

THE ORACLE

APRIL 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.



Hello
April

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WORSHIP MATTERS – SUNDAY SERVICES 10:30AM

April 5, 2026

“Seeing Things” - Rev. Jane Ellen Nickell

The Bible records several times that the resurrected Jesus appeared to his followers, although they did not always recognize that it was him. We'll explore these stories as examples of how a loved one can remain vividly present with us even after death.

April 12, 2026

“TBA” - Adrienne Krone

April 19, 2026

“Individual or Social Being? Who Am I and for That Matter, Who are We.” - Len Nichols

Len reflects upon the interplay between these two facets of the human condition, and upon its implications for our spiritual selves, the health of society in general health.

April 26, 2026

“Earth Day Service Honoring the Web of Life”

We'll be joined by a wildlife ambassador from Tamarack Wildlife Center.

EASTER SUNDAY POTLUCK APRIL 5TH

Bring a dish to share.

The Church will supply ham and vegetarian entrée.

Easter egg hunt for the young and young at heart !

Sign-up Sheet in the Parish House



EARTH DAY BOOK DISCUSSION

In observance of Earth Day, we will hold a book discussion after coffee hour on Sunday, April 26, of Kate Marvel's book "Human Nature: Nine Ways to Feel About Our Changing Planet." This beautifully written book simultaneously educates the reader about climate change and acknowledges the range of emotions involved in climate action. This Scientific American "Best Book of the Year" is described as "a captivating exploration of climate change that uses nine different emotions to better understand the science, history, and future of our evolving planet."

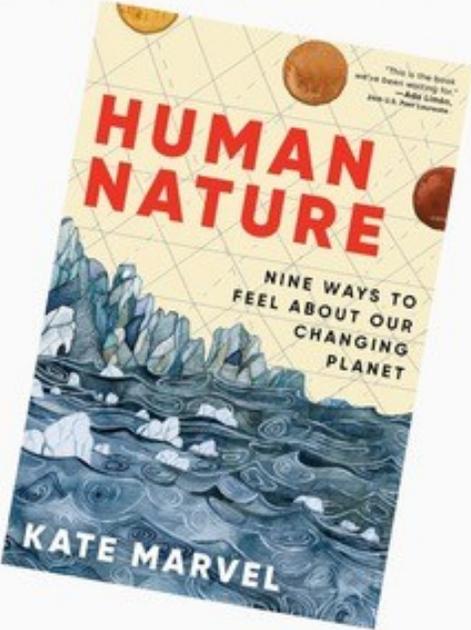


"A highly readable argument for tackling climate change that reckons with both cold hard facts and the human heart." - Kirkus Reviews

Sunday, April 26

**EARTH DAY
BOOK
DISCUSSION**

Join us after coffee hour to discuss *Human Nature*, a beautifully written book that simultaneously educates the reader about climate change and acknowledges the range of emotions involved in climate action.



The book cover features a yellow background with a grid pattern. At the top, there are three orange circles representing planets. The title "HUMAN NATURE" is written in large, bold, red letters. Below it, the subtitle "NINE WAYS TO FEEL ABOUT OUR CHANGING PLANET" is written in smaller, black, all-caps letters. The author's name "KATE MARVEL" is at the bottom in white, all-caps letters. The bottom half of the cover shows a blue, wavy, textured landscape with white icebergs. A quote from Al Gore is visible at the top right: "This is the book we've been waiting for." - Al Gore, 2013 U.S. Nobel Laureate.

PAGAN GROUP APRIL 1ST

The Pagan group will meet in the Victorian Parlor in the Parish House at 7:00 pm on April 1st to celebrate the full moon. All are welcomed to practices and explore energy work and connection to nature.



NEW 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.

* 10 am Mondays - Fridays- 1/2 hour silent sitting practice

* 5:15 pm Mondays - guided or partially guided meditation with discussion afterwards.

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.

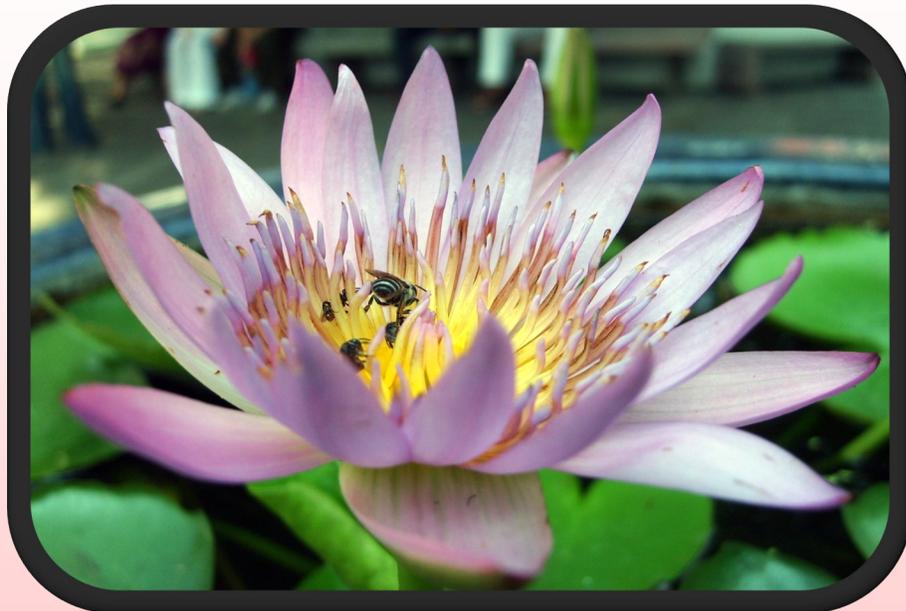


SOUP ON SATURDAY



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

Date	
April 4	Spaghetti
April 11	TBA
April 18	Chicken Noodle Soup
April 25	TBA



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: 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 \$.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Sundays 9:00-10:00 am

MEDITATION GROUP

Mondays at 5:15 pm

Mondays - Fridays at 10:00 am

SOUP ON SATURDAYS

Saturdays 3:00-5:00 pm

PAGAN GROUP FULL MOON

Wednesday 1st at 7:00 pm

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Friday 3rd 9:00am

SOUP KITCHEN

Friday 10th at 10:00 am

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 14th at 11:00 am

EARTH DAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Sunday 26th Following Coffee Hour

ORACLE SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE

Monday 27th 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

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