

August Sunday Services

August 4, 2019 • “The Mystery That is Our Life” • Guest Speaker: Rev. Allen Jones

The presentation is designed to be experiential and I ask my listeners to enter into the experience in real ways. We face seemingly insurmountable problems in every facet of human existence. So, how can we be in this world and work toward wholeness and health for all including this beautiful miraculous earth we live on.

August 11, 2019 • “The Spirituality of Mending” • Guest Speaker: Katie Michael-Sanchez, M.Div.

Judaism refers to Tikkun Olam - the repair of the world. We will explore how repairing/mending engages spirituality on multiple levels, from darning a sock to social action.

August 18, 2019 • “Come Sing a Song with Me” • Held at Kirk Park • Lay Presenters: Elizabeth Rose, Sandra Oldendorf

Elizabeth Rose and Sandra Oldendorf will lead a music service at Kirk Park at the shelter on the north side of the park. A finger foods picnic will follow the service. This will be a service for all ages so all children are invited and encouraged to attend with their parents. In case of inclement weather, this service and picnic will take place at the church.

August 25, 2019 • “Water Ceremony” • Rev. Duffy Peet

At UUFB the Water Ceremony service has been a tradition for many years. This year our Water Ceremony service will be a bit earlier than in the past because we now hold services throughout the summer. This is a multigenerational service in which everyone is invited to bring water they have collected during the summer. We will share the ritual of joining our individually collected water with the water of those who are present as a metaphor for how our lives flow together as we both create and sustain our religious community.

Upcoming Events

- 8/4 Erin Henke’s Farewell Party
- 8/4 Environmental Action Group
- 8/6 Support Group for Caregivers
- 8/11 2nd Sunday Offering to the Susan Wicklund Fund
- 8/11 Program Council
- 8/14 Men’s Group
- 8/18 Sunday Service held at Kirk Park
- 8/18 Food Bank Sunday
- 8/21 Women’s Group
- 8/22 Fork & Spoon
- 8/25 Glass Recycling
- 8/31 Annual Retreat Begins



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Rev. Duffy Peet, Minister

Sunday Service: 10:00 a.m.

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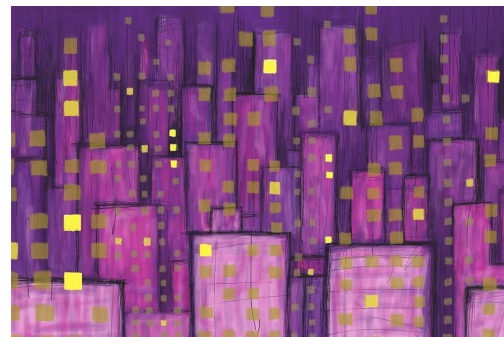
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Minister Musings

~ Rev. Duffy Peet
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It feels odd for me to be writing this article for the UUFB News this month. It feels odd because, as I begin my fourth year as your minister, this is the first time I am writing an article for the August newsletter. In years past we didn't have an August edition since there were few services and a limited number of activities occurring from mid-June through mid-August. Last summer, for the first time, we held services every Sunday of the year. It was clear from the summer service attendance numbers that people were pleased with the decision. Now that we are a "year-round" church, it seems quite appropriate that we have a Fellowship newsletter every month of the year as well.

My hope is that many of you will take the time to at least scan this newsletter to stay informed about the activities and changes that are taking place at the Fellowship. Some of the significant changes that are occurring in August have to do with staff. On July 31, our Coordinator of Religious Exploration, Marie Lynn, will be retiring after having been with us for 11 years. I want to express my appreciation to Marie for her commitment and dedication to providing guidance, support, and educational opportunities to our children, youth and adults. Steps are already underway to begin the search process for a new Coordinator of Religious Exploration. If you know anyone who might be interested in the position, please let that person know we are hiring.

The following Sunday, August 4, Erin Henke will end her tenure as our pianist. Erin and her husband, Logan, are headed to Boston where Erin will begin graduate studies at the Longy School of Music at Bard College. Having lived in the Boston area while getting my Master of Divinity degree, I am certain that Erin and Logan will appreciate the diversity of cultural opportunities that exist there. My hope is that they find ways to adjust to the population density in that area. The population of the metro Boston area is 4 times that of the entire state of Montana. Something for us all to remember the next time we feel frustrated with how the Gallatin Valley seems to be getting crowded. We will miss both Erin and Logan and wish them well in their journeys and adventures back east in the "big city."

We have already reached an agreement to fill the pianist position for at least the remainder of the year. Our own Laurel Yost will starting in the pianist position later in the month. She will be playing for us almost every Sunday morning. As many of you know, Laurel has regularly volunteered her skills and talents on the piano for several years. Once she retired from MSU she expressed an interest in playing for us on a weekly basis. That was an offer that was too good to pass up. I am delighted to welcome her to the UUFB staff.

