# NEWSLETTER JUNE 2019

# UUFB News Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bozeman



# June Sunday Services

#### June 2, 2019 • "Flower Celebration Sunday" • Rev. Duffy Peet

For years it has been the custom of this Fellowship to hold a "flower communion" in early June. Today we will continue that custom. The origin of this service can be found in early twentieth century European Unitarianism. Everyone is encouraged to bring a flower or flowers from your home or the countryside to share with those who come to worship together. Each person will leave with a flower that arrived with someone else.

#### June 9, 2019 • "Music in Sacred Ceremony" • Guest Speaker: Eric Funk

Music is a vehicle that can and should carry congregants into a deeply spiritual open, receptive place. This offers the possibility of a revelatory experience with each gathering while creating connection between people who have gathered to worship. For the musician, it's all about "getting out of the way." Eric Funk is an American contemporary classical composer and conductor. Originally from Deer Lodge, he currently resides in Bozeman, & teaches music courses at MSU.

#### June 16, 2019 • "Reflections on Father's Day" • Rev. Duffy Peet

Father's Day in this country has a relatively short history, just 47 years. Efforts to establish it go back 6 decades prior. On this Father's Day we know who we celebrate, our own fathers. We might also want to consider what characteristics or aspects of fatherhood are worthy of honoring and celebrating.

June 23, 2019 • "UU General Assembly Service" • Live-stream starts at 11 a.m. • Guest Speaker: Rev. Marta I. Valentín *Please note that this service starts at 11 a.m.* Join us as we virtually attend the largest annual worship gathering of UUs joining. We will live-stream the General Assembly Sunday Morning Worship from the Spokane Convention Center. Highlights will include the sermon by the Rev. Marta I. Valentín, Minister with the UU Church of Medford, MA, and the GA choir, a large group of talented choral singers. The service will run from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Come early for snacks & coffee before the service.

June 30, 2019 • "Reflections on the Holocaust & the Third Commandment" • Guest Speaker: Rabbi Ed Stafman Rabbi Ed Stafman will address several questions about the Holocaust as they relate to the world today: What are the most important take-aways from the Holocaust? How is the world coming with those lessons? What is the role of world religions and each of us today in addressing those issues?



# Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bozeman

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# Minister Musings

~ Rev. Duffy Peet minister@uufbozeman.org



Every year UUFB begins its new program year on the first day of June. Those who have been involved in the Fellowship for a long time, as well as those who have been on various committees or the Board, have a good idea of what that means. New Fellowship members and friends however may have little, if any, awareness of the changes that occur as June arrives. Everyone who attended the Annual Meeting on May 19 knows that the makeup of the Board changes on June 1. Several new Board members will begin their terms of office as those whose terms are ending depart. I want to take this opportunity to say thank you both to those who have agreed to serve as Board members in the coming months as well as those who have been on the Board and have given of their time, energy and talents in the leadership roles they have held.

Along with the Board, other committees with also see changes as people either step off or join. An example is the Committee on Ministry. This committee does a significant amount of work that most people don't know about. One of the important matters this committee has been tasked with is to focus on the ministry of the Fellowship. Notice I stated the ministry, not just the minister, of this Fellowship. Their work is to help all of us consider how we carry out this congregation's ministry, which is based on our Mission Statement. The members of the Committee on Ministry help me to clarify and set goals for myself as your minister, assist the Board by offering suggestions related to areas of ministry that need attention, and encourage all of us to share our questions, appreciations, concerns and comments (QACC) regarding UUFB by submitting them in writing in the QACC box which is located in the Social Hall. The Committee on Ministry wants to know your thoughts about what is going well and where improvements might be possible. As the new program year begins, Rose Toth will be leaving the Committee on Ministry and Sue Slade and Linda Clark will be joining. For the first time since I arrived in 2016 this committee will have the maximum number of members allowed, which is 5. The other members are Beth D'Atri, Dave Rockafellow and Elizabeth Rose.

