

THE ORACLE

October 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

October 4, 2026

“All Creatures Great and Small”-Rev. Jane Ellen Nickell

Today is St. Francis Day, honoring the saint who lived in kinship with the animal world, so we will celebrate all creatures, great and small, who share our lives and make life possible. Stone Church has invited us to attend a Blessing of the Pets on Saturday, October 3, from 10-11 am. If you are unable to attend that event, you may bring your pet or a picture of them on Sunday to receive a blessing.

October 11, 2026

“Many Paths, One Light”-Saruni Lemargeroi

October 18, 2026

"Peace Like a River? Well, It Depends on the River."- Chris Anderson

Life's journey can often feel like navigating a river. We will consider the ways a variety of rivers can help us find and experience inner peace.

October 25, 2026

“Being Alive ”- Maribeth Edmonds

In the face of AI, our own flawed humanity becomes more precious.



HAUNTED HALLOWEEN GAME NIGHT

October 24
5pm-7pm

Looking for an event for UU to wear your Halloween costume? Look no further!! Join us on October 24th for a Ghoulish, Gnarly Game Night at the UU!! Come in your costume to be eligible for a prize of unknown origin!!

Yes, that's right, the events team is hosting a Halloween party disguised as a Game Night!! It is in the parish House, LeSueur Room. There will be snacks provided, including (non alcoholic) Witches Brew for sure! Maybe some devilishly delicious donut holes and some curiously creepy cookies!?! Well, you won't know if you skip it!

Watch the B&B for any additional information.

Games!!

Trivia!!

On Your Person Scavenger Hunt! (fill your pockets and purses with common items. i.e. a stick of chewing gum, paper clip, etc.)

You won't know how much fun you're missing if you're not there!!





Talk about Death

In this season when the veil between us and the spirit world is thin, we offer you two opportunities to talk about your own end-of-life plans.

Five Wishes Document

Pick up one after church on Oct. 25 or Nov. 1 to document your end-of-life wishes. Members of the UUCM Care Team and Guides to the Other Side will be available.

Death Cafe

Sunday, Nov. 1 at 1 pm
UUCM Parish House
A welcoming space to talk about death and dying, hosted by Guides to the Other Side.

COMMUNITY RESPONSE VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Friends,

It is happening over and over....every week for the past month, individuals who are here in Meadville working as roofers, agricultural plants, and installing solar fields are being taken from local motels by ICE as they leave for work in the morning.

And ICE is always ahead of our responders. We need many more people on the lookout. If we are there sooner, we have a greater chance of documenting, but also to provide legal assistance and mutual aid to family members left behind.

Never, ever did I expect to see this in my lifetime, and I am guessing that you didn't either. Help us resist these illegal and very frightening incidents. Come to a two-hour training on October 10, where you will learn how to help.

Please register at the link below. Share it widely with your friends and neighbors.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/community-response-volunteer-training-tickets-2001661064126>

Share this widely with friends, colleagues and neighbors. Tell ICE that they are not welcome in Meadville and Crawford County.

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ἐργασίας ποὺ εἶναι ἀπὸ τὴν ἐξουσία, ἔχουν

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:

- Monday October 26th- Full moon
- Sunday November 1st– Samhain

SAMHAIN



COME CELEBRATE SAMHAIN AT OUR SERVICE

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1ST AT 10:30AM

AT THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

346 CHESTNUT STREET, MEADVILLE – IN THE SANCTUARY

****Service animals only****



SOUP ON SATURDAY



SOUP ON SATURDAYS 3:00-5:00 PM

Join us in supporting the Meadville community with donating to Soup on Saturdays. We will be serving soups to the community. We are looking for donations or soup ingredients (dry foods, stocks, cans and fresh veggies). We are also accepting any monetary donations. Most importantly, we are looking for volunteers. Contact Jodi Sipos with any questions or donations 814-724-4023 or church@uumeadville.org. Check our Facebook page for what we are serving every Saturday.



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: OCTOBER'S SHARE-THE-PLATE RECIPIENT: SHELTER AREA MEADVILLE

Shelter Area Meadville (SAM) was created to protect the unhoused adult population and provide overnight shelter from the inclement weather. Thanks to Family Children and Community Association offering to be the host site, Shelter Area Meadville was able to officially launch a pilot program that began on November 15, 2024.



Thank you for all who donated in September. The recipient was Tamarack Wildlife Center. We donated

MEDITATION GROUP

Mondays - Fridays at 8:00 am

SOUP ON SATURDAYS

Saturdays 3:00-5:00 pm

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Friday 2nd 9:00am

SOUP KITCHEN

Friday 9th at 10:00 am

SINGING RESISTANCE MEADVILLE

Tuesday 13th at 6:00 pm

Tuesday 27nd at 6:00 pm

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 13th at 11:00 am

HALLOWEEN GAME NIGHT

Saturday 24th at 5:00 pm

PAGAN GROUP FULL MOON

Wednesday 25th at 7:00 pm

DRUM CIRCLE

Monday 26th at 6:00 pm

ORACLE SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE

Monday 26th by 9:00 am

UU WOMEN'S GROUP

Monday 28th at 6:00 pm



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 –2027 Church Officers

President and Liaison to Worship Committee
and Liaison to the Minister and the Music
Director: Josh Searle-White

Vice-President, Capital Projects Coordinator
and Liaison to Properties and Soup on
Saturday Rick Holmgren

Treasurer and RE Liaison and to the Office
Administrator: Jane Anderson

Secretary: Melissa Mansfield

Stewardship Chair and Liaison to the Caring
Committee : P. Todd Fox

Liaison to Events Committee: Lew Trumble

Church Staff

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Rev. Jane Ellen Nickell

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Monday & Thursday: 9:30AM-11:30AM

Music Director: Aimee Reash

Office Administrator: Jodi Sipos

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Monday-Friday: 7:30AM – 1:30PM