As you can probably tell from this article, summer is no longer a time when little is happening in the Fellowship. Yet while there is quite a bit going on here this summer, I will be taking some vacation time beginning July 28 through August 18. If there is a pastoral emergency during that time, I can be reached by calling or texting my cell phone number. I hope your summer is relaxing and enjoyable.

Religious Exploration Corner



It is time for me to say farewell, but first I would like to share a few fond memories of the time I have spent at UUFB. I have worked with four Ministers and five Administrative Coordinators in the eleven years I have been with the Fellowship. All have been helpful co-workers who taught me many things. But the times that are most memorable for me are interacting with the families.

When I was hired in 2008, the Fellowship rented the Senior Center for Sunday services. While there were the challenges of setting up and taking down the worship space week after week, the biggest challenges from my perspective were with the RE classrooms. One was upstairs, another was on the main floor and the last one was in the basement. We had a Preschool class, a K-2 class and an upper elementary class that included Grades 3-6. Just like the worship space, we had to set up and take down each of the classrooms every Sunday.

Then, in 2016, as we transitioned from meeting at the Senior Center to our not yet remodeled new building, our two elementary teachers resigned. At this time many of our families began to attend services less and less frequently. The Board decided to hire one elementary teacher, and Rev. Nina asked me to teach the K-2 class. I was delighted! Although we had no classroom and met in the foyer, the children were so bright and so engaged with the curriculum, *World of Wonder*, that teaching RE became a true joy for me.

The following year we vacated our new building so that it could undergo its marvelous transformation with the expertise of Bob Sterling, Mike Clark and the hired construction company. The Fellowship met at Eagle Mount, and then at Christus Collegium. In both locations, we had just one room for all the children, so we instituted a one room schoolhouse model of RE. With the assistance of my trusty co-teacher, we taught *Gather the Spirit* in the fall and *Circle of Trees* in the spring. Even though we had fewer children, we still had many delightful times.

Imagine my appreciation of our newly remodeled building after all those years in such challenging conditions! A Nursery—what a gift! A large, dividable RE classroom, even a little office nook for me! And we have made good use of all these beautiful spaces.

Now that our attendance at services has been growing, with more children showing up for RE classes, we are poised to divide the multi-age class into upper and lower elementary classes. Recently, I was asked by the LRE Committee to try teaching RE class at the conference table in the Social Hall with the curtain closed because the divider in the RE classroom is not soundproof. So I conducted the experiment this past Sunday with good results. Several people told me that they could hear a bit of laughter and some children's voices, but that it was quiet enough to not be a distraction to the service. So, the plan is to convene the upper elementary RE class there in the fall. The lower elementary children are more boisterous, so they will stay in the RE classroom.

Sandy Kindt will be your interim RE teacher until such time as a new CRE is hired. The Board also plans to hire a new Nursery Caregiver in the fall. Many thanks go to Susan, Marisa and Faila Bianchini for all your time helping in the Nursery and in the RE classroom. I am grateful to all of you!

Most of the time I have spent as your CRE I have loved, especially teaching the children and getting to know the families. I feel so very appreciated by all the staff, friends and members of UUFB. And now, it is time to pass the torch to another.

With fond appreciation, Marie Lynn, me5966@yahoo.com

Spiritual Pluralism Project Groups

Our Fellowship currently has two 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, September 10th 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, August 26th, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the UUFB large conference table. For more information, please contact Sara Williams (sawilliams6@gmail.com).

Rev. Duffy Vacation Time – July 29 to August 18

Rev. Duffy will be on vacation Monday, July 29, through Sunday, August 18. For most of that time he will be able to take pastoral emergency calls and texts on his cell phone. If he does not answer when you call, please leave a message and he will get back to you as soon as possible. For Rev. Duffy's cell phone number, please call the UUFB Office Admin, at 406-586-1368, extension 1.



UUFB would like to extend a **THANK YOU** to the following people who have helped recently with projects:

Barbara Turner-Lantz for installing the cabinets in the UUFB hallways!

Mike Clark for assisting with the installation of the new projection system and helping with numerous building issues!

Randy Babbitt and his sister & brother-in-law, John Berg, Carolyn Boyd, Amanda Cater, Andrew Kestly and his brother Chris, Joy LaClaire, Lee McGill, Gene Quenemoen, Rebecca Spear, Tonya Stevens, Betty Stroock, and others who helped with the flower bed project!

Also THANK YOU to all the other congregants who have done (& will continue to do) so much for the Fellowship!



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.

Board Report

~ Tonya Stevens, UUFB Board President
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Here's the message for July and August as UUFB members and friends satisfy their inner vacation desires: Although we find that we enjoy having the option of Sunday services throughout the summer, that enjoyment does not appear to extend to the option of having committee meetings. Viva la summer!