Other committees will also be experiencing membership changes at this point in the year. If you have been wondering how you might become more involved in the Fellowship, this would be an opportune time to consider joining a committee. Most of the committees of the Fellowship are eager to invite any member or friend who expresses an interest to become a committee member.

Those of you who attended the May 19 service when the title of my sermon was "Building Religious Community" know that our Fellowship community is built and sustained by all of us. Then and now I say thank you to all who have given so much to make our Fellowship what it is today, a healthy, vibrant and growing community. As we begin our new program year, I encourage each of us to consider what role we might play in the community building that will be occurring in the coming months. The saying "many hands make light work" is definitely true when it comes to the work we are doing at UUFB. I look forward to our work together over the course of the coming year.

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# Religious Exploration

# Corner





It might not feel like it right now, but summer is just around the corner! **Summer Solstice** on June 21st marks the first day of summer.

On Sunday, June 9th we will begin our **summer RE program**, which will continue through August. This is a first for UUFB since last summer we had our grand experiment with year-round services and limited childcare. This summer we have organized weekly sessions that include outdoor explorations, indoor craft activities and a lightly structured circle time with songs & stories for all ages. The program is designed to accommodate family travel plans as each session will be a stand alone whole. Drop-ins are welcome anytime!

Our **Volunteer Calendar** for June is posted in the Social Hall. As we are experimenting with "All Together Sundays," we will only need one volunteer each week. At the end of the month we will re-evaluate how the program has been working, and decide whether to continue or to change this approach.

I hope many of you will join us for our annual **Flower Service** on June 2nd. This event is a wonderful multigenerational affair that celebrates Norbert Capek and the ritual of the Flower Communion he created. There will be no RE class, but nursery care will be available.

Like most Bozemanites, I am looking forward to more sun and warmer days. Have a wonderful summer!

Marie Lynn, cre@uufbozeman.org





### The QACC Box is for you!

Do you have Questions,
Appreciations, Comments, or
Concerns (QACCs)? The
Committee on Ministry (COM)
welcomes it all! Submit your
QACCS! Look for the box with
the duck on the table in the
social hall. The COM reviews
submissions at our monthly
meetings.

#### **Upcoming Events**

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6/2 World Affairs Discussion Group

6/4 Support Group for Caregivers

6/9 2nd Sunday Offering to No More Deaths

6/9 Program Council

6/12 Men's Group

6/16 Food Bank Sunday

6/19 Women's Group

6/21 Summer Solstice Party

6/23 Note: Sunday Service starts at 11 a.m.

6/23 Glass Recycling

6/27 Fork & Spoon

6/30 5th Sunday Offering to Family Promise

6/30 Environmental Action Group

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# Board Report ~ Tonya Stevens, UUFB Board President stevens\_tonya@msn.com

#### Good-bye, 2018/2019 Board! Welcome, Board of 2019/2020!

At our Annual Meeting on May 19th, we said a fond good-bye in gratitude to UUFB Board members who have worked ceaselessly this past year or years for the Fellowship: Deanna Dean served up two years of wisdom as a Member-at-Large; Dick Young leaves after a year as Vice President, then a year as President, then as an invaluable advisor as Past President for 2018-2019; Janet Lewis served two years as Secretary (but also as Stewardship co-chair one year and Fundraiser par excellence); Bruce DePriester goes back to serving merely as Chair of the Finance Committee – he graciously also served as Treasurer since Tonya Webber left (moved to Illinois) in early October 2018. Lee McGill served this past year as a Member-at-Large but he will return to the Board as our Secretary for one year, as he will be leaving town after he graduates from MSU next spring.

At the Annual Meeting, 54 members who attended and 31 proxies combined for a total of 85 voting members. Those present voiced acceptance of the slate of nominees that were presented by the UUFB Board to the membership.

Please thank the following folks for their service to the Fellowship as Board members for 2019-2020:

President: Tonya Stevens – a second year as President

Vice President: Peg Wherry – two-year term: one year as VP, one year as President

Secretary: Lee McGill – one-year term

Treasurer: Janine Roberts – three-year term

Member-at-Large: Duncan Chambers

Member-at-Large: Paul McVey Member-at-Large: Tam Miller

One of the Members-at-Large will be filling out Lee McGill's term of one year. We have not yet drawn straws to determine who that will be.

