

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.)

Newark Community Day Members from the UU Society of Mill Creek will be joining with members of the UU Fellowship of Newark at Community Day on Sunday September 20, 2015 from 11 am to 4 pm on the Green at the University of Delaware. The local UU presence intends to provide exposure and information for both churches to the community through this event. To volunteer for participation, setting-up, or breaking-down of displays, please contact Eileen Selph at caldwelleileen@hotmail.com

Leadership Council Meeting – Saturday, September 19, 10 am. Everyone is encouraged to attend this first leadership meeting of the 2015-16 fiscal year.

Delmarva UU Cluster Fall Retreat – join fellow UU's from Friday to Sunday, October 2-4 for workshops, fellowship, recreation, music and worship. Look for brochures on the visitor's table in the gathering space. For more info and registration forms, visit uudelmarva.org/cluster-retreat.

Note: there will be Sunday service here at UUSMC at 10:30 am.

UUSMC Charity Gala – get your tickets today after service in the gathering space (\$20 each) for this fun and festive event to be held on Saturday, October 10th from 6-9 pm. Join us for international themed cuisine, cultural dances and open DJ dancing while supporting charities to help children and families. There will be no solicitation at the event – your ticket price is your donation! See any Social Justice Committee member with questions.

Upcoming events

Check the current Grist or the online calendar for more information about these and other events at UUSMC:

Leadership Council meeting, Saturday September 19

Women's Retreat, Friday-Sunday, September 25-27

Delmarva Cluster Fall Retreat, Friday-Sunday, October 2-4

UUSMC Charity Gala, Saturday, October 10



Ingathering
September 13, 2015
Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister

A Welcoming Congregation

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Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek
Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, Minister
~ Order of Service ~
September 13, 2015

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

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude **"Sorida (A Zimbabwe Greeting)"** RosephanyePowell

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: Part I **"The Quiltmaker's Gift"** Rev. Pelley
by Jeff Brumbeau & Gail de Marcken

Opening Words

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 **"Enter, Rejoice and Come In"** #361

Story: Part II

Centering Hymn **"When Our Heart is in a Holy Place"** #1008
(verse 2 only, no repeat)

Silent Meditation

Offering **"Beyond the Rain and Rivers"** Douglas E. Wagner

Story: Part III

Music **"Uma Familia (One Family)"** Jay Althouse

Gathering of the Waters

Recessional **"Peace Like a River"** #100

At this time we invite everyone to join Rev. Greg on the front lawn to conclude today's service.

***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.*

* Stand as you are able.

Welcome, visitors and guests. We invite you to sign our guest book, 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 joining, please contact Maggie McLaughlin, mmclaughlin13123@gmail.com or Jack Guerin, jackguerin7@gmail.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.

-- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

*****The children will remain in the sanctuary for today's entire Intergenerational Service.*****

Today's service is assisted by our Young Religious Unitarian Universalists (YRUU).

Today's music is provided by the UUSMC choir, Kristen Tosh-Morelli, director; Pam Allenstein, accompanist. Today we welcome local percussionist and music teacher Matthew Marion back to UUSMC to accompany the choir on their joyful Ingathering pieces. "Sorida" is a Zimbabwe greeting- to you, we say, "welcome; welcome back; welcome to this sacred space and worship with us!" Our offering song today reminds us each that *this* spiritual community is a "place I have known, where my heart may find a home; where my spirit finds refreshment, quiet and peace." With "Uma Familia", a Brazilian exclamation, we joyfully sing, "we are one great family" here at UUSMC!

Gathering of the Waters

In this annual ritual, we invite everyone to come forward with water they have brought from their lives. (If you didn't bring water with you, there is water provided that you may use.) Approach the front of the sanctuary along the right side (as you face the pulpit). If you choose, please share from where the water comes and what it represents. In the sharing, please use this simple form: "From _____, I bring _____." For example, "From **my garden hose**, I bring **connection**."

Share Our Plate Offering – today's special offering is for our Agape Fund which helps UUSMC members in need throughout the year, and for our Minister's Discretionary Fund which helps those in the larger community.

Everyone is welcome to remain with us after service today and join us for food and fellowship during our pot-luck luncheon.