

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 25 - Julia Smagorinsky “Gathering Roots”

September 1 - Rev. Keith Goheen

September 8 - Rev. Gregory Pelley – Ingathering

Book Group Announces Next Read: *Crimes Against a Book Club*, by Kathy Cooperman. Everyone is welcome to join us for our discussion of the book on Thursday, September 19th at 7:30 pm. Contact Deanna Koepcke at dkoepcke@hotmail.com

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 21

Ingathering & Water Communion, Sunday, September 8

Book Club, 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



blessing
of the
animals

August 18, 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

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

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 Turn the World Around #1074

Ritual of Remembrance

Sung Response Comfort Me #1002
"Comfort me...; Play with me...; Rest with me...; Comfort me..."

Offering

Reading

Blessing the Animals

Postlude

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 "Q" - **E. Shawn Quassaunee** (kay-saw'-nee). Berklee College of Music Alumnus Shawn Quassaunee has been sharing his music with the world for nearly thirty years. This year, "Q", as he is often referred to, performed at the Clifford Brown Jazz Fest, was a faculty member of the Boysie Lowery Living Jazz Legacy Jazz Camp, and later in the year will be headed to France for a VCCA (Virginia Center for Creative Arts) artist-in-residence. Q is joined by bassist **Scott Lynch**, an in-demand bassist, vocalist and all-around great musician, as well as a dedicated teacher in the Appoquinimink School District.

Religious Exploration Today's service is multi-generational – the children will remain in the sanctuary for the entire service.

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.

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Ingathering & Water Communion, Sunday September 8th

Join us for our annual Ingathering Celebration with Rev. Greg. Everyone is invited to bring a small amount of water to pour into the common bowl – symbolic water from your life – be it from your kitchen tap, garden hose or your favorite stream. This service will feature the return of our beloved choir, directed by Kristen Tosh-Morelli. We will enjoy a potluck lunch afterward – please bring a dish to share!

Peace. Justice. Hope. Love. All have a home here.

Show your pride in your UU faith, and your church - the welcoming Mill Creek congregation.

We have a new supply of improved car magnets. If you have one or more you'd like to replace, they are available in the gathering space. If you haven't picked yours up yet, there are four styles available - collect them all!