

THE ORACLE

MARCH 2026

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



March 1, 2026

“Remember the Ladies” - Rev. Jane Ellen Nickell

We are living through a time when traditional gender binaries are being challenged. As some embrace a more expansive understanding of gender and sexuality, others seek to reassert traditional gender identities and roles. At this interesting juncture, we begin Women’s History Month by looking at some of the women who contributed to our congregation from its earliest days and over the decades.

March 8, 2026

“Depth”- Josh Searle-White

I’ve always thought that being “deep” would be a good thing, but without a lot of concrete reason. In this service we’ll investigate what spiritual, psychological, and emotional depth might mean for our lives -- and why we might want it.

March 15, 2026

“A Hand Up: Strengthening Community Through Dignity and Partnership.”- Jason Nesbitt

I serve as the Executive Director of the Center for Family Services, serving Crawford and Venango Counties. The Center is a community-based nonprofit organization whose mission is to assist, support, and strengthen our local community. We provide HUD-certified housing counseling and foreclosure prevention services, operate multiple food pantries throughout Crawford County, offer parenting education and family support programs, provide community-based case management, assist with essential needs and crisis response, and support individuals returning to the community after incarceration.

Our work is grounded in dignity, collaboration, and a commitment to creating lasting, positive change. At the heart of everything we do is the belief that when we honor the inherent value of every person, we build a stronger and more connected community.

March 22, 2026

“Chaplaincy as Refuge in Uncertain Times”- Sharon Wesoky

Sharon Wesoky will be discussing my training in Zen Buddhist Chaplaincy, teaching meditation to incarcerated women, and the joys and challenges of service.

March 29, 2026

TBA



BLARNEY BREAKFAST

Yes folks, it's time to dress in green and break out the shamrocks!!!

The blarney breakfast will be celebrated on Saturday March 14th. Cooks and servers needed. Set up will happen Friday March 13th. If you can help in any way, please contact Deb Lehman.

Blarney Breakfast



Adults \$9.00

Kids \$4.50

at the door

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026
9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, baked oatmeal,
featuring real maple syrup,
coffee, tea

***gluten-free option available**

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
PARISH HOUSE
346 CHESTNUT STREET, MEADVILLE, PA

PAGAN GROUP MARCH 3RD

The Pagan Group will has been formed to celebrate earth based religious The Pagan group will meet in the Victorian Parlor in the Parish House at 7:00 pm on March 3rd to celebrate the full moon. All are welcomed to practices and explore energy work and connection to nature.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

A group of us decided we would enjoy regular social gatherings for the men of the Church, so we are planning to meet the first Friday of each month at 9:00 at the Traveler's Cafe. Our next gathering is Friday, March 6. All members and friends are welcome to attend. If this time doesn't work for you but you would like to attend, please contact Rick Holmgren. We will try to work out a solution.



MEDITATION GROUP SCHEDULE

A Buddhist meditation group was formed at the Unitarian Universalist Church when Reverend Alex Holt was the pastor. The group has evolved over the years with times and days shifting to fit the needs of the core group.

Currently we meet in the Unitarian Universalist sanctuary on the corner of South Main and Chestnut Streets in Meadville. All meditations are a half hour duration.

- * 5:15 pm Mondays - guided or partially guided meditation with discussion afterwards.
- * 10 am Wednesdays- 1/2 hour silent sitting practice
- * 10 am Fridays- 1/2 hour silent sitting practice

The meditation is a non-denominational practice and is open to anyone who is interested in deepening their inner spiritual journey. There is no cost.

If you have further questions, you may call the church office at 814 724 4023 or contact Peggy Bell.

SOUP ON SATURDAY



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

Date	
March 7	TBA
March 14	Corned Beef, Cabbage and Potato Soup
March 21	TBA
March 28	TBA



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: MARCH'S SHARE-THE-PLATE RECIPIENT: FRENCH CREEK VALLEY CONSERVANCY

The French Creek Valley Conservancy is a private 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization dedicated to maintaining and enhancing the exceptional water quality, natural habitat, biological diversity and recreational opportunities of the French Creek Watershed in Northwest Pennsylvania. Our work in land protection, stewardship, education and community outreach is supported by our members, donors, foundations and partner organizations. Our volunteer board of directors is focused on facilitating the citizens of the watershed to be the caretakers of the watershed.

Thank you for all who donated in February. The recipient was Soup on Saturday We donated \$288.

MARCH SAVE THE DATE

CHOIR PRACTICE

Sundays 9:00-10:00 am

MEDITATION GROUP

Mondays at 5:15 pm

Tuesdays and Fridays at 10:00 am

SOUP ON SATURDAYS

Saturdays 3:00-5:00 pm

PAGAN GROUP IMBOLC

Sunday 1st at 7:00 pm

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Friday 6th 9:00am

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 10th at 11:00 am

SOUP KITCHEN

Friday 13th at 10:00 am

BLARNEY BREAKFAST

Saturday 14th 9:00-12:00 pm

ORACLE SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE

Monday 23rd 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).

2026 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

Board Member:
Melissa Mansfield

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