

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.)

**Chalice Circles** There are currently four Chalice Circles that meet in the evening, including a men's Circle. There is also a new Daytime Circle, and we are looking for a few more people to join. It meets one **Thursday** a month at 12:30 pm in the MacArtor Library. You are welcome to bring your lunch to the Circle. Chalice Circles are small groups that provide an environment where people are encouraged and supported in the sharing of stories, experiences, and ideas to get to know each other on a deeper level and develop a richer spirituality. They are designed to augment and strengthen Sunday's spiritual experience. If you'd like to join the Daytime Circle or another Circle, or want further information, please contact Joanne Knowles at 302-239-2021 or [joannebchn@aol.com](mailto:joannebchn@aol.com).

**CANCELLED: Catherine Marie Charlton: The Wyeth Album**

Friday, September 29, 7 pm - World Cafe Live, Philadelphia  
This concert has been cancelled and will be rescheduled on a later date.

**Social Justice Committee** announces their next meeting on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Everyone is welcome to join us.

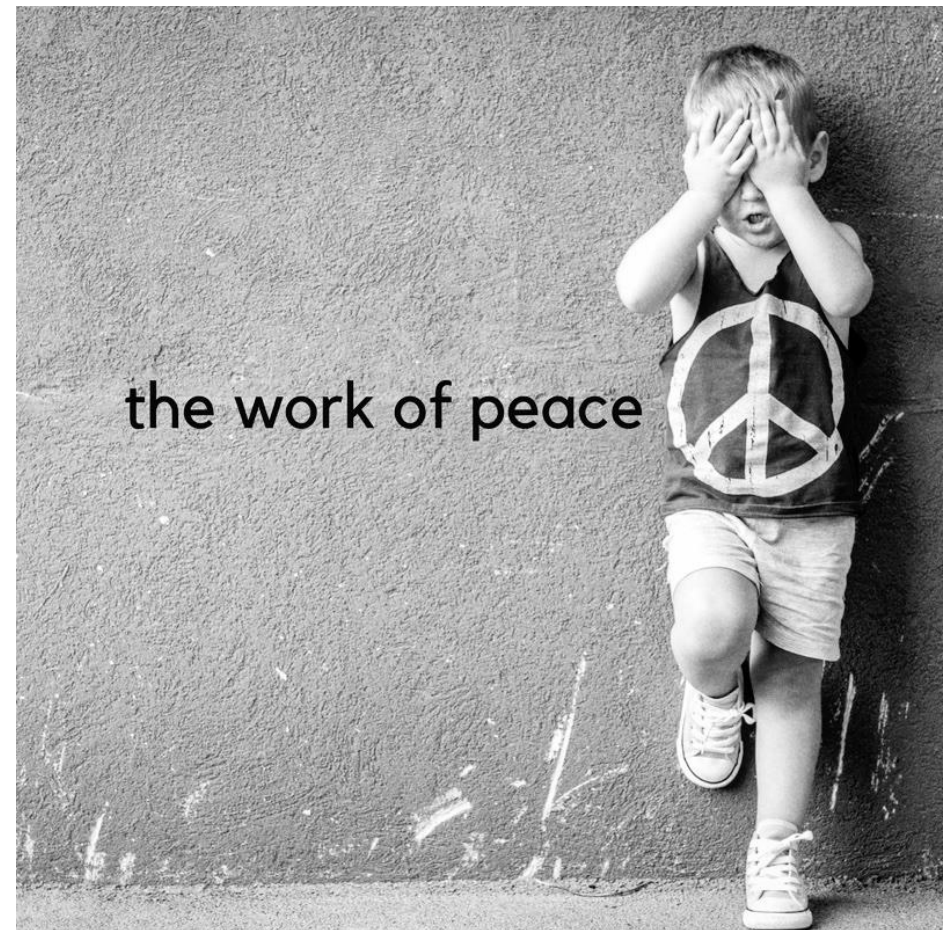
### Upcoming events

**Blessing of the Animals**, Sunday, October 1

**Social Justice meeting**, Sunday, October 1

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>>Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 am – 1 pm



**September 24, 2017**  
**Rev. Gregory S. Pelley**

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

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~ Order of Service ~  
September 24, 2017

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

Welcome & Announcements Linda Lucero, Worship Associate

Prelude

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 A Drop of Honey 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 Peace! The Perfect Word #161

