

THE ORACLE

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF MEADVILLE
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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 MAY 2024

May 5, 2024

“No One Comes to This House Who Is Not Changed.” - Rev. Alison Wohler

Today we will welcome new members. But this celebration is always a good moment to re-welcome ourselves, to remember why we are here and the power of religious community. Plus I get to spend time with the congregation that launched me into a career in Ministry. Hope to see you there!

Welcome Potluck to follow the service. Please bring a dish to share.

May 12, 2024

“I Want to be Just Like.....When I Grow Up” - Joyce Milberg

Women can be powerful mentors who inspire us to be better than we are. This church has had many over the decades. In this Mother’s Day service, I’d like to reminisce and story about women who have influenced and inspired us over the last 25 years. It may be an introduction to some, a lovely memory to others and perhaps a lesson to us all.

May 19, 2024

“TBA” -Len Nichols

May 26, 2024

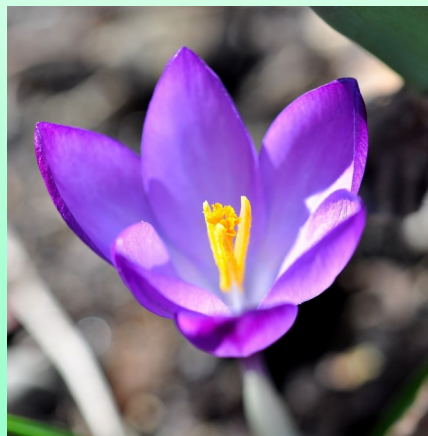
"Growing up Arab American in post 9/11 US "- Reem Hilal, Ph.D.

Reem Hilal, Ph.D., is Associate Professor of Arabic at Allegheny College. She will speak to us of the joys and challenges of growing up as an Arab and a Muslim American, with some thoughts about what her experiences tell us about our culture.

FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Dedicating flowers for Sunday service is a lovely way to share beauty and honor people you love~ Please consider dedicating Sunday flowers on dates throughout the year that are meaningful to you on your journey.

You can sign-up by contacting Jodi at the office if you have a date in mind. Then, you can bring the flowers, or for the cost of \$25 (or more) an arrangement will be provided. Either way, the flowers are yours to give or enjoy after the service. Please direct any questions to Peggy Bell at (724) 256-2268.



Beltane Celebration

Friday, May 3, 2024

6:50 PM

*May Queen
Elected*

Pot Luck

Bonfire

Bring Something to Charge on the Altar

Crown-Making Craft

bring anything special you'd like for a May Crown
(wire will be provided)

*Fancy Dress
for fun!*

*Bring a
Chair*

678 Russell Avenue, Meadville, PA

In case of Rain, Text BELTANE to 814.350.0418

GETTING TO KNOW U

Lew Trumble

I was born in Elmira, NY and grew up between there and Watlins Glen. Our family had a small farm, what you would call a gentleman's farm maybe. My parents, Fran and Nancy both worked outside the home, Fran as a prison guard, and Nancy a junior high science teacher. My brothers, Ben and Jon, were 3 and 2 years older than me. We collected animals. We grew up with dogs, cats, horses, chickens, an occasional raccoon, skunk, snakes, alligators (yes, you read that right) turtles and tortoises, goats, and probably many I am forgetting. I had an amazing life growing up. With a lifelong passion for horses, it was inevitable that my passion would steer my career! Though I went to college for forestry and for hospitality management, I always intended that I would work in the equine industry. And it worked out! I moved to the Erie area in 1983, to teach riding lessons. That morphed into showing, sales, lessons, and the whole gambit. At one point I was in a business partnership at a barn with 100 horses.

I live in Edinboro with my partner, Ed, and our cat, Pearl. We celebrated 25 years together in February of this year!! He keeps me balanced and sane. (tries too anyway)

I was fortunate in 2008, to have a job description sent to me, to work at Penn State University, specifically with the 4-H horse program. I applied, and was hired. Prior to this, I had always figured I would be in the middle of the ring, teaching riding lessons, until I eventually just fell over. The Penn State gig was at a perfect time in my career! I had a ball for 25 years, running all over the country, showing horses, but this afforded me the opportunity to eventually retire! I retired in November of 2021. Now I am spending time doing whatever the heck I want!! Some of that is volunteering with my friends from the UUCM!





Date	Regular Soup	Vegetarian Soup
May 4	Mediterranean Cabbage	Mediterranean Cabbage
May 11	Beef and Vegetable	Vegetable
May 18	Moroccan Vegetable	Moroccan Vegetable
May 25	Chicken Noodle	Vegetable Noodle

ITEMS NEEDED FOR May 4TH:

- Cabbage
- Large Bag of Carrots
- 4 Fennel bulbs with fronds
- Bag of Onions
- Garlic
- Ground Coriander
- Vegetable Broth
- Diced Tomatoes
- Cannellini Beans
- Sugar
- Unsalted Butter
- Lysol Spray

FAITH IN ACTION

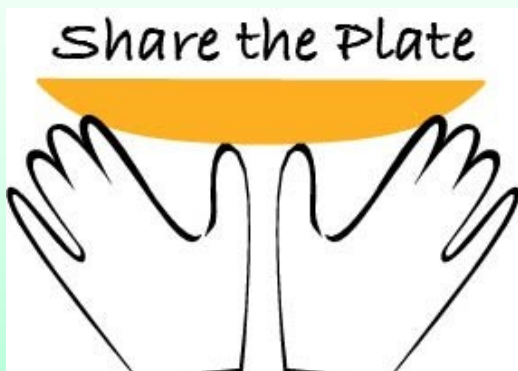
SOUP KITCHEN

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: MAY'S SHARE-THE-PLATE RECIPIENT: CHAPS

Crawford County Mental Health Awareness Program (CHAPS) is a non-profit, consumer-driven organization that was founded in 1988. From day one, CHAPS has been committed to the mission of supporting consumers of mental health services, advocating for the improvement of local mental health services.



Thank you for all who donated in March. The recipient was the Meadville Area Free Clinic. We donated \$235.50.

MAY SAVE THE DATE

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

BELTANE CELEBRATION

Friday 3rd at 6:50 pm

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY & POTLUCK

Sunday 5th

SOUP KITCHEN

Friday 10th at 10:00 am

OFFICE CLOSED

Monday 13th

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 14th at 11:00 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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