

THE ORACLE

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF MEADVILLE
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MARCH 2024

The Six Sources of Unitarian Universalism

- Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life;
- Words and deeds of prophetic people which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love;
- Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;
- Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;
- Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit;
- Spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

Join us for our weekly worship service, religious education and social hour Sundays at 10:30 am.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Our **COVENANT** is to be a loving, joyful community that nurtures spiritual growth, promotes compassion, social responsibility, and service in an atmosphere of mutual respect.

Our **MISSION** is to be a faith community devoted to love and respect, reason and justice.

Our **VISION** is to be a dynamic organization supporting the spiritual health of Meadville and the surrounding area.



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WORSHIP MATTERS – SUNDAY SERVICES 10:30AM MARCH 2024

March 3, 2024

“The Disciple Whom Jesus Loved the Most: The True Story of Mary of Magdala” -

Caron Carnahan, CLM

We'll consider the early Christian Mary and her Gospel. According to gnostic sources, she was the apostle who was most loved by Jesus. A strong and independent woman, Mary was the recipient of the deepest teachings of Christ before the Council of Nicaea redefined her as the subservient, non-apostolic prostitute.

March 10, 2024

“Decision fatigue?: Return to yourself.” - Shayna Morrison

On average, we make 35,000 decisions a day. From little decisions-what to eat for breakfast-to life altering decisions-how to prepare for one's death, we are constantly at a crossroads of choosing which path comes next. When we make choices from a place of instability, we may experience decision fatigue or even decision paralysis. This Sunday's message is an invitation to return to yourself-to deeply listen within and to get back to where you once belonged, that knowing place.

March 17, 2024

“Celebrating Spring.” - Amelia Carr

Today we honor the arrival of Spring with a service inspired by earth-centered celebration of the Equinox on March 21st.

March 24, 2024

TBA

March 31, 2024

“The Meaning of Easter.” - Rev Jane Ellen Nickell

Belief in the resurrection is a foundational aspect of Christian faith. On this Easter Sunday, we will explore what meaning and messages that story holds for non-Christians.

Blarney Breakfast



Adults \$9.00
Kids \$4.50
at the door

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024
9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, baked oatmeal,
featuring real maple syrup,
coffee, tea

*gluten-free option available

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
PARISH HOUSE
346 CHESTNUT STREET, MEADVILLE, PA

GETTING TO KNOW U

Rick Holmgren

I began attending the UU Church of Meadville in 1988 when Carol and I moved to Meadville, so that I could start a faculty position at Allegheny College. In 1999, I transitioned to administration and served in a variety of roles until leaving Allegheny in 2021. I have served on the parish board numerous times, as president, treasurer, and head of the properties committee, and I have had the privilege of leading services at the Church many times over the last 35 years.

Carol and I have twin children, David and Ellie, who live in Brooklyn and Columbus, Ohio, respectively. As you may have heard during joys and concerns this past fall, our family grew when David married Tamara, who has brought much joy into our lives.

My family and I have been blessed by the community and support we have experienced at UU Meadville, and my goal is to give back as much as we have received.





SOUP ON SATURDAY

EVERY SATURDAY

3 - 5 PM

BEGINNING MARCH 2

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PARISH HOUSE

346 CHESTNUT STREET, MEADVILLE, PA

FAITH IN ACTION

SOUP KITCHEN

Every second Friday each month a group of UU volunteers serve meals at the Meadville Area Soup kitchen as a way to help alleviate some of the symptoms of poverty in our region. You are welcome to volunteer. Our congregation's contact is Mark McGinty, mcgintymark4@gmail.com or (919) 464-1512.



WHY WE SHARE: MARCH'S SHARE-THE-PLATE RECIPIENT: FRENCH CREEK VALLEY CONSERVANCY

The French Creek Valley Conservancy is a private 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization dedicated to maintaining and enhancing the exceptional water quality, natural habitat, biological diversity and recreational opportunities of the French Creek Watershed in Northwest Pennsylvania. Our work in land protection, stewardship, education and community outreach is supported by our members, donors, foundations and partner organizations. Our volunteer board of directors is focused on facilitating the citizens of the watershed to be the caretakers of the watershed.

Thank you for all who donated in February. The recipient was the Meadville Parks Program. We donated \$254.50.

MARCH SAVE THE DATE

LIFE DRAWING

Tuesdays at 2:00pm

GARDENING/PROJECTS

Tuesdays at 5:00pm

MEDITATION GROUP

Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

Thursdays at 6:00 pm

BREAKFAST CLUB

Saturdays 10:30-12:00 pm

SOUP ON SATURDAYS

Saturdays 3:00-5:00 pm

SOUP KITCHEN

Friday 8th at 10:00 am

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 12th at 11:00 am

BLARNEY BREAKFAST

Saturday 16th 9:00-12:00 pm

EQUINOX PAGAN CELEBRATION

Friday 20th at 6:15 pm

ORACLE SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE

Monday 27th by 9:00 am



RESOURCES

UU- Useful Web Links

UU Church of Meadville:

www.uumeadville.org

Oracle: www.uumeadville.org/Oracles

UUA: www.uua.org

UU Service Committee: www.uusc.org



RIDES TO SERVICE

If you need a ride to any event or to Sunday's worship service, please call the church office by 9:00 am on Wednesday and leave a message (814-724-4023).

2024 Church Officers

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