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn Spirit of Life #123

Meditation

Offering

Responsive Reading A Network of Mutuality #584

Sermon The Work of Peace Rev. 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 Maggie McLaughlin, [mmclaughlin13123@gmail.com](mailto:mmclaughlin13123@gmail.com), Helen Springer, [helenspringer@icloud.com](mailto:helenspringer@icloud.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 performed by a string quartet recently formed at the University of Delaware, featuring Marius Sander, violin; Erin Gartland, violin; April Beard, viola; and Kimia Arsani, cello. The group, under the direction of the Serafin String Quartet, is currently working on the Dvorak "American" quartet and will be performing the piece in November. Today's selections are from Mozart String Quartet No. 4, in C Major, K. 157.

**Children's Religious Education** Many thanks to the members, friends, parents and volunteers who made our **Religious Exploration Kick-Off** a great success! Attendance last Sunday was amazing – and our children had a wonderful time constructing the Peace Doves which they will be flying outside today in commemoration of the **International Day of Peace**.

**Share Our Plate** For the months of September & October, we'll be donating half of our undesignated plate offering to Family Promise of Northern New Castle County, DE, a coalition of volunteers, faith communities, and donors working to prevent and end homelessness. Family Promise helps families access affordable housing, in many cases bypassing the homeless shelter system, and works to mentor families, teaches financial literacy, helps to find jobs, and advocates for public policies to promote the economic stability of low-income families.

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

**Blessing of the Animals: next Sunday, October 1st**

Next Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, our worship service will be centered on the tradition of the Blessing of the Animals. This will be a multigenerational worship service where members and friends are invited to bring their well-behaved live pets; or a photograph of them; or even a stuffed animal to be blessed. We will also create space during the service to honor those animals that have died and remain in our memory - bring a photo or an object of remembrance of a beloved deceased pet and we will create a memorial altar. If you choose to bring a live animal, they must be restrained **at all times** and well-socialized. If you have allergies, please know that there will be live animals in our sanctuary, take care of yourself, even if that means having to miss this service.

## MILL CREEK SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE AND YOU: *upcoming events and ways to get involved*

**SHARE OUR WARMTH** We collect hats, gloves, coats, socks, scarves and other items, beginning in October. All supplies are donated to Premier Charities in downtown Wilmington. Look for the donation box in the cloakroom. *Donations are needed!*

**EMPTY BOWL DINNER** We have been asked to provide desserts for this 4<sup>th</sup> annual event held at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Wilmington on Tuesday, October 24, which raises awareness of hunger and food insecurity in our community. This event also helps raise funds for the food ministries of St. Stephen's and Family Promise, which provide emergency food provisions for 800 families every month. *Volunteers and attendees are welcome!*

**SHARE OUR BOUNTY** We provide Thanksgiving meals to local needy families by assembling boxes filled with donated non-perishable food items. We begin collecting donations in early November. The filled boxes are distributed to food pantries in Delaware and Pennsylvania. *Donations are essential!*

**FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK** Mill Creek has a commitment to co-host with St. Marks Methodist Church in Stanton to serve dinners to the families on Tuesday and Thursday during the week of December 3<sup>rd</sup>. We and also collect breakfast and lunch items. *Volunteers and donations are appreciated!*

**FOOD BANK OF DELAWARE** We have an ongoing collection bin in the cloakroom for non-perishable items.

**CHILDREN'S BOOK DRIVE** We are collecting gently used children's books and donate them to Nemours Jessup Street, a children's clinic in Wilmington. See the collection bin in the cloakroom.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE MEETING** Everyone is welcome to join us at our upcoming meeting next Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> after church service when we will discuss these events and more. Ideas, questions and suggestions are always welcome.



## International Day of Peace

The United Nations International Day of Peace is September 21.

This special day provides an opportunity for all of humanity to come together, in spirit and in action, for greater peace. This global day is observed by millions of people worldwide. Organizations, citizens and governments, organize to engage in peace-related activities in education, the arts, spirituality, the environment, social justice, community, sports, public service, and more.

Today, the Children and Youth of Mill Creek are celebrating the International Day of Peace by flying the Peace Doves they have created together in their RE classes. By flying their peace doves, our Children and Youth share their hope that we will one day live in harmony with nature and with one another.

You can observe International Day of Peace too!

Take time for quiet reflection, volunteer in your community, commit to a more peaceful home, share your time and energy with someone who needs support, learn about a global issue related to people or the environment. All are great ways you can engage in this global day.