

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.)

**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](mailto: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/2KSjkea> Contact Rev. Greg at [minister@uusmc.org](mailto:minister@uusmc.org) with questions.

**Planting trees in our meadow.** A small group of us has proposed to our board that we convert a part of the meadow to woods and the board supports pursuing the idea. While the benefits of planting trees are plentiful, it would take time and dedication to maintain the trees, and so we need your input. Do you support this idea? What questions or concerns do you have? Would you like to join the group to maintain our trees? Please contact Jamie Kegerise, [jamie@dsofurniture.com](mailto:jamie@dsofurniture.com), Amy White, [amywwhite@comcast.net](mailto:amywwhite@comcast.net), or John Springer, [john\\_springer@msn.com](mailto:john_springer@msn.com), with your thoughts. Our hope is to begin planting native trees this November, but it requires your support and participation.

### Upcoming events

**NCC Primary Election** (Mill Creek as a Polling Place) Thurs., Sept. 6

**Ingathering & Church Cookout/Potluck**, Sunday, September 9

**Book Group**, Thursday, September 20

**Listening to Our Lives, first class**, Monday, September 24

**Family Fun Night**, Friday, October 26

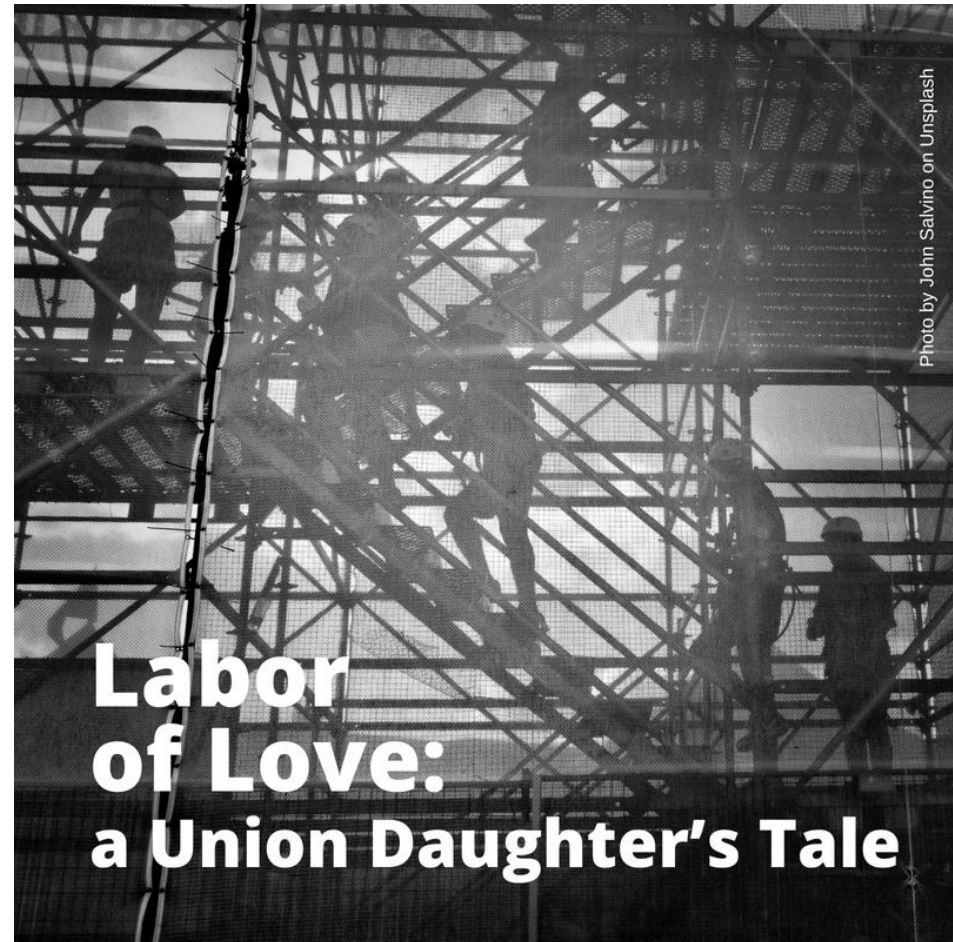


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# Labor of Love: a Union Daughter's Tale

**September 2, 2018**

**Rev. Mary Higgins**

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

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Kristen Tosh-Morelli, Music Director  
Diana Saunders, Worship Associate  
~ Order of Service ~  
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Ringing of the Chime

Prelude *Prelude in G original composition*

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 *Children of the Movement*

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 *Building a New Way* #1017

Reading

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn *Spirit of Life* #123

Meditation

Offering *Dance of the Sun Rays original composition*

Sermon

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Postlude *Amazing Grace Traditional*

**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.

**Meet our guest speaker, Rev. Mary Higgins.** Rev. Mary Higgins is a lifelong Unitarian Universalist. On her journey, she has been a religious educator, parish minister, and a district executive in two of our UUA districts, Florida and Northern New England. She moved to the area a few years ago to be closer to her children and grandchildren. Mary is a member of Mill Creek.

**Today's music** is performed by returning guest musician Katie August. Katie is a senior at Cab Calloway School of the Arts where she is an active member of the Piano Honor Society. She has performed at the White House, in addition to many local venues. Katie is grateful to have the opportunity to perform for Mill Creek again!

**Children's & Youth Religious Exploration** Chalice Children will enjoy summer arts and crafts, snack and story. All other children & youth will take a break from R.E. until next Sunday: **2018-2019 Opening Day and Ingathering** to allow their teachers to prepare for the year.

**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 --**

**Next Week: Ingathering, Sunday, September 9.** Join us for our annual Ingathering Celebration with Rev. Greg. Everyone is invited to bring a small amount of water to pour into the common bowl – symbolic water from your life – be it from your kitchen tap, garden hose or your favorite stream. This will be a multigenerational service featuring the return of our beloved choir, directed by Kristen Tosh-Morelli. **Afterward we'll enjoy fellowship over a delicious potluck lunch during a church cookout – hotdogs & hamburgers will be provided!** Please bring a side dish to share.