

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](mailto:amywwhite@comcast.net) or 302-540-3094.

### **Sept. 11 Remembrance Vigil**

The attacks of September 11, 2001 changed the world and our lives forever. On this 15 year anniversary, we come together for a time and space to light candles, speak our feelings and be in community. In our anger, hatred, sadness and confusion it is powerful to know that we are not alone. With Rev. Andrew Weber at UU Fellowship of Newark (420 Willa Rd, Newark, DE 19711). 8:00 pm, September 11, 2016.

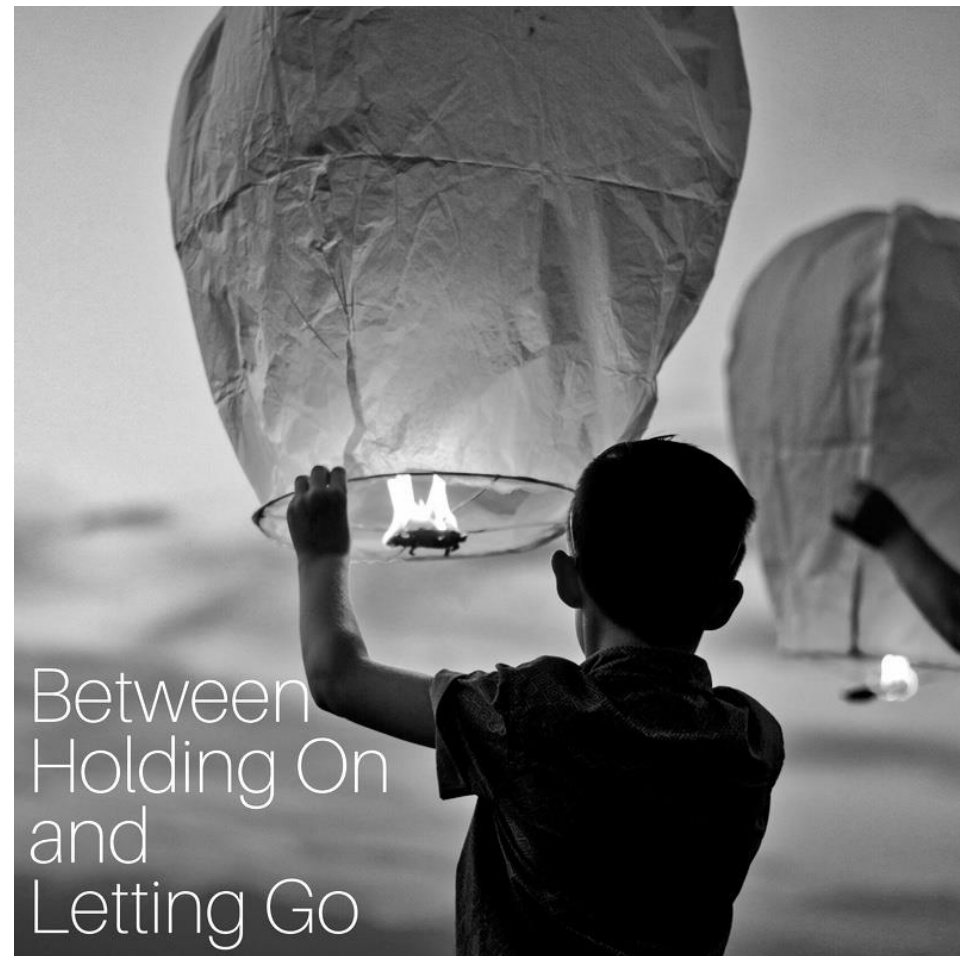
**Newark Community Day** Mark your calendar for Sunday September 18 and join us on the University of Delaware Green, 11 am-4 pm. This is a wonderful outreach opportunity to offer information about Unitarian Universalism and awareness of the presence Mill Creek to the local community. Your participation is encouraged! For more information contact Steve Selph, [mutiny397@yahoo.com](mailto:mutiny397@yahoo.com) or Eileen Selph, [caldwelleileen@hotmail.com](mailto:caldwelleileen@hotmail.com).

