

# THE ORACLE

SEPTEMBER 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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## GREETINGS

Dear friends,

In our first year together, we have met for worship, fellowship, meals, service, games, music, and learning. We have welcomed new members and said farewell to good friends. We have celebrated marriages, deaths, and historic milestones.

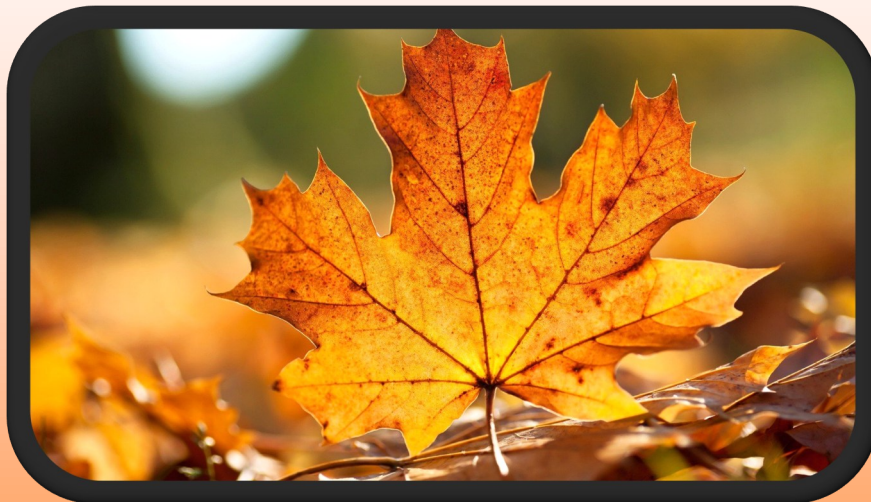
I am enormously grateful for the opportunity to work alongside you as your Community Care Minister, assisting the capable lay leaders in care ministry, worship, and community outreach. I offer special thanks to Karen Schreiber for her loving guidance of the care team. As she steps back, we welcome Todd Fox and Maribeth Edmonds to that ministry, along with Rich Chafey who continues his long involvement in caring for this congregation.

If you have pastoral needs or know of someone who does, please contact me at [minister@uumeadville.org](mailto:minister@uumeadville.org), call the church office, or speak to a care team member. I have office hours at the church Monday and Thursday mornings, 9:30-11:30, and I am happy to make an appointment at a time or place that is more convenient for you.

I look forward to the coming year as we celebrate our bicentennial and build upon that foundation to guarantee a long and faithful future for this church.

Blessings,

Jane Ellen



## WORSHIP MATTERS – SUNDAY SERVICES 10:30AM

### Summer Programs Are Held in Parish House

September 7th: “Creative Writing Workshop”- Maribeth Edmonds

### September 14, 2025

“The Covenant of Water”- Rev. Jane Ellen Nickell

As we return to worship in the sanctuary, this service focuses on water and continues a series of services on the elements of air, water, fire, and earth, which we started in June. Focusing on how water connects us to each other and every living thing, our service will include a Water Ritual, or Ingathering, so plan to bring a small amount of water to contribute to a common vessel.

### September 21, 2025

“Great Ball of Fire”-Rev. Jane Ellen Nickell

Our service on fire will focus on the power of the sun and the promise that solar energy offers as we move away from burning fossil fuels. This service is part of Sun Day, a national day of action celebrating the power of clean energy.

### September 28, 2025

“Leaning Into Fall” -Caron Carnahan, CLM

During Ingathering and Water Communion we reminisce about the joys of the summer months. As we lean into Fall, what do we have to look forward to?



## **GARAGE SALE II**

We received more donations for a sale ! The second garage sale will be held on Friday Sept 5th , 9 -3 and Sat Sept. 6, 9-1 at Deb Lehman's garage, 678 Russell Ave.

We need lots of help to stage items beginning at 8 am of Friday and to work the sale. Please contact Deb to schedule a time:

Friday: 8 -12 am

12-3 pm

Saturday: 8 - 11am

11am- 1 pm

## **SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH INGATHERING POTLUCK**

Please bring a dish to share at UUCM's annual potluck. Looking forward to seeing everyone again. If you haven't had a chance to sign a leaf on the Congregational Tree of Life quilt it will be available for signature. If you have questions, contact Deb Lehman.

