

THE ORACLE

May 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

May 3, 2026

"Coming Unglued" - Josh Searle-White & Band

We usually use the phrase “coming unglued” to mean that we are losing our grip on normality, sanity, or simply the equanimity with which we hope to meet the chaos of the world. But maybe there are times when coming unglued is exactly what we need to meet the day. We’ll explore this possibility in a special musical service.

May 10, 2026

“Family Stories”- Rev. Jane Ellen Nickell

On this Mother’s Day, we will honor families more broadly, both those we are born into and the families we choose for ourselves. Through stories and songs, we will look at how our lives are interwoven with those of our loved ones.

May 17, 2026

“TBA”

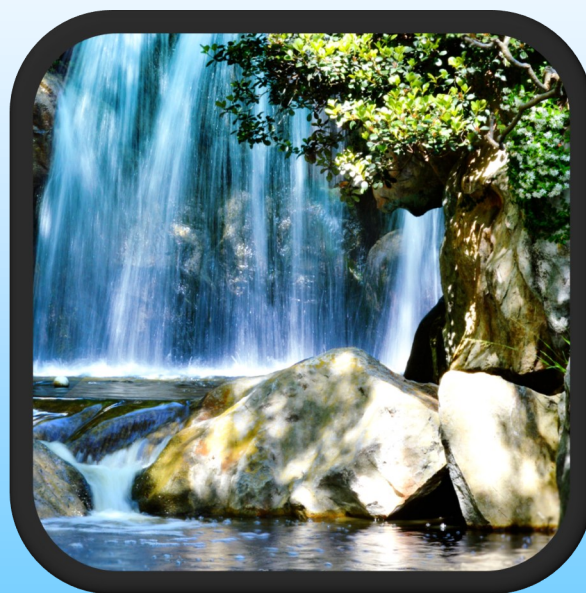
May 24, 2026

Mary Moody

May 31, 2026

“‘All the World's a Stage' and Life is a Practice”- Autumn Vogel

I will share ruminations on my experiences in theater, exploring the value of practice and process and the richness of Meadville's theater community.



2025-2026 ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Meadville (UUCM) will be held on Sunday, May 03, 2026, immediately following the 10:30 service. At that time, members of the congregation will elect Board members and a new Trustee. The congregation will also be asked to approve the budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. Budget information can be found in the Treasurer's report with additional discussion in the President's report. Both reports can be found in the annual meeting packet, which will be shared at least one week before the meeting.

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE ANNUAL REPORT](#)



PAGAN GROUP

The Pagan Group explores Earth based beliefs and ritual practices. We are learning together as a group and share responsibility for creating rituals. The group will meet at 7:00 pm in the Parish House on the following dates:

- Friday May 1 – Beltane
- Sunday May 31 - Full moon
- Sunday June 21- Litha
- Monday June 29- Full moon
- Wednesday July 29- Full moon
- Saturday August 1st- Lammas
- Friday August 28- Full moon
- Tuesday September 22- Mabon
- Saturday September 26- Full moon



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.

