

THE ORACLE

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

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.

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 APRIL 2024

April 7, 2024

“Attachment and Liberation” - Joshua Dolecki

Buddhism understands that suffering is everywhere. The reason for the suffering is related to some form of desire, friction, craving or aversion to the world. This leads to attachment to relationships, things, the status quo, and certain spiritual paths. The Buddha made this diagnosis but also prescribed a cure. The prescription to extinguish suffering includes meditation. This talk will expand upon liberating forms of meditation and prayer that will connect us with conscious suffering and real peace.

April 14, 2024

“Finding our Calling” - Rick Holmgren

Please join us for a reflection on how we might discern our calling and what responding to it might mean.

April 21, 2024

“Roots and Stardust: A Journey of Earth, Spirit, and Healing” -Jenn Shepherd

Explore the profound connection between nature and our inner selves. Through ancient oaks, forgotten dreams, and cosmic whispers, we discover how nurturing our connection to Nature will heal our souls. Join us as we embrace our role as co-creators, weaving magic and reverence into our lives.

April 28, 2024

"Leadership in Action"- Elise Michaux

What is your leadership style? There are all kinds of leadership styles that we can put into practice. Some skills and attributes are universally important for good leadership like empathy and active listening. This talk will cover some of the important aspects of leadership and how you can lead with purpose and impact.





UU 101 CLASS IN APRIL

In April, Rick Holmgren and Josh Searle-White are offering a UU 101 class to introduce Unitarian Universalism and the Meadville UU Church to people who are new to the Meadville UU Church. This class would be a great introduction for any one who started attending in the last few years and wants to know more about the Church.

The class will meet on three consecutive Sundays, April 14, 21, and 28. Sessions will start at noon, and we anticipate ending by 1:15. Given the hour, we will provide snacks (cheese & crackers, fruit, etc.). If you would like a more substantial lunch, please feel free to bring something either for yourself or to share with the group. We ask that participants commit to attending all three sessions, since that will create the best possible experience for everyone.

If you are interested in participating in this class, please let Jodi in the Church office know by emailing church@uumeadville.org or calling the Church at 814-724-4023.

If you have questions about the class, please contact Rick Holmgren (rick.holmgren@gmail.com) or Josh Searle-White (jsearle@allegheny.edu).

GETTING TO KNOW U

I joined UUCM in 1985 when I moved to Meadville from Bradford County in eastern Pa. At that time I was employed by the Pa Dept. of Welfare , I retired from the County Assistance office in 2009 after 35 years with the Dept. For my retirement job I worked at CHAPS from 2010 until 2015 in Homeless Advocacy .

I have served on the Church Board in many capacities including RE, Stewardship, President and Vice President. I also served on the Ohio- Meadville District RE committee in the late '80s and early 90's. In this capacity I was able to travel to Boston UU Headquarters for the annual RE meeting.

I have 2 daughters, Wren, who lives in Erie with her husband, Adam and 2 children and Chelsea, who lives near Reading with her fiancé' Shaina. I've just added a puppy, Lucy to my household.

My hobbies include sewing and quilting.





Date	Regular Soup	Vegetarian Soup
6-Apr	Stuffed Pepper	Veggie Stuffed Pepper
13-Apr	Ham and Navy Bean	Navy Bean
20-Apr	Cheeseburger Chowder	Broccoli Cheese
27-Apr	Minestrone	Minestrone

DEATH CAFE

Conversations about death can inspire us about the way we live. Join us at a Death Cafe on Sunday, April 28th at Hatch Hollow, 245 Chestnut St, Meadville. 1:00-3:00 pm.

Questions? deathcafe.org,

or Barb Newcamp, newcampstable@gmail.com, 814 853 5412,

or Sue Mallick suemallick@windstream.net, 412 389 8660

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: APRIL'S SHARE-THE-PLATE RECIPIENT: MEADVILLE FREE CLINIC

Meadville Area Free Clinic was established in 1996. The nonprofit clinic provides primary health care for adults.



Thank you for all who donated in March. The recipient was the French Creek Valley Conservancy . We donated \$361.50.

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

CHOIR PRACTICE

Sundays 9:30 am

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 10th at 11:00 am

SOUP KITCHEN

Friday 12th at 10:00 am

UU101

Sundays 14th, 21st & 28th at 12:00 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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