

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.)

Choir is back! Summer rehearsal for the Mill Creek Choir will be held at 9am on Sunday August 27 in preparation for our annual performance year kickoff at Ingathering on September 10. (There is also a rehearsal Sept. 10 at 9am.) The choir rehearses at 9am most Sundays between September 10 and late June, with performances at services twice per month. Membership in the choir is always open, with no audition or commitment required; choristers attend rehearsals as they are able, and perform when they feel comfortable. There are no weeknight rehearsals. To be placed on the email list for choir, contact music director Kristen Tosh-Morelli: music@uusmc.org. *The choir is always happy to welcome and include new members!*

You have a story. Each of our stories is part of a larger narrative of being human in this world, in this time. One of the most powerful spiritual practices we have is in the sharing of our stories and reflecting on the ways those stories awaken us to love, illuminate our humanity, connect us to the holy and ineffable - and common - experience of life. We invite you to join Rev. Greg for a **Shared Pulpit Workshop**, which will guide you in developing your story into a sermon and worship experience that you can share with the congregation. The workshop will meet on Saturdays from 9:00 - noon, beginning September 16. We will then meet approximately every three - four weeks: October 7, October 28, November 18, December 2, January 6, February 3, and February 10. Contact Rev. Greg (minister@uusmc.org) to sign up.

Upcoming events

Family Fun Night, Saturday, August 26

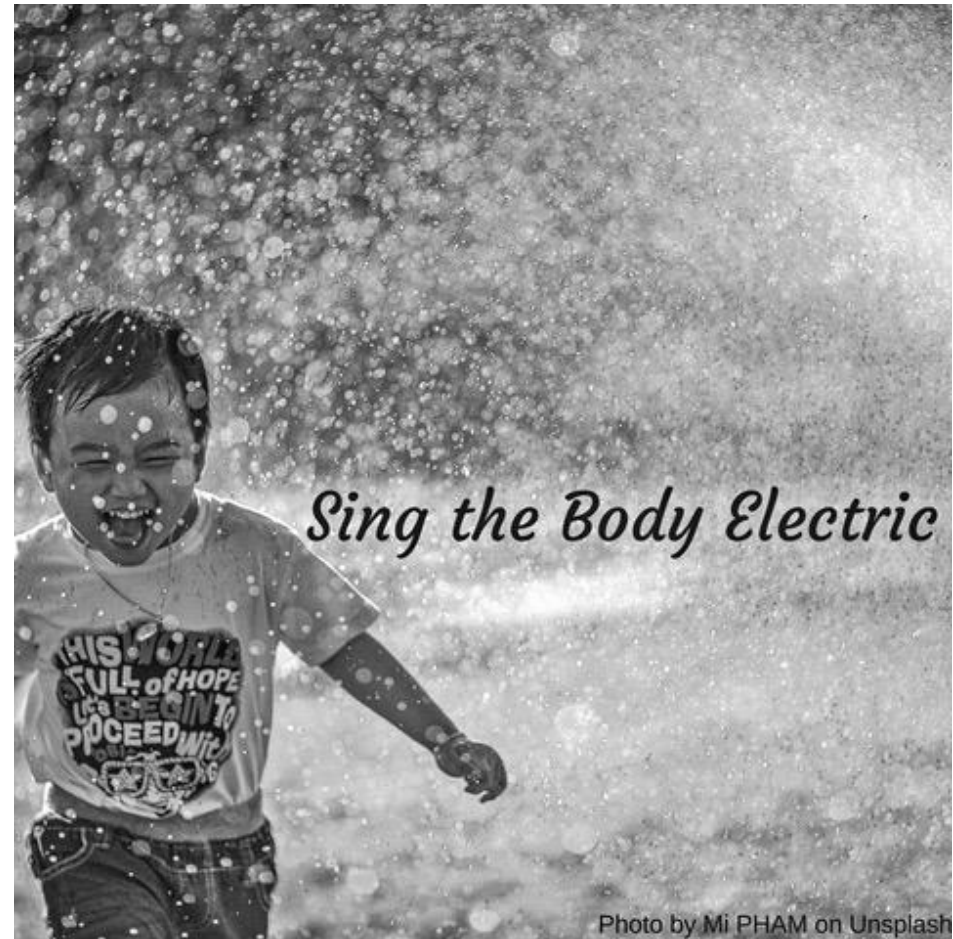
Choir Rehearsal, Sunday August 27

Ingathering, Sunday, September 10

Shared Pulpit Workshop, Saturday, September 16

Mill Creek Professional Staff

Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister minister@uusmc.org
>>Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, 9 am – 1 pm, and by appointment
Debra Damiani, Office Administrator administrator@uusmc.org
>>Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 am – 1 pm
Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Music Director music@uusmc.org



August 20, 2017
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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♥ Please silence cell phones, and hold applause until the end of service.

Welcome & Announcements Maggie McLaughlin, Worship Associate

Prelude Elizabethan Medley various

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 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 Answering the Call of Love #1014

Joys and Sorrows

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

Meditation

Offering Martha's Harbour T. Bricheno/J. Regan

Reading

Sermon **Sing the Body Electric** Rev. Pelley

Postlude Folk Song from the Notebook of Andy Hemmenway
Greek Traditional

***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.*

* 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, Helen Springer, helenspringer@icloud.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.

Today's music is performed by Jeanmarie Braddock, violin and voice, and Christopher Braddock, guitar. **Jeanmarie Braddock** is active both as a soprano soloist and violinist throughout Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Jeanmarie is currently a director of elementary school orchestras in the Brandywine School District. A graduate of West Chester University, she majored in voice and minored in violin. **Christopher Braddock** holds a Bachelor of Music Degree in classical guitar performance from the University of Delaware. He teaches at The Music School of Delaware, where he serves in several capacities.

Children's Religious Education Today we will be doing our regular meadow chores (looking for Monarch eggs, tending the Butterfly Garden and putting fruit out for the butterflies), and then we'll probably head to the park or take a short walk.

Share Our Plate For the months of July and August we will be donating half of our undesignated plate offerings to **Arts Holding Hands and Hearts** (AHHAH) in West Chester, PA. AHHAH is an expressive arts and literacy based program, serving disadvantaged youth and their families in communities in Chester County, with the primary focus as Coatesville, PA. Their programs are designed to engage youth in mindful, artistic initiatives in order to establish positive pathways towards building a productive and fulfilling future.

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

Visitor Reception The Mill Creek Membership Committee is hosting a visitor's reception today after the service. If you're new to Mill Creek, have visited once, twice or multiple times, you are warmly invited to join us and Rev. Greg in the MacArtor Library for fellowship and refreshments. Bring your questions! Childcare will be provided.

Share Our School Supplies Drive Ends in Success! A special thank you to everyone who participated in our annual school supplies drive. A total of 24 bookbags were collected with a surplus of extra supplies. All materials were distributed to Family Promise and East Side Charter School.