#### **Weapons Policy**

The Board and Safety Task Force continue to consider safety measures for our congregation. The Board voted to accept this Weapons Policy that was recommended by the Safety Task Force. For now, this will be posted at the UUFB website. We are still discussing how this will be publicly posted otherwise.

Pursuant to Sec. 24.07.160., Sec. 24.07.170. and Sec. 24.07.180 of the City of Bozeman Municipal Code, UUFB prohibits persons from bringing firearms and other lethal weapons into the church, whether such weapons are concealed or carried openly. Any such weapons must be kept securely in a locked vehicle if they are on the property. Law enforcement officers shall be summoned to remove persons refusing to comply with this policy from the premises.

This policy does not apply to law enforcement officers carrying firearms or other lethal weapons on church premises in the performance of their official duties.

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## Board Report continued...

#### **UU General Assembly 2019 in Spokane June 19-23**

On May 16th, many of the 9 members of UUFB who are planning to attend the UU General Assembly in Spokane met to listen to good advice from former attendees Paul Kleihauer, Diane Knipfer, and Peg Wherry. We were able to work out some rides and housing. We will name 3 delegates to vote on national UU issues. Anyone still interested in attending part or all of the General Assembly should contact Tonya Stevens at (406) 209-7592 or stevens tonya@msn.com with any questions.

Our Sunday Services Committee is planning to have General Assembly Sunday Service of June 23rd live streamed to UUFB. The Board is also investigating having other sessions of the General Assembly available for view here.

#### **Interior Design Working Group**

Cabinets have been ordered for the back hallway from Home Depot. Installation will be accomplished by UUFB members and friends during early June. Funds for the cabinets came from the Construction Account, made up of money from both the Capital Campaign and other contributions to Building funds in the past. Please thank, in particular, Barbara Turner-Lantz, for her expert advice as a cabinet maker and installer. She has been instrumental in making this happen!

#### **Audio/Visual Installation**

Also coming from the Construction Account funding is a new projector to be hung from one of the beams in the church sanctuary and wired to a panel in the wall near the lectern for ease of use. May 28th is the installation start date. Our Sunday Services Committee will be forming an AV team soon who will be trained in use of the system.

#### **Building and Grounds**

- Lawn Mowing: We have hired a young man, Alex Leonhardt (Big Al), who just graduated from high school, to mow the lawn this summer. He will replace Dan Sweeney and others who mowed last year as volunteers. Alex will try to come once a week on Wednesdays, weather permitting. If you have any comments about the lawn, please contact Randy Babbitt, <a href="mailto:wrbabbitt@gmail.com">wrbabbitt@gmail.com</a>.
- **Shed replacement:** Once the cabinets in the back hallway are filled, we will know whether we need the current shed on the back of our property. Please contact Carolyn Boyd, <a href="mailto:boyd.berg@msn.com">boyd.berg@msn.com</a> if you would be interested in serving on a short-lived **Shed Task Force** that will help determine what outside storage container will serve us best.

Respectfully submitted by Tonya Stevens, Board President - May 28, 2019



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# Adult Religious Exploration

#### Spiritual Pluralism Project Groups

Our Fellowship currently has three Spiritual Pluralism groups. Each group usually has a chalice lighting, a time for check-in, a covenant for how they will be together, and time for sharing on a topic or theme. The existing groups are:

**UU Buddhist Group** - The Buddhist Study Group explores practices such as meditation and spiritual development. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, June 4th 4:00-5:30 p.m. in the UUFB large classroom. For more information, please contact Warren Knipfer (rwkbozeman@gmail.com).

**UU Humanist Group** - The UU Humanist Group explores Humanism and its role in Unitarian Universalism. The next meeting will be held Monday, June 3rd 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the UUFB large conference table. For more information, please contact Sara Williams (sawilliams6@gmail.com).

