

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.)

Membership Workshop - Saturday, October 1, 2016 - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

People arrive at our doors from their full and busy lives seeking community on their spiritual journey. How do we faithfully walk with someone from the moment they take that first step across our threshold? As we walk together, what are the milestones along the way, as we move from a curious visitor to an engaged leader? Where are the resting places in our journey as members of this community of faith? What is the full spectrum of membership in our church?

On Saturday, October 1, the Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek will be hosting a Membership Workshop facilitated by Lori Emison Clair. Lori is one of the founding members of UUAMP (UU Association of Membership Professionals), and the former Director of Congregational Life at the First Unitarian Church of Des Moines. She regularly consults with Unitarian Universalist churches, helping to develop the systems that lead to deeper relationships and engaged membership. Light lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Rev. Greg [minister@uusmc.org] so that we have a headcount for food.

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

UU Fiber Friends, Tuesday, September 27

Ladies Art Night, Wednesday, September 28

Membership Workshop, Saturday, October 1

Charity Gala, Saturday, October 15

Delmarva Cluster Retreat, October 7-9

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September 25, 2016
Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

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Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister
 ~ Order of Service ~
 September 25, 2016

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

Welcome & Announcements Catherine Kegley, Worship Associate

Prelude **“Star of the County Down”** trad.tune;C. McCarvey,lyrics

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 **“Bridge”** 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 **“The Human Touch Can Light the Flame”** #307

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn **“Spirit of Life”** #123

Meditation

Offering **“Fiddle Medley”** traditional/various

Readings **“Community”** Starhawk

“Out Beyond Ideas” Rumi

Sermon **The Span is Too Great** Rev. Pelley

Postlude **“Wagon Wheel”** Darius Rucker

***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 **“Break Not the Circle”** #323

* 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, Jack Guerin, jackguerin7@gmail.com, Eileen Selph, caldwelleileen@hotmail.com, 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 provided the Feral Hats, a local bluegrass, celtic, folk, and more group of about a year and a half. The band is comprised of Kate Minker on mandolin and fiddle, Peyton Seel on guitar and vocals, and Zoe Bara on the fiddle, voice, and some other occasional instruments. For this performance they wish to tie into this week’s theme of community by looking into the development of communities around music by selecting some key pieces known to bring people together in many ways.

Next Week – join guest speaker Rev. Dave Hunter for the start of our month of Imperfection.

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.

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RE-Imagineers – Organic Religious Education – Community Building today! Children and youth are welcome! Parents are encouraged to initially have their children join the larger community in the sanctuary for Rev. Greg’s story. The members will sing them to their class and the RE wing to explore our topic *Community* for September. There will be storytelling and activities as well as our own community building. We’re looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Return of Ladies Art Night – Wednesday, September 28.

Beginning this Wednesday evening, Ladies Art Night returns to Mill Creek, led by local artist Jo Redbird [joworme@gmail.com]. The group will meet from **6:00 - 8:00 pm**. Child care is available. This group is open for all skill levels. Bring a project you’re working on, or let your inner muse loose on the canvas. Feel free to experiment and create from the communal supplies. Jo will offer in depth instruction, or feel free to just do your own thing! Expect artistic fun, stories and sharing.