

# THE ORACLE

OCTOBER 2025

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.

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



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## WORSHIP MATTERS – SUNDAY SERVICES 10:30AM

**October 5, 2025**

"Our Purpose/Our Community"- Josh Searle-White

As our Bicentennial approaches, let's take some time to celebrate not only ourselves but the ties we have created to our local community. What are the joys, and the responsibilities, that come with being a part of our town? And where will we let our energies be drawn?

**October 12, 2025**

"TBA" - Len Nichol

**October 19, 2025**

"Voices Ringing Across the Ages"-Rev. Kate Walker

We are celebrating 200 years of existence on the "western frontier" as the oldest continuous Unitarian Church west of the Allegheny Mountains. As the current voices for our liberal religious faith, what do we need to remember and carry on into the future? What calls us forth into the next frontier?

**October 28, 2025**

"Down to Earth"-Rev. Jane Ellen Nickell

In this season when plants die off and nature prepares to rest for the winter, we focus on the earth as the source of all life and to which all life returns. The final service in a series celebrating the elements of air, water, fire, and earth, our worship will reference Samhain and harvest rituals and will end outside with a short blessing for our church garden.



# MEADVILLE 1825



Meadville 1825 - Celebrating Crawford County's Heritage with FREE public programs

## FALL 2025

For more information go to [FACEBOOK Meadville 1825](#)

|                                 |   |  |
|---------------------------------|---|--|
| Friday<br>October 17, 7:00 pm   | <b>Unitarian Universalist Church Concert</b><br>Artists TBA                                       | UUCM,<br>346 Chestnut St.                |
| Saturday<br>October 18, 1:30 pm | <b>This is a Cemetery: Greendale</b><br>A documentary by Michael Keeley                           | Vukovich Auditorium<br>Allegheny College |
| Saturday<br>October 18, 4:00 pm | <b>Bicentennial Reception</b><br>Unitarian Universalist Church                                    | UUCM,<br>346 Chestnut St.                |
| Sunday<br>October 19, 10:30 am  | UUCM Bicentennial<br><b>Worship Service &amp; Celebration</b><br>Rev. Kate Walker, guest preacher | UUCM,<br>346 Chestnut St.                |
| Saturday<br>October 25, 1:30 pm | <b>Meadville 1800-1830; Building Community</b><br>by Anton Hodge, Intern, Allegheny College       | UUCM,<br>346 Chestnut St.                |
| Saturday<br>Nov. 8, 1:30 pm     | <b>Holland Land Company</b><br>by Josh Sherretts  | Stereoscopic Museum<br>423 Chestnut St.  |
| Saturday<br>Nov. 22, 1:30 pm    | <b>Audubon: The Artist, The Man &amp; The Myth</b><br>by Brian Miller                             | UUCM,<br>346 Chestnut St.                |
| Saturday<br>Dec. 6, 1:30 pm     | <b>Holiday Cheer Sing-along</b><br>with Sandy Ball  | UUCM,<br>346 Chestnut St.                |



200  
YEARS

Unitarian Universalist  
Church of Meadville  
1825-2025

### BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Join us to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the UU Church of Meadville the weekend of October 17 -20! Friday night, 10/17, we kick things off at 7:00 with an Evening of Music and Story, featuring Beth Etter and the UUCM band, with dessert to follow in the Parish House.

On Saturday afternoon, 10/18, there will be an Open House from 4:00 to 6:00 with tours of the newly renovated Parish House and Sanctuary, historical displays, memory book and slide show, interviews with former UUCM ministers and hors d'oeuvres and beverages. Soup on Saturday will be serving as usual, so feel free to have soup also.

Also on Saturday afternoon, Meadville 1825 is showing a documentary at Allegheny College at 1:30, This is a Cemetery: Greendale, by Michael Keeley.

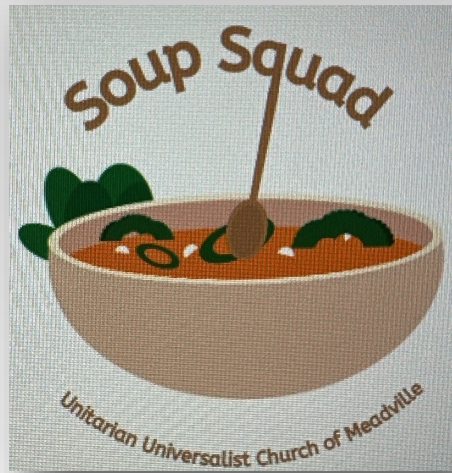
The Reverend Kate Walker will be back in Meadville to lead the Sunday Worship service and a special coffee hour will follow. We hope you can be there for all or part of this special celebration!



### TRUNK OR TREAT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Join us on October 30th to participate in the Stone United Methodist Church's Trunk or Treat. Donations of candy are appreciated. The event's time is 6:00-7:30pm. Please plan on arriving at 5:30pm to set up. Dress up and decorate your vehicles for the occasion! It's lots of spooky fun.!!

## SOUP ON SATURDAY



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

| Date       |                               |
|------------|-------------------------------|
| October 4  | TBA                           |
| October 11 | Creamy Chicken Wild Rice Soup |
| October 18 | Zuppa Toscana Soup            |
| October 25 | Chili                         |



## FAITH IN ACTION

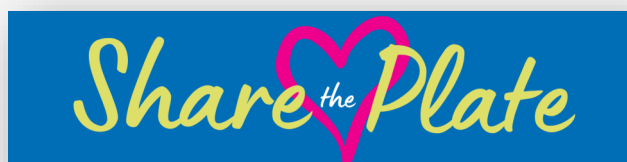
### SOUP KITCHEN

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.



### WHY WE SHARE: OCTOBER'S SHARE-THE-PLATE RECIPIENT: SHELTER AREA MEADVILLE

Shelter Area Meadville (SAM) was created to protect the unhoused adult population and provide overnight shelter from the inclement weather. Thanks to Family Children and Community Association offering to be the host site, Shelter Area Meadville was able to officially launch a pilot program that began on November 15, 2024.



Thank you for all who donated in September. The recipient was Tamarack Wildlife Center. We donated \$160.50.

## OCTOBER SAVE THE DATE

### CHOIR PRACTICE

Sundays 9:00-10:00 am

### MEDITATION GROUP

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00 am

### SOUP ON SATURDAYS

Saturdays 3:00-5:00 pm

### SOUP KITCHEN

Friday 10th at 10:00 am

### WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 14th at 11:00 am

### BICENTENNIAL EVENTS

Saturday 18th at 4:00 pm

Sunday 19h at 10:30 am

### MEADVILLE 1825 EVENTS

Friday 17th at 7:00 pm

Saturday 18th at 1:30 pm

Saturday 25th at 1:30 pm

### ORACLE SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE

Monday 22nd by 9:00 am



## RESOURCES

UU- Useful Web Links

UU Church of Meadville:

[www.uumeadville.org](http://www.uumeadville.org)

Oracle: [www.uumeadville.org/Oracles](http://www.uumeadville.org/Oracles)

UUA: [www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org)

UU Service Committee: [www.uusc.org](http://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

Treasurer and RE Liaison :  
Jane Anderson

Worship and Bicentennial Teams : Josh  
Searle-White

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

## Church Staff

Community Care Minister:  
Rev. Jane Ellen Nickell

Music Director: Aimee Reash

Office Administrator: Jodi Sipos  
([church@uumeadville.org](mailto:church@uumeadville.org) or  
(814)724-4023)  
*Monday-Friday: 7:30 AM – 1:30PM*