 16 when she stopped playing seriously for over 40 years. She just started taking lessons again, and this is her first public piano performance since junior high school. If it shows, your patience is appreciated. If her performance is not too bad, much of the credit should go to Dr. Donna Beech, her extremely patient piano teacher. When not practicing piano, playing with her dogs, riding a horse or swinging kettlebells, Judy consults to pharmaceutical companies.

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 **today after service** 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 keep the time to one hour-we will not be soliciting contributions. A light lunch will be served.