

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.)

Adult RE Offering: Listening to Our Lives

This class is designed for those who wish to engage seriously and open-heartedly with the perennial religious topics such as: inspiration, God, community, suffering, death, spiritual practice, living our gifts, and salvation. Rev. Greg will lead the group meeting (9 classes) on Monday evenings from **7:00 - 9:00 pm** beginning **September 24 through December 3**. Enrollment is limited to a minimum of 8, maximum of 12 participants who commit to attending all nine sessions. Please sign up in Realm, <https://bit.ly/2KSjkea> Contact Rev. Greg at minister@uusmc.org with questions.

Weekly Meadow Maintenance – a small group of devoted members and friends gather weekly to tend to our meadow and grounds. Anyone can join us! We meet outside the church every Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm and work for about 45 minutes, weather permitting. Join us this Wednesday, August 29th.

Upcoming events

Ingathering, Sunday, September 9
Guided Imagery & Music Workshop, Sunday, September 16
Book Group, Thursday, September 20
Listening to Our Lives, Monday, September 24
Family Fun Night, Friday, October 26

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
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Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Music Director music@uusmc.org
Debra Damiani, Office Administrator administrator@uusmc.org
>>Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 am – 1 pm



August 26, 2018
Megan Mathieson

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

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A Welcoming Congregation
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Ringing of the Chime

Prelude Prelude No.1 from Well Tempered Clavichord
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring J.S. Bach

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 Pancho Rabbit and the Coyote by Duncan Tonatiuh

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 Where Gentle Tides Go Rolling By #136

Reading Prayer for Immigrants by Jessica Vazquez Torres

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn Spirit of Life #123

Meditation A Litany of With-ness by Philip Lund

Offering Song Flor Peeters

Sermon **Mexico** Megan Mathieson

Postlude Finale E. Rinck

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.

Meet our guest speaker, Megan Mathieson. Megan is a second-year seminarian at Lancaster Theological Seminary in PA. Her home church is UU Gettysburg, and she is currently working as a student minister at UU of the Cumberland Valley. She hopes to become a UU parish minister soon.

Today's music is performed by Cathy Crusco. Cathy holds a bachelor of music degree from Immaculata University, PA and has taught at the elementary, middle and high school levels. She has served as organist, soloist and choir director in Dover area churches for the past 45 years. Having recently retired as music director at St. John the Apostle Church in Milford, she now enjoys substituting for area organists. Cathy sings with the Kent Chamber Choir and UD's Schola Cantorum, and is employed as a pianist and soloist for Pippin Funeral Home in Wyoming, DE.

Children's & Youth Religious Exploration Chalice Children will enjoy summer arts and crafts, snack and story. All other children & 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.

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

Adult RE Offering: Guided Imagery & Music Workshop

Join us on Sunday, September 16 from 9-10:15 am in classroom 4 (the blue room) as we welcome back Music Therapist, Tim Honig for a Guided Imagery and Music (GIM) workshop. This powerful session will give participants the opportunity to practice using music and imagery for self for growth, stress relief and wellness. The workshop will include a discussion of music and imagery in spiritual seeking. Free and open to adults. This is a drop-in session – don't miss it!

Mill Creek Book Group announces next book read: *Still Life* by Louise Penny. Everyone is welcome to join us for our discussion on Thursday, September 20 at 7:30 pm in classroom 4 – (the blue room). Contact Deanna Koepcke with questions, dkoepcke@hotmail.com