**UU Mysticism Group** - The UU Mysticism Group explores various strands of mysticism within UUism, world religions, and other sources. For more information contact Sherrill Dolezilek (frameitmt@aol.com) or Elizabeth Rose (erose@montanadsl.net).



## **Time Change!**

The June 23rd Sunday
Service starts at 11 a.m.
This time change applies to the
June 23rd service only.

Just a reminder that the Sunday Service on June 23rd will start at 11 a.m. Join us as we virtually attend the largest annual worship gathering of UUs joining. We will live-stream the **General Assembly Sunday** Morning Worship from the Spokane Convention Center. Highlights will include the sermon by the Rev. Marta I. Valentín, Minister with the UU Church of Medford, MA, and the GA choir, a large group of talented choral singers. The service will run from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Come early for snacks & coffee before the service.



### **Environmental Action Group – Information Needed!**

Are you interested in sharing your skills for reusing things, reducing food costs and energy consumption, gardening/composting, and recycling? The Environmental Action Group is looking for input on who has an interest in this area. Please contact Barbara Graham (barbaragraham111@gmail.com) or Carolyn Widman (widmanc@vt.edu).

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# **Upcoming Events**





#### **Book Sale - June 2**

Let's get ready for summer reading! Join us for a large used book sale on Sunday, 6/2/19, before and after service.

#### World Affairs Discussion Group - June 2

The adult discussion group on world affairs will be held after service June 2nd in the large classroom from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Great Decisions program is offered by the Foreign Policy Association (FPA). Come join the discussion! Contact Neil Schwarzwalder (neil.nas@att.net) for more information.





#### **Support Group for Caregivers - June 4**

The next Support Group for Caregivers meeting will be held in the UUFB large classroom on Tuesday, June 4 at 2:00 p.m. If you have questions, contact Jennifer Haukebo (frozenthumb.89@gmail.com).

#### 2nd Sunday Offering to No More Deaths - June 9

The Social Justice Action Committee has specified that on Sunday, June 9th, the offering will go to No More Deaths. Please make any checks out to UUFB, and write "No More Deaths" in the memo line.

No More Deaths is a humanitarian organization based in southern Arizona. They began in 2004 in the form of a coalition of community and faith groups, dedicated to stepping up efforts to stop the deaths of migrants in the desert and to achieving the enactment of a set of Faith-Based Principles for Immigration Reform. They later developed into an autonomous project. Since 2008 they have been an official ministry of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson. For more information, please visit <a href="https://nomoredeaths.org">https://nomoredeaths.org</a>



#### **Program Council - June 9**

After service at 11:20 a.m. - 12:20 p.m., Program Council will meet in the large RE classroom. All committees, task forces, and working groups are encouraged to send a representative from their groups to this meeting. If you have questions, please contact Tonya Stevens (stevens\_tonya@msn.com).

#### Men's Group - June 12

Men's Group will meet June 12 at the Fellowship Hall, 6:30 p.m. Attendees need to bring an appetizer, side dish, dessert, and/or something to drink. All UUFB men are invited and encouraged to join the group. You can count on good food, good conversation, and great camaraderie. Please notify Jack Day at jhoodday@gmail.com, if you plan to attend.



MEN'S GROUP



#### Food Bank Sunday - June 16

Non-perishable food donations and toiletries for the Gallatin Valley Food Bank will be collected at the UUFB service on June 16. For more information about donating to the Food Bank, please contact Norm Eggert (jandneggert@gmail.com).

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# **Upcoming Events**

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# **WOMEN'S**

#### Women's Group - June 19

All women not going to the GA are invited to the June Women's Group to be held on Wednesday, June 19th at 6:00 pm, in the Social Hall. As a participant, please bring a hot dish, side dish, salad, dessert or bread. Tea and juice will be provided. Additional beverages are welcome. If for some reason you cannot bring a dish to the potluck, please come anyway. Your presence is what's important. The group provides a fine opportunity to get to know other women in the Fellowship. For more information contact Jorie Hanson at joriejune@gmail.com.