## **SUN DAY**

As the first congregation in Meadville to install solar panels, UUCM is co sponsoring a local celebration of Sun Day on Sunday, September 21, from 1-3 pm at the Arc Greenspace. Sun Day (sunday.earth) is a national celebration of solar power and other forms of renewable energy, which are now the cheapest forms of energy available and the fastest growing around the world.

Join us to find out where renewable energy is being used in our community, talk to folks about our church's installation, and share how you are moving towards clean energy. If you drive an electric vehicle, bring it along to be part of an EV car show in the adjacent parking lot. If you haven't made the leap yourself, there will be info on clean energy resources in our area, along with music and children's activities that celebrate the sun.

In the unfortunate event that it rains on Sun Day, the celebration will be in the Parish Hall.

If you can help with children's activities, setup, or staffing a table, please contact Jane Ellen at [minister@uumeadville.org](mailto:minister@uumeadville.org).





## Meadville 1825 Celebration

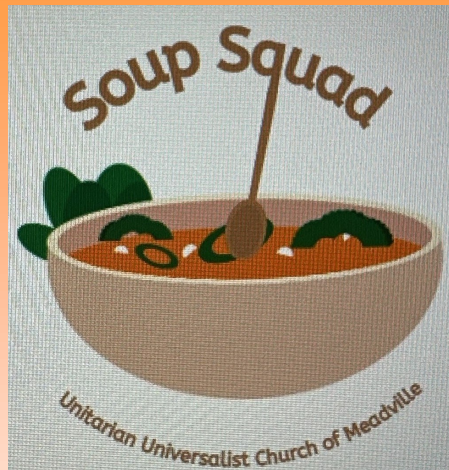
### FALL 2025

FREE public programs on Meadville history

Full event details on FACEBOOK: [www.facebook.com/meadville1825](https://www.facebook.com/meadville1825)

Saturday Sept. 13, 1:30 pm	<b>Remember the Ladies: Huidekoper Women</b> by Marianne Woods	UUCM, 346 Chestnut St.
Friday October 17, 7:00 pm	<b>Unitarian Universalist Church Concert</b> Artists TBA	UUCM, 346 Chestnut St.
Saturday October 18, 1:30 pm	<b>This is a Cemetery: Greendale</b> A documentary by Michael Keeley	Vukovich Auditorium Allegheny College
Saturday October 18, 4:00 pm	<b>Bicentennial Reception</b> Unitarian Universalist Church	UUCM, 346 Chestnut St.
Sunday October 19, 10:30 am	<b>UUCM Bicentennial Worship Service &amp; Celebration</b> Rev. Kate Walker, guest preacher	UUCM, 346 Chestnut St.
Saturday October 25, 1:30 pm	<b>Audubon: The Artist, The Man &amp; The Myth</b> by Brian Miller	UUCM, 346 Chestnut St.
Saturday Nov. 8, 1:30 pm	<b>Holland Land Company</b> by Josh Sherretts	Stereoscopic Museum 423 Chestnut St.
Saturday Nov. 22, 1:30 pm	<b>Allegheny Intern TBA</b>	UUCM, 346 Chestnut St.
Saturday Dec. 6, 1:30 pm	<b>Holiday Cheer Sing-along</b> with Sandy Ball	UUCM, 346 Chestnut St.

## SOUP ON SATURDAY



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

Date	
September 6	TBA
September 13	Chicken Noodle Soup
September 20	Minestrone
September 27	Chicken Pot Pie Soup



**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: SEPTEMBER'S SHARE-THE-PLATE RECIPIENT: TAMARACK WILDLIFE CENTER**

Tamarack specializes in the rescue, treatment and release of injured, orphaned and sick wildlife. Additionally, Tamarack provides public education programs and materials on the behavior, feeding habits, and natural habitats of many of Pennsylvania's species of wildlife.

The injured, orphaned, and sick wildlife depend entirely upon the donations of generous people like you for their second chance at life. We thank those who have assisted in the lives of each animal who has passed through our doors, as well as those who will help them in the future.

Thank you for all who donated in July and August  
The recipient was the Crawford County Historical Society We donated

**MEDITATION GROUP**

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00 am

**SOUP ON SATURDAYS**

Saturdays 3:00-5:00 pm

**WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday 9th at 11:00 am

**SOUP KITCHEN**

Friday 12th at 10:00 am

**MEADVILLE 1825 EVENTS**

Saturday 13th 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:  
Jane Ellen Nickell

Music Director: Aimee Reash

Coordinator of Religious Education:  
Mark McGinty

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