

THE ORACLE

NOVEMBER 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

November 2, 2025

"Our Third Century "- Rick Holmgren

In our Bicentennial Service, Rev. Kate Walker challenged us to listen to the voices of those who came before us and reflect on how we want to respond. In this service, we consider the people who will come after us. What message do we want to impart to those people who will be a part of this community in 100 or even 200 years? This service will challenge us to reflect deeply on who we are and who we want to be for our community. The UU Band will join us and lift up Reverend Kate's encouragement to remember our joy.

November 9, 2025

"Practicing Gratitude"- Rev. Jane Ellen Nickell

With bad news filling the airwaves, it is sometimes easy to lose sight of what is going right in our lives and in the world. As we approach Thanksgiving, we'll talk about the benefits of practicing gratitude as a spiritual discipline.

November 16, 2025

"Women in the Military: A Brief History & Personal Reflection"-Dr. Alexis Hart

In U.S. military conflicts dating back to the Revolutionary War, American women's contributions to these military efforts have often been neglected, overlooked, or downplayed in official government documents, historical accounts, the press, and popular renderings—from literature to films to television. After a brief historical overview of women in the military, the speaker will share "sea stories" from her own experiences as a female officer in the US Navy, from graduating as the only woman in her ROTC year group, to being one of only 3 women on an amphibious assault ship during a 6-month Western Pacific and Arabian Gulf deployment. She will reflect upon how her experiences increased her awareness of some of the principles of interdependence, pluralism, and generosity reflected in the UU values.

November 23, 2025

"Our UU Values"- Rick Holmgren and the Faith Builders

Our friends from Faith Builders are joining us today, so it is a good time to reflect on our journey as UUs and the principles, sources, and values that define, inspire, and motivate our community.

November 30, 2025

"Gratitude Sunday"-Corinne and Rich Chafey

We will gather in the Parish House to remember and share the people, the places, the events, the circumstance, the discoveries in our lives that bring us deep and sustaining gratitude.

MEADVILLE 1825



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

FALL 2025

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

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

GRATITUDE POTLUCK WITH FAITH BUILDERS NOVEMBER 23RD

We're pleased to announce that the Faith Builders will be back with us on November 23rd. Faith Builders is a conservative Christian religious community located in neighboring Guys Mills that operates an education program spanning first grade through college-level coursework. Spending time together with these kind and respectful people has been a living lesson in the concept that “we need not think alike to love alike.”

We are expecting about 25 Faith Builders to share a potluck meal with us after the service that Sunday. The church will provide a meat dish, the Faith Builders will bring dessert, please bring a dish to share. We hope many of us will be present to welcome and break bread with these engaging folks. A sign-up sheet for the potluck is in the Parish house.



REQUEST LINE IS OPEN!

Aimee and Jane Ellen are already planning the service celebrating winter holidays that we hold on Christmas Eve. They want to know what would make that service meaningful for you. Please email Jane Ellen (minister@uuchurch.org) to suggest readings, poems, songs, or other elements that have special meaning for you at this time of year.

SOUP ON SATURDAY



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

Date	
November 1	Chunky Turkey Sausage Lentil Soup
November 8	TBA
November 15	Shepherd's Pie
November 22	Cheeseburger Chowder
November 29	Sicilian Chicken 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: NOVEMBER'S SHARE-THE-PLATE RECIPIENT: CENTER FOR FAMILY SERVICES

The Center for Family Services helps those who are struggling to get back on their feet with life's essentials: food, clothing, shelter, and community support. We build the foundation for a brighter future for Crawford County families by assembling the building blocks that respond to a family's unique needs.



Thank you for all who donated in September. The recipient was Shelter Area Meadville (SAM) . We donated \$402.51.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Sundays 9:00-10:00 am

MEDITATION GROUP

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00 am
Fridays 12:00 pm

SOUP ON SATURDAYS

Saturdays 3:00-5:00 pm

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 11th at 11:00 am

SOUP KITCHEN

Friday 14th at 10:00 am

MEADVILLE 1825 EVENTS

Saturday 8th at 1:30 pm
Saturday 22nd at 1:30 pm

GRATITUDE POTLUCK

Sunday 23rd Following Service

ORACLE SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE

Monday 24th 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).



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

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(814)724-4023)

Monday-Friday: 7:30 AM – 1:30PM