#### **Summer Solstice Party - June 21**

The social activities committee would like to invite everyone to a summer solstice party on June 21st at 6 p.m. We will gather at Janine Robert's house in Gallatin Gateway and then go to a property on the Gallatin River. There will be a ceremony and a fire pit. Bring a chair, something to share to eat and anything you want to drink. Help us celebrate the summer! More details to follow. If you have questions, please call Bonnie Andes.





#### Glass Recycling - June 23

On the 4th Sunday of each month, UUFB has a glass recycling service for our members. Please bring your RINSED unbroken glass containers for recycling. Also, please bring a cash donation to help cover cost, \$.15 per pound. Glass will collected in the parking lot before and after the service with someone to help you. Congratulations! We've collected 750 pounds of glass to date.

Questions? Want to help? Contact Robyn Lauster (robynkcl@gmail.com) or Carolyn Widman (widmanc@vt.edu).

#### Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed - June 27

We need 3-4 volunteers from UUFB for dinner service on June 27 at Fork and Spoon, 4:30-7:30 p.m. If you can volunteer, please sign up on the volunteer board. For more information, please contact Randy Babbitt (wrbabbitt@gmail.com).



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#### 5th Sunday Offering to Family Promise - June 30

The Social Justice Action Committee has specified that on Sunday, June 30th, the offering will Promise® go to Family Promise. Please make any checks out to UUFB, and write "Family Promise" in the

Since 2006, Family Promise of Gallatin Valley has been a non-profit organization working with a large base of local volunteers to provide shelter, meals, training, and many other necessitates to bring lasting solutions to families in need.

### **UUFB Environmental Action Group - June 30**

The UUFB Environmental Action Group will meet after service on Sunday, June 30th 11:30-12:30 p.m. in the large classroom. For more information, contact Ita Killeen (ikilleen@bridgergeoplan.com).



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### **UU General Assembly in Spokane, WA, June 19-23**

"General Assembly" is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association. Attendees worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through the democratic process. Anyone may attend; congregations must certify annually to send voting delegates. It will be in Spokane, Washington, this year, mostly at the Convention Center.

#### "The Power of We"

What do we want Unitarian Universalism to be? This is a time when we are asking big questions in our faith, and GA 2019 will be focused on digging into those questions together. It is a critical chance for congregational leaders and passionate UUs to set new goals for our religious community.

This year's theme is about collective power, "The Power of We," as well as the possibility, the purpose, the struggle, and the joy of what it means to be together in faithful community. The antidote to a time of dangerous dehumanization is a love that connects us to our deeper humanity.

#### **Registration and Housing**

GA Registration and the GA Housing Reservation System is available at www.uua.org/ga

**Spokane:** Spokane is located in Washington about 19 miles from the Idaho border on Interstate I-90. It is 415 miles from Bozeman, about a 6-hour drive.

2019 Registration Rates	Early Registration March 1 - April 30	Late Registration May 1 - June 23
Adult Full-time (Wednesday-Sunday)	\$425	\$490
Adult Part-time (Weds/Thurs, Friday, or Sat/Sun)	\$160	\$185
*Youth (Grades 9-12) Full-time (Wednesday-Sunday)	\$240	\$275
*Youth (Grades 9-12) Part-time (Weds/Thurs, Friday, or Sat/Sun)	\$100	\$115
**Reduced Full-time (Wednesday-Sunday)	\$240	\$275
**Reduced Part-time (Weds/Thurs, Friday, or Sat/Sun)	\$100	\$115
Off-site Registration	\$160	\$185

<sup>\*</sup>Youth registration rates are offered to those who were enrolled in grades 9-12 (or the equivalent for home-schooled youth) for the 2018-2019 school year.

**Excellent Programming:** GA will offer more than 100 programming selections over the course of five days. This year, in addition to Theme-Based Programming, the schedule will feature Role-Based Track Programming, including time for discussion among attendees, sharing inspiring models and stories, and concrete suggestions for how to further the work or "take it home." More programming details are available at <a href="www.uua.org/ga">www.uua.org/ga</a>

**Financial Aid Available:** The UUA is committed to the goal of making GA accessible to as many attendees as possible. Go to <a href="www.uua.org/ga">www.uua.org/ga</a> in the month of March to learn about scholarships to support delegates and volunteer opportunities (work in exchange for registration).

