

**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**

**Upcoming Mill Creek Events**

**Weekly Meadow Maintenance**, Wednesday, September 18

**Book Club**, Thursday, September 19

**Autumnal Equinox Gathering**, Saturday, September 21

**Jane Frelick Memorial Service**, Saturday, October 5, 2 pm



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**Mill Creek Professional Staff**

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>>Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9 am – 1 pm, and by appointment

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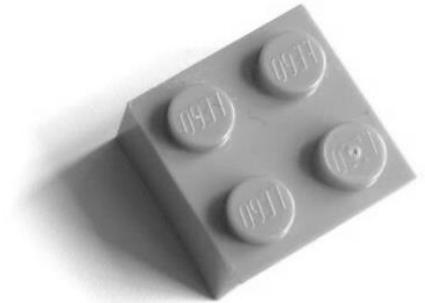
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>>Hours: Monday-Thursday 8 am – 1 pm

The artworks featured in our sanctuary were created by Helen Springer, Roberta Headley, Diane Hofer, and Yolanda Chetwynd, and were installed by Jo Redbird. **Helen Springer** works with watercolors and has shown works at The Square Pear Gallery in Kennett Square, PA, the Newark Arts Alliance Gallery and the Center for the Creative Arts in DE, and was a participant in the Kennett Square Weekend of the Arts. **Roberta Headley** earned her Master's in Psychology from George Washington University and later began teaching Kindergarten. Since retiring she has enjoyed classes at Osher Life Long Learning and now focuses on painting landscapes.

**Diane Hofer** has been an amateur photographer for decades; she tends to focus on landscapes and the world at large but has also produced various promotional works, samples of which can be found in in the gathering space. **Yolanda Chetwynd** is a practicing artist; she received a Bachelor of Arts First Class Honors from Camberwell School of Art in England. She continued graduate work at the Slade, part of London University, receiving her High Diploma in 1987. Since then she has received numerous scholarships, awards and grants for her work, and continues to show her work nationally and internationally.



*seeds of creativity*

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**September 15, 2019**  
**Rev. Gregory S. Pelley**

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

Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek  
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~ Order of Service ~

Prelude

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.*

Blessing of the Board of Trustees (see insert)

Commissioning the Religious Exploration Team

*It takes a village to raise a child.*

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 *Break Not the Cycle* #323

Reading

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn *Spirit of Life* #123

Meditation

Offering

Message *Seeds of Creativity* Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

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.*

**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](mailto:tracymorgan2000@verizon.net), 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.

**Today's music** is performed by Paige Landau.

**Children's and Youth Religious Exploration** Following the Story for All Ages, children & youth are invited to depart from the sanctuary to our education wing. We'll engage in fun and learning as we begin to get to know one another. Welcome back!

**Share Our Plate** For the months of September and October we will be sharing half of our undesignated plate offering to the **Unitarian Universalist Delaware Advocacy Network (UUDAN)**. UUDAN has a leadership team with representation from all 5 Delaware congregations. It offers a new dimension for Unitarian Universalist social justice programs in Delaware, providing a vehicle to research and draft legislation and lobby for reform measures in Dover.

**-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --**

**Book Group** Everyone is welcome to join us for our discussion of *Crimes Against a Book Club* by Kathy Cooperman. We'll meet this Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in classroom 4. Contact Deanna Koepcke with questions, [dkoepcke@hotmail.com](mailto:dkoepcke@hotmail.com)

**Autumnal Equinox Gathering** Everyone is welcome to join us on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm as we recognize and celebrate the changing of the seasons, and enjoy our meadow in its late summer splendor. We'll gather in the Memorial Garden to watch the sunset (if weather permits) while Rev. Greg shares some words of peace and hope. Afterwards we'll have a pot-luck meal and campfire. Everyone, young and old, are welcome! Bring a simple dish to share, along with your blankets and lawn chairs. Contact Jamie Kegerise with questions, [jamie@dsofurniture.com](mailto:jamie@dsofurniture.com)

**Climate Strike in Delaware** The global climate strike initiative hopes to shine a light on the ongoing climate crisis in a way that cannot be ignored. The Delaware Environmental Institute, the Green Liaisons, the Sierra Club-Delaware, and other groups are hosting a climate strike on The Green in front of Memorial Hall at the center of the University of Delaware campus on Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-3:00 pm. Use this link to RSVP: <https://bit.ly/2IS6fud>

**ADULT RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION PROGRAM 2019-20****DROP-IN CLASSES**

No registration required, just drop in:

**What We Choose**

This discussion series will deepen and expand participants' knowledge and skills for a process of ethical reflection that is central to living our UU faith. Drop in Sunday mornings in the MacArtor Library, 9:15-10:15.

**The Language of LGBTQ**

What is the current terminology used when addressing our LGBTQ friends? How does one know which is correct? Kurt Doan will lead a workshop on the language of the LGBTQ movement. (Date to be determined.)

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Use the corresponding link to register (OR use this link to view the entire catalog <http://bit.ly/FallARECatalog2019>):

**Finding Our Stories** In this short series we will work with our personal stories to help illuminate what matters most to us. Wednesday evenings with Rev. Greg, 6:30-8:30 pm, 9/25, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16. Register: <http://bit.ly/FindingOurStories>

**Theology Through the Lens** This will be an exploration of traditional theological categories through the photographic lens. Access to a camera is required (cell phone ok). Tuesday evenings with Rev. Greg, 6:30-8:30 pm, 10/1, 10/15, 10/29, 11/12, 11/26, 1/7, 1/21, 2/4. Register: <http://bit.ly/TheoLens>

**Memoir Writing Workshop** Author and writing coach Myrle Bowe presents a 5-week writing course about memories, feelings, people and their influence on us. Tuesday mornings, October 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 10 am-12 noon. Register: <http://bit.ly/MemoirAtMillCreek>

**The Work That Reconnects** This one-day workshop will enliven and motivate us to see with new eyes how we each can play our part in creating new and life-sustaining ways to be with each other, and live with our beautiful Planet Earth. Join Julia Smagorinsky and Judy Myerson on Saturday, November 16, 9 am-5 pm in the church sanctuary. Register: <http://bit.ly/WTRatMillCreek>

## Blessing of the Board of Trustees

We, the members of this congregation  
Express to this congregation's Board of Trustees  
Our gratitude for your investment  
in our community,  
Our trust in your integrity and wisdom,  
Our support of your leadership,  
And our enduring loyalty to the  
Mission and Vision of this church.

We pledge to do what is within our power  
To make your stewardship of our shared future  
And experience of discovery,  
Accomplishment, and growth.

Together we may make this community  
A beacon of reason, compassion, and freedom,  
And a witness to the power of love  
And aspiration to make a better world.