### **Upcoming events**

**Book Group, Thursday, September 1**  
**9/11 Remembrance Vigil, September 11**  
**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](mailto:minister@uusmc.org)  
**Hours:** Monday & Thursday 9 am-1 pm; Tuesday 1 pm-4 pm; by appt.  
Debra Damiani, Office Administrator [administrator@uusmc.org](mailto:administrator@uusmc.org)  
**Hours:** Monday-Thursday, 8 am-1 pm  
Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Music Director [music@uusmc.org](mailto:music@uusmc.org)



**August 28, 2016**  
**Debbie Cole**

A Welcoming Congregation  
302-369-2712  
[www.uusmc.org](http://www.uusmc.org)

Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek  
Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister  
~ Order of Service ~  
August 28, 2016

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

Welcome & Announcements Maggie McLaughlin, Worship Associate

Prelude

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 Debbie Cole

Story For All Ages Debbie Cole

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 “For the Beauty of the Earth” #21

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn “Spirit of Life” #123

Meditation

Offering

Reading *The Choice of Hanging On or Giving To* by Parker J. Palmer

Sermon *Between Holding On and Letting Go* Debbie Cole

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.*

\*Hymn “We Are Children of the Earth” #314

\* 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](mailto:mmclaughlin13123@gmail.com), Jack Guerin, [jackguerin7@gmail.com](mailto:jackguerin7@gmail.com), Eileen Selph, [caldwelleileen@hotmail.com](mailto:caldwelleileen@hotmail.com), or our minister, Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, [minister@uusmc.org](mailto:minister@uusmc.org). We hope you have found the service meaningful and our fellowship warm, and that you will be with us again.

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

**Meet our guest speaker, Debbie Cole.** Debbie Cole is a Unitarian Universalist Candidate Minister with a Master of Divinity degree from Meadville Lombard Theological School. She is a licensed pilot and certified diver who seeks adventure from within. *Debbie just completed a Chaplain Residency program* at Christiana Hospital working with the Palliative Care Team. Welcome back, Debbie!

**Today’s music** is provided by Jenna Knaster. Jenna recently graduated from the University of Delaware in instrumental music education with a concentration in flute. Currently, she is a graduate student studying music education as well as a performing musician around the Delaware and Pennsylvania area. Welcome back, Jenna!

**Share Our Plate** For the months of July and August we will be donating half of our undesignated plate offerings to Planned Parenthood.

**RE Imagineers – Energized By Possibility**

We have a great group working together to design and deliver programming for the upcoming church year. This week’s update on the team working together on the religious education program for this church year is about energy. There is a lot of positive energy around the planning for the year and we want to send out a thank you to **everyone** (from all years past) who brought us here to this point. It’s important to think about where we’ve been as we chart our path forward. The team assembled now is working on programming and logistics and as we do this we are mindful to keep our values top of mind. We see the coming year full of possibility and a great deal of team work. This translates to energetic teams focused on families, members, and especially children and youth to bring a collaborative program to our community. We’re looking for imaginative collaborators... RE Imagineers... are you one? If you’re interested in helping out, feel free to join the group on Monday evenings in classroom 1 at 7:30 pm. Or feel free to contact MQ Riding with your questions/comments/suggestions - [mq.riding@comcast.net](mailto:mq.riding@comcast.net)

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

### REGISTRATION:

- Register online at <http://registration.uudelmarva.org/>
- Send your payment to First Unitarian Church of Wilmington, 730 Halstead Road, Wilmington, DE 19803
- Housing is allotted on a first-come-first-served basis. A registration is considered received when the check is received at First U. Note – NO online payments will be accepted.

### ACCOMMODATIONS:

- Rooms available within the conference center (new this year!)
- Navajo Cottages – familiar & cozy
- Tent Camping – more rugged
- Off-site accommodations available

### SATURDAY WORKSHOP:

**How We Can Live Out Our Shared Mission by Working Together**  
Join Rev. Greg Pelley for a collaborative workshop along with Rev. Greg Chute, Rev. Paula Maiorano, and Rev. Roberta Finkelstein. For as long as liberal religion has existed, the idea of autonomous congregations working together for both mutual support and the greater good has been a part of our story. From the Radical Reformation to the Puritans of the Cambridge Platform to contemporary times we have always tried to be a community of autonomous congregations. That is, we maintain our autonomy as separate and unique congregations, but we work together to allow ourselves to be more effective, more efficient, and sometimes even more fun together!

We begin this workshop with the panel of ministers who will briefly share their thoughts on the history and theology of this idea of being better together. Then we will break into smaller groups to consider how we contemporary UU's might live up to the ideals of our ancestors.

**FIND OUT MORE!** <http://uudelmarva.org/cluster-retreat>

## UU Delmarva Retreat!! October 7-9 2016



Come in fellowship to share your part of the tree of UU growing on the Delmarva Peninsula.

- Come for the weekend or just for the day. Full day of programming Saturday. Worship Sunday.
- Saturday workshops and Sunday service lead by teams of our ministers!
- All of the fun Camp Tockwogh activities: campfires, hiking, boating, archery, music, yoga, dancing, etc.
- New lodging and conference center

## Breath of Life Tree of Life UU Life



Offers of help or questions, contact: [jon.claney@gmail.com](mailto:jon.claney@gmail.com) (302) 300-6637, Registrations and donations for scholarships: [uudelmarva.org/cluster-retreat](http://uudelmarva.org/cluster-retreat) Facebook: Delmarva UU Retreat 2016