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#### 2019-2020 Board Members

President: Tonya StevensVice President: Peg Wherry

Past President: n/aSecretary: Lee McGillTreasurer: Janine Roberts

Member-at-Large: Duncan Chambers
Member-at-Large: Paul McVey
Member-at-Large: Tam Miller

#### **Committees/Task Force Leaders/Contacts**

• Adult Religious Exploration: Neil Schwarzwalder, Contact

• Building & Grounds Committee: Carolyn Boyd, Contact

• Building Use Committee: Open

• Caregivers Support Group: Jennifer Haukebo, Contact

• Caring Committee, Meals, Rides: Open

• Committee on Ministry: Elizabeth Rose, Contact

• Communications Committee: Peg Wherry, Convener

• Fork & Spoon: Randy Babbitt, Chair

• Fundraising: Janet Lewis, Contact

• Environmental Interest Group: Ita Killeen, Chair

• Family Promise Task Force: Tonya Stevens, Chair

• Finance Committee: Bruce DePriester, Chair

• Food Bank: Norm Eggert, Contact

Governance/Leadership: Pam Poon, Contact

• Historian: Susan Backer, Chair

• Hospitality/Membership: Susan Backer, Contact

• Interior Design: Diane Knipfer & Jan Young, Contacts

• Kitchen/Bath Supplier: Suzy Sterling, Contact

• Librarian: Jeanne Moe, Contact

• Lifespan Religious Exploration: Jack Day & Ita Killeen, Chairs

• Men's Group: Jack Day, Contact

• Our Whole Lives Interfaith Committee: Laura Mentch, Chair

• Personnel Committee: Open

• Program Council: Peg Wherry, Contact

• Safety Task Force Committee: Marie Lynn, Contact

• Social Activities: Bonnie Andes, Chair

Social Justice/Action Committee: Jesse Eide, Chair

• Sunday Services Committee: Jan Young, Chair

• Women's Group: Jorie Hanson, Contact

#### **Spiritual Pluralism Group Leaders**

- UU Buddhist Group: Warren Knipfer, Contact
- UU Humanist Group: Sara Williams, Contact
- UU Mysticism Group: Sherrill Dolezilek & Elizabeth Rose, Contacts

#### **UUFB** Online

The UUFB maintains several online resources. An email list has been established in order to communicate announcements and events of interest to the UUFB. To make an announcement to the group, please send an email to: uufb@yahoogroups.com (you must be subscribed to the list in order to send mail to the list). Mail sent to this address will be delivered to all members of the list, and will also be archived. This is not an appropriate forum for political commentary or jokes, so please use discretion when sending email to this address.

#### Email the following:

To Subscribe: uufb-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
To Unsubscribe: uufb-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com
Email address: admin@uufbozeman.org

In addition to the email group, you can sign up to receive our weekly emails with announcements about upcoming services and UUFB related events by visiting our website at uufbozeman.org and filling out the subscription form at the bottom of the UUFB Home page.

The UUFB Newsletter is published monthly. The deadline to submit articles is the third Thursday of the month. Announcements & news for the Sunday Service bulletin and Friday e-news are due in by 9 a.m. every Tuesday. Articles, announcements & news can be submitted to our Office Administrator at admin@uufbozeman.org.



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#### Minister:

Rev. Duffy Peet

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Office Hours:

Tuesdays, 1:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-Noon

#### **Coordinator of Religious Exploration:**

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Office Hours:

Sunday: 9:30-11:30 a.m. (UUFB Service) Mon., Fri.: 9:30-10:30 a.m. (UUFB Office)

Tue., Wed., Thurs.: 8:30-10:00 a.m. (Home Office)

#### Office Administrator:

Christy Huddleston admin@uufbozeman.org Office Hours:

Tue. - Fri.: 8:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m.