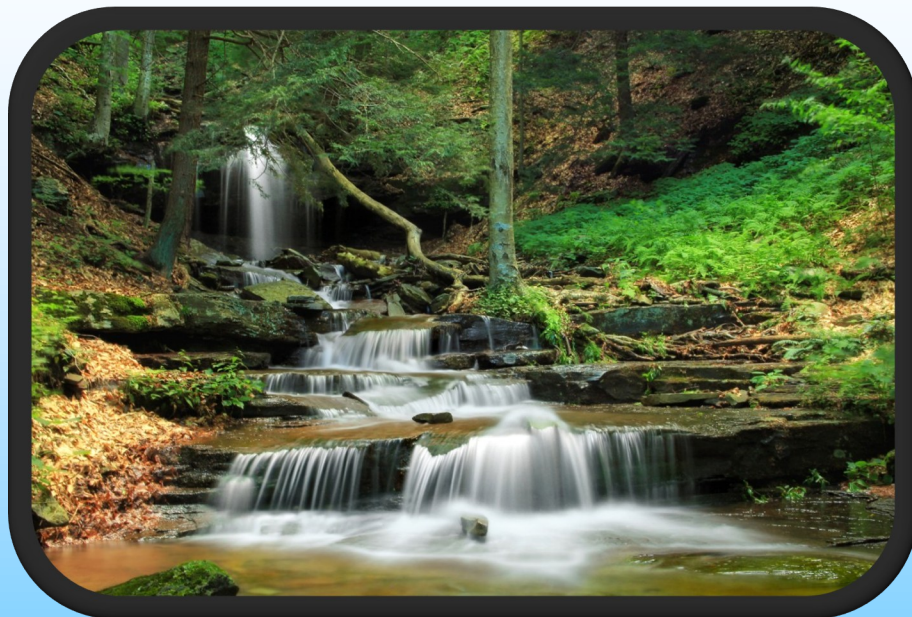


SOUP ON SATURDAY



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

Date	
May 2	Tacos and Beans and Rice
May 9	TBA
May 16	TBA
May 23	Hot Dogs, Fruit and Pasta Salad
May 30	Chicken Shawarma



FAITH IN ACTION

SOUP KITCHEN

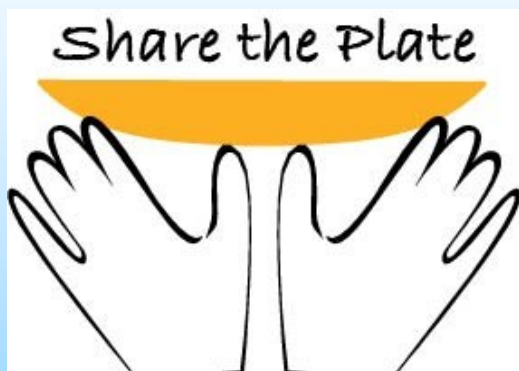
Every second Friday each month a group of UU volunteers serve meals at the Meadville Area Soup kitchen as a way to help alleviate some of the symptoms of poverty in our region. You are welcome to volunteer.



WHY WE SHARE: MAY'S SHARE-THE-PLATE

RECIPIENT: CHAPS

Crawford County Mental Health Awareness Program (CHAPS) is a non-profit, consumer-driven organization that was founded in 1988. From day one, CHAPS has been committed to the mission of supporting consumers of mental health services, advocating for the improvement of local mental health services.



Thank you for all who donated in March. The recipient was the Meadville Area Free Clinic. We donated \$289.00.

MAY SAVE THE DATE

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

Friday 1st at 7:00 pm

Sunday 31st at 7:00 pm

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Friday 1st 9:00am

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday 3rd Following Service

SOUP KITCHEN

Friday 8th at 10:00 am

SINGING RESISTANCE MEADVILLE

Tuesday 12th at 6:00 pm

Tuesday 26th at 6:00 pm

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 14th at 11:00 am

ORACLE SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE

Monday 25th by 9:00 am



RESOURCES

UU- Useful Web Links

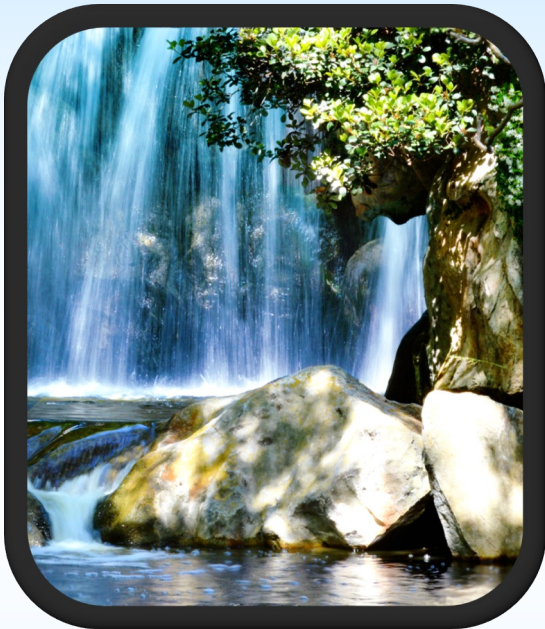
UU Church of Meadville:

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

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