

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.)

Coming this Fall: Adult RE Workshop - *The Work that Reconnects*

Saturdays: Sept 15; Sept 29; Oct 13; Oct 27, 9:00 – 1:00

Julia Smagorinsky leads this workshop, which explores how grief, anger and fear are healthy responses to the harsh realities of our time, and that when honored through the practice of *The Work that Reconnects*, they can free us from paralysis and move us toward creative action. Contact dre@uusmc.org with questions.

We have openings in our Daytime Chalice Circle which meets monthly on the first Thursday at 12:30 pm, and our **Tuesday Evening Circle** which meets monthly at 7:15 pm on second Tuesdays. Contact Helen Springer at helen_springer@msn.com or 484-732-8641.

Attention RE Teachers – Mark your calendars! It's time to get ready for the New Year with the following "Touching Base" Meetings:

- Roots & Shoots–Sunday, August 12, after service (11:45 – 12:45)
- Youth Advisors– Sunday, August 12, before service (9:15-10:15)
- O.W.L. Teachers– Sunday, August 19, before service (9:15-10:15)
- ALL R.E. VOLUNTEERS (SERVING CHILDREN AND YOUTH) GATHER TOGETHER, Sunday, August 26 (11:45-1:00) Lunch provided.

Upcoming events

Board Retreat, Saturday, August 11

Potluck Lunch, next Sunday, August 12

Share Our School Supplies Drive ends – Sunday, August 19

RE Classroom Cleaning & Door Decorating Party, Sat., Aug. 25

Ingathering, Sunday, September 9

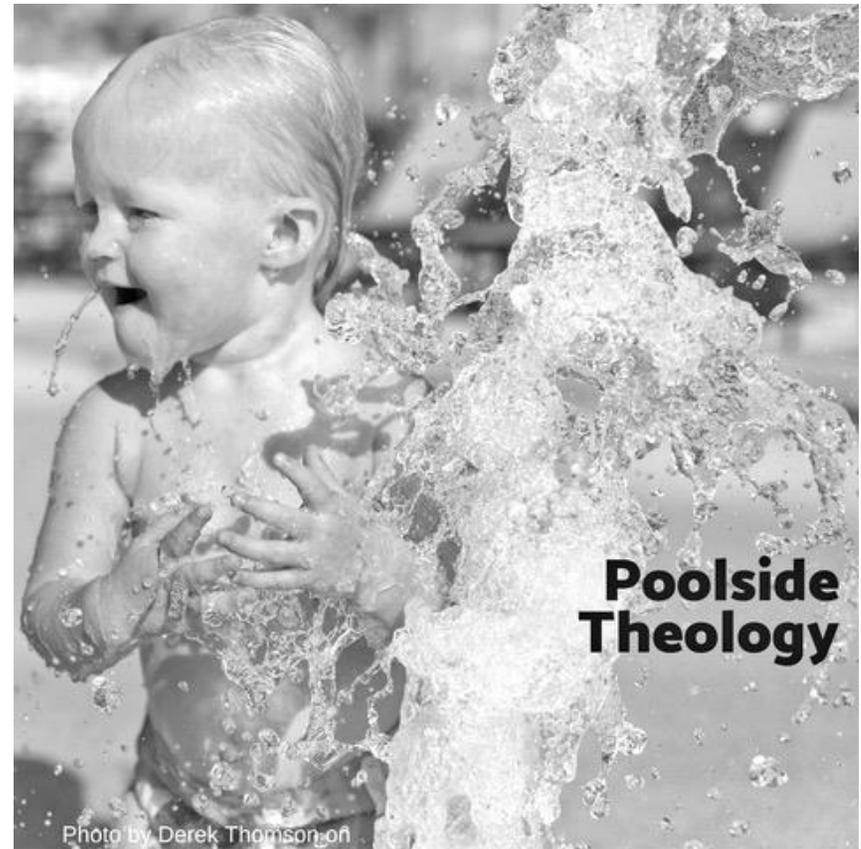
Mill Creek Professional Staff

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 5, 2018

Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

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

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A Welcoming Congregation
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~ Order of Service ~
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Ringing of the Chime

Prelude *Pneuma* Kevin J. Cope

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 *A Town Called Driftwood* by Aaron McEmrys

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 *Wade in the Water* #210

Reading *The Fabric of Community* by Peter Block

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn *Spirit of Life* #123

Meditation

Offering *Sikah Baladi* Kevin J. Cope

Sermon **Poolside Theology**
with Fred Tarburton and Rev. Greg

Postlude *Twilight at the Dawn* Kevin J. Cope

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 returning guest musician Kevin J. Cope. Kevin is a graduate of the U of DE with music composition and guitar performance master's degrees. His recently released CD of original compositions, "Destination Unknown," is described by Classical Guitar Magazine as "a fascinating and stimulating debut that gets better and better the more you listen to it." (See Kevin after the service to purchase a copy.) Kevin serves as the president of the Philadelphia Classical Guitar Society and is also an experienced guitar instructor currently working with the University of Delaware Community Music School, and the Darlington Arts Center in PA. His music and additional information can be found at www.kevinjcope.com.

Today in Children's & Youth R.E. The Chalice Children will enjoy summer arts & crafts, snack and story. All other children and youth will take a break from R.E. until **2018-19 Opening Day, September 9** (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 --

Next Sunday, August 12 – Potluck Lunch. Everyone is welcome to join us for our monthly potluck lunch. Bring a dish to share.

Share Our School Supplies – Mill Creek's Annual School Supplies Drive
The Social Justice Committee continues their school supplies drive. Stop by the table in the gathering space after today's service where empty book bags will be available for \$10. Fill the bag with school supplies (a list of suggested supplies will be provided) and return on or before Sunday, August 19th when they will be recognized during the service, then later donated to Eastside Charter School. Cash donations will be accepted, as well as miscellaneous school supplies.

RE Classroom Cleaning & Door Decorating Party Join us on Saturday, August 25, 10 am-12 noon, to clean out some clutter and get our classrooms ready for September. Bring your creativity and ideas to decorate the classroom doors for the fall RE classes. We'll play music and offer plenty of snacks to keep the party going!