

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 --

Sept. 11 Remembrance Vigil

Everyone is welcome to join Rev. Andrew Weber at UU Fellowship of Newark tonight at 8 pm. On this 15-year anniversary, we will come together for a time and space to light candles, speak our feelings and be in community.

Newark Community Day Mark your calendar for Sunday September 18 and join us on the U of D Green, 11 am-4 pm. This is a wonderful outreach opportunity to offer information about UUism and awareness of the presence Mill Creek to the local community. Your participation is encouraged! For more info, contact Steve Selph, mutiny397@yahoo.com or Eileen Selph, caldwelleileen@hotmail.com.

Social Justice Committee Meeting Join us on Sunday, Sept. 18 after church service in the MacArtor Library to help us plan the Charity Gala Fund Raiser.

Adult RE Class – Creating Meaning in Our Lives (Listening to Our Lives Part 2) This class is designed for those who have already participated in Rev. Greg’s “Listening to Our Lives.” If you have participated and want to continue exploration, a group will be meeting for 6 sessions on the following Wednesdays from 7-9 pm: Sept. 28; Oct. 5 & 26; Nov. 2 & 30; Dec. 7. We will further the creation of meaning in our lives through discussion, reading, reflection and exercises. See the signup sheet in the gathering space or email karenrege@gmail.com by Wednesday, Sept. 21.

Upcoming events

9/11 Remembrance Vigil, tonight
Social Justice committee meeting, Sunday, September 18
Newark Community Day, Sunday, September 18
Women’s Beach Retreat, Friday-Sunday, September 23-25
Creating Meaning in Our Lives, Wednesday, September 28
Membership Workshop, Saturday, October 1
Delmarva Cluster Retreat, October 7-9
Charity Gala, Saturday, October 15



September 11, 2016
Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

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Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek
Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister
~ Order of Service ~
September 11, 2016

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

Welcome & Announcements Catherine Kegley, Worship Associate
Prelude **“Gabi Gabi”** traditional South African praise song

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: Part I **“Nobiah’s Well”** by Donna W. Guthrie

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 **“Fire of Commitment”** #1028

RE-Imagineers

Story: Part II

Centering Hymn **“When Our Heart is In a Holy Place”** #1008

Pastoral Prayer

Offering **“One Voice”** Ruth Moody

Story: Part III

Homily Rev. Pelley

Music **“Already Home”** Andrew Lloyd Webber

Responsive Reading *See right column >>*

Gathering the Waters

Recessional **“Siyahamba”** #1030

***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, Jack Guerin, jackguerin7@gmail.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 provided by the Mill Creek choir, directed by Kristen Tosh-Morelli and accompanied by Pam Allenstein. Welcome home!

Share Our Plate Today’s special offering is for our Agape Fund which helps Mill Creek members in need throughout the year, and for our Minister’s Discretionary Fund which helps those in the larger community.

Responsive Reading by Tom Rhodes

Minster: Now is the time of gathering.

Congregation: From the scattered drops and rivulets of our individual lives we come together.

Minister: Singly and in community, our lives merge, separate,

Congregation: and merge again.

Minister: From the rush and cascade of our daily activities, we come to this place of quiet reflection

Congregation: where we may pool our hopes and dreams, pause, and peer beneath the surface to consider the deeper currents of our lives.

Minister: Like rivers to the sea, we come to this, our spiritual home.

Congregation: May we each be lifted up, may we pour ourselves out, receiving and sharing the blessings of this time and place.

Gathering the Waters In this annual ritual, we invite everyone to come forward with water they have brought from their lives. (If you did not bring water with you, there is water provided that you may use.) Approach the front of the sanctuary along the right side – as you face the pulpit. If you choose, please share where the water comes from and what it represents. In the sharing, please use this simple format: “From _____, I bring _____.” For example, “From **my garden hose**, I bring **connection**.”