



THE ORACLE



APRIL 2025

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

Unitarian Universalists embrace six shared values:

- **Interdependence:** We honor the interdependent web of all existence and acknowledge our place in it.
- **Pluralism:** We are all sacred beings, diverse in culture, experience, and theology.
- **Justice:** We work to be diverse multicultural Beloved Communities where all feel welcome and can thrive.
- **Transformation:** We adapt to the changing world.
- **Generosity:** We cultivate a spirit of gratitude and hope.
- **Equity:** We declare that every person is inherently worthy and has the right to flourish with dignity, love, and compassion.



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WORSHIP MATTERS – SUNDAY SERVICES 10:30AM APRIL 2025

April 6, 2025

“Lessons in Unitarian Universalism and Dalcroze Eurhythmics: Singing in the Choir”- Sandy Ball
My introduction to Dalcroze Eurhythmics happened around the same time I was introduced to Unitarian Universalism. Over the years, I have been fortunate to contemplate the principles in each and dwell on how they have given shape and dynamism to my personal beliefs.

April 13, 2025

“Let Me Tell You Some Stories”- Joyce Milberg

Palm Sunday this year, the beginning of Holy Week, is also the first full day of the Jewish Holiday of Passover. These two celebrations are seminal in the foundations of our Judeo-Christian culture. The stories are fascinating, interconnected, and worth a re-telling.

April 20, 2025

"From Death Comes Life" - Rev. Jane Ellen Nickell

As Passover ends and Easter rolls around, we look at how these spring holidays mirror the rebirth of nature. Our culture is not comfortable with death, but in both the Exodus story and the resurrection of Jesus, death sets the stage for a miraculous return of life, just as the natural world seems to come back to life after dying off during winter.



April 27, 2025

"Hand in Hand, It's A Beautiful Life"- Mark McGinty and Lew Trumble

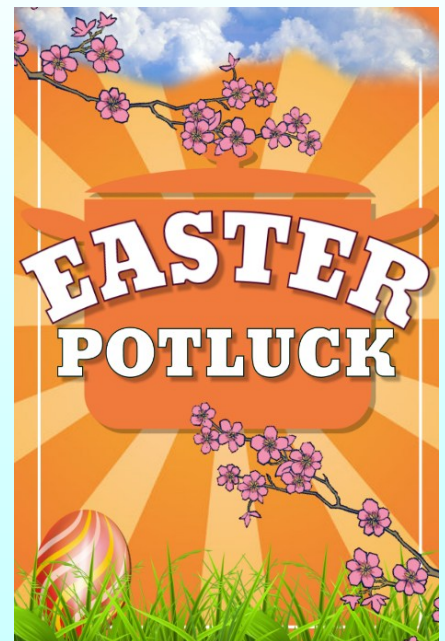
Service and volunteerism drive so many things, and are so necessary in society. With organizations always needing help, or individuals who have a problem to be solved, you will find that offering your help may give more back to you than the efforts you put into it. At least that's the way it works for us. We will share some of the ways that volunteer service gives back to us, as we give to them.

EASTER SUNDAY POTLUCK APRIL 20TH

Bring a dish to share.

The Church will supply ham and vegetarian entrée.

Sign-up Sheet in the Parish House





Dear UU Church of Meadville Members and Friends,

On April 6, and April 13 Rick Holmgren and Josh Searle-White will offer a new Bicentennial version of the “UU 101” class. Over the three one-hour sessions we’ll discuss the history and culture of our congregation, discover the theological and social concerns that have animated Unitarians and Universalists over the last several centuries, and consider the ways that we draw on our faith to help care for ourselves and our community in the future. If past sessions of the course are any indication, the experience will bring a mix of reverence and irreverence and be a great way to connect with your fellow congregants, whether you are new to the church or have been here for years.

The class will take place immediately following coffee hour on each day and will include light snacks. If you are interested in participating, please let Jodi in the church office know by emailing church@uumeadville.org or calling 814-724-4023. If you have questions about the class, please contact Rick Holmgren or Josh Searle-White. We look forward to seeing you there!

Rick & Josh



BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION GIFT-PLANNING WORKSHOPS

As you know, our Bicentennial Celebration focuses on honoring the past, being firmly rooted in the present, and planning for the future. Our predecessors in the church have given us huge gifts – the Sanctuary, the Parish House, and an endowment that helps us fund capital improvements and pay our operating expenses. We want to take time during this year of celebration to find ways that we can offer gifts to those who will come after us.

It turns out that there are many different ways to support the church that may allow you to give without impacting your daily life while saving money on taxes, providing more than you may have thought possible, and simplifying your financial interests.

To help us sort all of this out, Melissa Mencotti, a long-time friend and supporter of the church, will hold two gift-planning workshops, the first on May 4, and the second on September 28, both right after coffee hour. The information she will give us can be used to assist you in thinking about donations and estate planning in general, beyond the church (though of course we hope you’ll be thinking about the church in particular!).

You’ll hear more announcements about these workshops in church, but please put them in your calendar now. We look forward to seeing you there!

MEADVILLE 1825

Friday April 4th

"Sensing Spring"

Early Learning Center Art Show

2:00–4:00 PM

Reunion and Open House 3:00–4:00PM



Parish Hall

Unitarian Universalist Church

346 Chestnut Street Meadville, PA

Echos of Home:

a journey through family
and small town heritage



Friday, April 4th, 5-8PM

Ten local artists are showing family heirloom paintings, original artworks, and historical photos celebrating the theme of family and town histories.

This exhibition is a part of the Meadville 1825 Celebration

This exhibition opens April 4th at Hatch Hollow: 945 Market St, Meadville
Light snacks and live music from Paul Groh from 5-8PM

The gallery will be on view through May 2nd. Viewing hours: Monday through Friday from 9am to 6pm, Saturdays 10am to 4pm.

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE: "An Evening with Meadville Musicians"

Friday April 11, 2015 7:00pm

Unitarian Universalist Church Sanctuary



Below is our tentative menu for April. Each week will also have a vegetarian option.

Date	
April 5	Potato and Leek Soup
April 12	Kielbasa Potato Soup
April 19	Chicken and Rice Soup
April 26	Chili

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.



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 \$260.50.

APRIL SAVE THE DATE

MEDITATION GROUP

Tuesdays at 10:00 am
Thursdays at 5:30 pm

CHOIR PRACTICE

Sundays 9:30-10:00 am

SOUP ON SATURDAYS

Saturdays 3:00-5:00 pm

MEADVILLE 1825 EVENTS

Daily April 4th-25th 5:00-8:00pm
Friday 4th at 2:00-3:00pm
Friday 11th at 7:00pm

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 8th at 11:00 am

SOUP KITCHEN

Friday 11th at 10:00 am

EASTER POTLUCK

Sunday 20th After Service

ORACLE SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE

Monday 21st by 9:00 am

UU101

Sunday 6th and 13th Following Coffee Hour



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).



2025 Church Officers

President: Rick Holmgren

Vice-President and Liaison to Events
Committee: Deb Lehman

Secretary and RE liaison :
Jane Anderson

Treasurer: Alan Dobos

Worship and Bicentennial Teams : Josh
Searle-White

Liaison to the Caring Committee and
the Soup on Saturday Team :
Todd Fox

Church Staff

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Jane Ellen Nickell

Music Director: Aimee Reash

Coordinator of Religious Education:
Mark McGinty

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Monday-Friday: 7:30 AM – 1:30PM