

Congregations Seeking Partners

Medgyes (*Medias*), Transylvania

The Unitarian congregation of Medgyes (in Romanian *Medias*) is situated in Sibiu county, Transylvania, Central Romania. In the Middle Ages it was a fortified city, and the center of the ancient settlement of Medias has maintained a medieval feel with narrow winding lanes, centuries-old houses and a large pedestrian square surrounded by colorful facades. The Church and the minister's house are situated near the city center. The railway and bus stations are 10 minutes walking distance.



The community is considered by its people to have been reborn in the last years when the new, young minister, Hunor E. Márkos arrived in September 2011. Some of the traditional activities were revived, but the majority were newly initiated, including a Sunday school for the little ones, monthly Biblical classes, and monthly meetings of prayer and craft work for the women. There are also social activities: the women's association frequently visit the elders of the community, and starting last year a day was set aside to celebrate the elders.

Medgyes has a Sibiu, this is a congregation. every second congregation of small, organized

Meeting of Unitarian Women (UNOSZ). It with almost 450 women. After that in congregations from Sibiu and Medgyes International Convocation of UU Women, wife, Zita Mátyás was a Global Sister's returned with great ideas.



sister community in much smaller Sermons are held only Sunday. In 2011, the Sibiu, although very the annual National had a huge program 2012 the participated at the 2nd where the minister's Group facilitator and



This year in May, the Medgyes congregation organized the regional meeting of Unitarian women, hosting women from all over the Küküllő region – almost 150 women. And in June this year were partner organizers of the GSG training in for their district, and as a result started a younger generation of women's association.

reading, art crafting (embroidering, etc.), drama course, photo and of the church there is a community Cultural Association and by us, we

The minister writes, "We would like Church to give opportunity for our world, life style, to cultivate another another culture, tradition and new friendships. You can look us up on Facebook ([medgyesi.unitariusegyhazkozseg@facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/medgyesi.unitariusegyhazkozseg)) – the page is in Hungarian, but we are working on an English translation too."



Because the city is situated in a center of Romanian and German population, the congregation makes efforts to keep alive Hungarian traditions. They organize weekly activities like needle working, things from straw craving expositions. In the backyard house used by the Transylvanian usually keep our activities here.

to start a partnership with an American people to have a glance to another language and to get knowledge about religion, but more importantly to have

