

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.)

Planting trees in our meadow. A small group of us is beginning the process of converting a part of the meadow to woods by planting several trees. Please contact Jamie Kegerise, jamie@dsofurniture.com, Amy White, amywwhite@comcast.net, or John Springer, john_springer@msn.com, with your questions. Our hope is to begin planting native trees this November, with support and participation.

Building Community: A Delmarva Cluster Event

Saturday, September 22nd, 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

First Unitarian Church of Wilmington, 730 Halstead Road, Wilmington
Join other UU congregations of the Central East Region for a day of networking, learning & connecting. **Learn** how to use social media to advance your community; **discover** new ways to encourage volunteerism in your congregation; **invigorate** your church's social justice programs; **find out** about new requirements for Welcoming Congregations; and more. \$10 registration fee. Lunch is provided with registration; child care available by RSVP. <https://www.uua.org/central-east/events/region/building-community-wilmington-918>

Social Justice Committee meeting next Sunday, September 23rd after church service.

Upcoming events

Book Group, Thursday, September 20

Building Community, Saturday, September 22

Social Justice meeting, Sunday, September 23

Listening to Our Lives, first class, 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

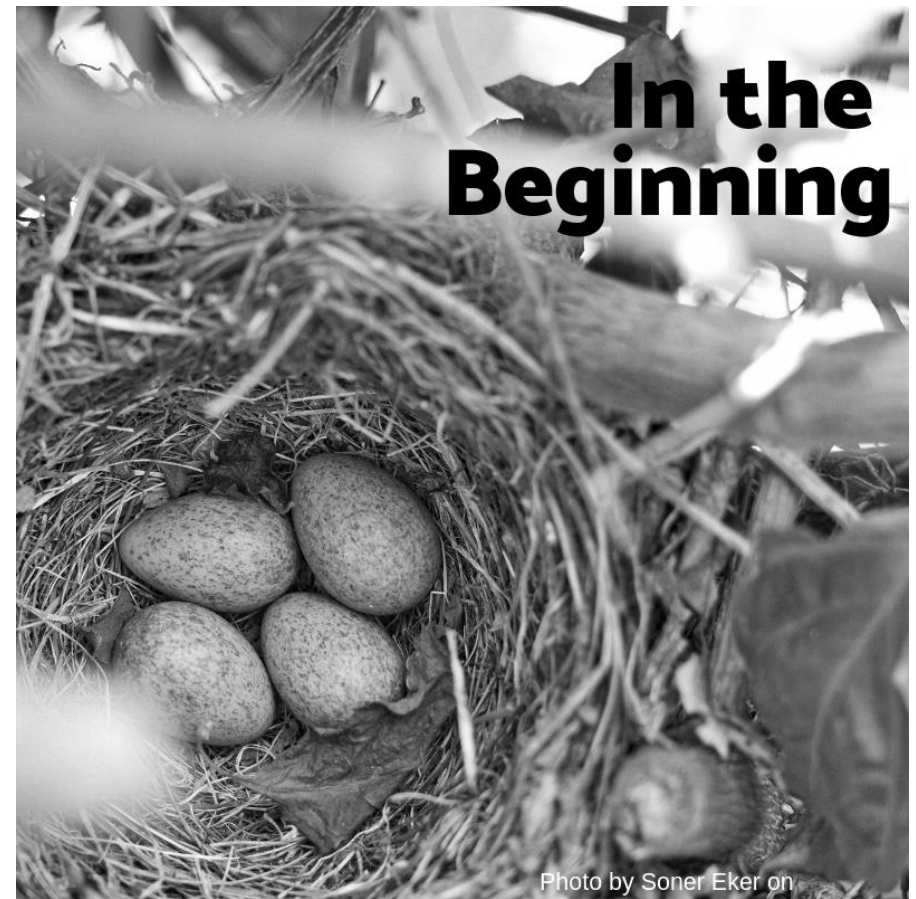
Terry Vodery, Director of Religious Exploration dre@uusmc.org

>>Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 9 am – 2 pm, and by appointment

Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Music Director music@uusmc.org

Debra Damiani, Office Administrator administrator@uusmc.org

>>Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 am – 1 pm



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

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Ringing of the Chime

Prelude *Bach Suite no. 3 In C major, Sarabande*

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 *From the Floating Bridge of Heaven*
as collected by Sofia Lyon Fahs and Dorothy T. Spoerl

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 *Hevenu Shalom Aleychem* #415

Reading *Genesis 1*

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn *Spirit of Life* #123

Meditation

Dedication of Max Anders

Offering *Movements from the Muczynski Gallery Suite
for Unaccompanied Cello*

Sermon *In the Beginning* Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

Postlude *The Swan from The Carnival of the Animals* Saint-Saëns

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 Jasmine Lee. Jasmine is a member of the Class of 2019 at the University of Delaware where she studies Cello with Dr. Lawrence Stomberg. She is getting a Bachelor's of Music degree in Music Education with an Instrumental concentration and a Theatre Studies Minor. Jasmine has a passion for the arts and theater and pursues these passions as an active member of the music and theater community at and around the University of Delaware.

It's Religious Exploration Kick-Off Day! Following the Story for All Ages, Children and Youth will report to their classrooms for an hour of learning, friendship and fun! Welcome Back! **Registration** is essential to our program's planning, purchasing, communication, and overall successful management. If you haven't yet registered your child or youth, hard copy registration forms are located on the church bulletin board.

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 UU social justice programs in Delaware, providing a vehicle to research and draft legislation and lobby for reform measures in Dover.

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

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

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/2KSikea> Contact Rev. Greg at minister@uusmc.org with questions.