

**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.)

**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](mailto:karenrege@gmail.com) by Wednesday, Sept. 21.

**Return of Ladies Art Night – Wednesday, Sept. 28** Join artist Jo Redbird ([joworme@gmail.com](mailto:joworme@gmail.com)) in the church sanctuary for this fun night for art. We will meet every other week.

**Charity Gala – Sunday, October 15 at 5:30 pm.** Tickets are available for sale today in the gathering space after church service. \$20 each.

### Upcoming events

**Newark Community Day**, today 11am-4pm

**Social Justice meeting**, today after service

**Women's Beach Retreat**, Friday-Sunday, September 23-25

**UU Fiber Friends**, Tuesday, September 27

**Membership Workshop**, Saturday, October 1

**Charity Gala**, Saturday, October 15

**Delmarva Cluster Retreat**, October 7-9

### Mill Creek Professional Staff

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**September 18, 2016**  
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**Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek**  
**Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister**  
**~ Order of Service ~**  
**September 18, 2016**

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

Welcome & Announcements Ellen Justice, Worship Associate

Prelude **“Connected”** Brian Tate

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 For All Ages Rev. Pelley

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 **“Morning Has Come”** #1000

Joys and Sorrows

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

Meditation

Offering **“Let Me Find Some Quiet Place”** Clevenger

Reading **“I Want to Be With People”** by Dana Worsnop

Sermon **Little i in the big C** Rev. Pelley

Postlude **“Keepers of a Light”**

Music Tom Benjamin; text Elaine Gardine

**\*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 ...”** #1051

\* 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.

**Today's music** is provided by the Mill Creek choir, directed by Kristen Tosh-Morelli and accompanied by Pam Allenstein.

**Today's flowers** are in friendship from Robert, Ellen & Conrad's garden.

**Share Our Plate** During the months of September and October we will be sharing half of our undesignated plate offering to the newly formed advocacy organization, 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 --**

**Newark Community Day** Join us today after service 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

**Social Justice Committee Meeting** Today after church service in the MacArtor Library. All are welcome to help us plan the Charity Gala Fund Raiser.

**RE-Imagineers – Organic Religious Education – Begins Today!**

The participants in the RE wing will be exploring Community, Rev. Greg's topic for September. Children and youth are welcome to join in the fun! There will be storytelling and activities as well as our own community building. We're looking forward to seeing everyone there!

**UU Fiber Friends Meets Biweekly** If you like to knit, crochet, embroider, sew, spin, felt or do any other handicraft, or simply enjoy the pleasure of warm conversation, please join us for UU Fiber Friends. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of every month. Join us for our next gathering on Tuesday, September 27 at 7 pm in the MacArtor Library.