As most of you know, our Coordinator of Religious Exploration, Marie Lynn, retires as of July 31st. She has been guiding our children in religious exploration for 11 challenging years, and she will be missed! The Board has appointed a Search Committee of Diane Knipfer, Dana Murray, and Neil Schwarzenwalder to begin looking for a new CRE. Rev. Duffy Peet, Becca Spear, and Valley Peters will be adding their thoughts when possible to the committee. We are all very excited that we have a great group weighing in on candidates for this most important job for our congregation.

In the meantime, the Board has asked Sandy Kindt (Rev. Duffy's wife and well-versed child educator) to act as Interim Lead RE teacher. Sandy brings a wealth of knowledge to this position. We are especially pleased that she will be introducing a new curriculum of religious education this year that has been purchased from Soul Matters Sharing Circle. Please give your thanks to Sandy for being willing to step into the teacher position for the months of August and September as we search for a new CRE. We are always looking for volunteers to help her with the children's classes.

The Perennials Task Force planted during the 2nd week of July out in the beds in front of UUFB. The drip irrigation system will finally be installed when Randy returns from family business in the first week of August. Future landscaping endeavors will be planned just as carefully with Board approval as we attempt to follow the original landscaping plan that was created by our late Landscaping Committee.

UUFB has grown to a size that has bumped us to a new contact at the UUA Pacific Western Region, the Rev. Tandi Rogers. Rev. Duffy and Tonya have extended experience with Rev. Tandi through our leadership experience workshop this past January, and are thrilled that she will be lending us her expertise.

Respectfully submitted by Tonya Stevens, UUFB Board President, July 30, 2019

SAVE THE DATE! UUFB Annual Retreat August 31-September 1

You are invited to come to join the fun at our Annual UUFB Retreat at Hyalite Youth Camp this year on Saturday, August 31st and Sunday, September 1st. We are in the midst of forming the Retreat Organizing Team. Please contact Tonya Stevens, stevens_tonya@msn.com, if you are interested in helping out!



Upcoming Events



Farewell Party for Erin Henke - August 4

Join us in the social hall after service on Sunday, August 4th to say farewell to Erin Henke, who has served as our pianist the past several years. She is moving to Boston with her husband Logan to attend graduate school.



UUFB Environmental Action Group - August 4

The UUFB Environmental Action Group will meet after service on Sunday, August 4th 11:30-12:30 p.m. in the large classroom. For more information, contact Ita Killeen (ikilleen@bridgegeoplan.com).



Support Group for Caregivers - August 6

The next Support Group for Caregivers meeting will be held in the UUFB large classroom on Tuesday, August 6 at 2:00 p.m. If you have questions, contact Jennifer Haukebo (frozentumb.89@gmail.com).



2nd Sunday Offering to the Susan Wicklund Fund - August 11

The Social Justice Action Committee has specified that on Sunday, August 11th, the offering will go to The Susan Wicklund Fund. Please make any checks out to UUFB, & write "Susan Wicklund Fund" in the memo line. The Susan Wicklund Fund provides support for women across the state who need assistance gaining access to abortion care. For more information visit, susanwicklundfund.org.



Program Council - August 11

After service on August 11th from 11:20 a.m. - 12:20 p.m., Program Council will meet in the large RE classroom. All committees, task forces, and working groups should send a representative to this meeting. Since this is the time of year when committee leadership often changes, please contact Peg Wherry, UUFB Vice-President, (pegwherry@bresnan.net) to identify the person from your committee who will be attending.



Men's Group - August 14

The Men's Group will meet Wednesday, August 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall. Attendees may bring a snack, dessert and /or something to drink for all to share. Please note this is an after-dinner meeting. Any questions contact Jack Day at jhoodday@gmail.com.



Food Bank Sunday - August 18

Non-perishable food donations and toiletries for the Gallatin Valley Food Bank will be collected at the UUFB service on August 18. For more information about donating to the Food Bank, please contact Norm Eggert (jandneggert@gmail.com).

Upcoming Events

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Women's Group - August 21

The August Women's Group meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 21st at 6:00 p.m. in the social hall. The topic for discussion will be announced later. As a participant, please bring a hot dish, side dish, salad, dessert or bread. Tea and juice will be provided. Additional beverages are welcome. 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.



Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed - August 22

We need 3-4 volunteers from UUFB for dinner service on Thursday, August 22 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 (wrabbitt@gmail.com).



Glass Recycling - August 25

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 be collected in the parking lot before and after the service with someone to help you. Questions? Want to help? Contact Robyn Lauster (robynkcl@gmail.com) or

Upcoming Fall Social Activities

Join the Social Activities Committee for some fun upcoming events this fall!

Tea for Marie Lynn - September 22

A tea for Marie Lynn will be held from 2-4 p.m. at Leona Poritz house on Sunday, September 22nd. Please bring small delectables to share.

Labyrinth Walk - October 13

We will walk the Labyrinth by the library at 7 p.m. under the full moon. We'll share cookies and hot cider & visit with each other.

Thanksgiving Potluck - November 23

Social Activities will host a Thanksgiving potluck in the UUFB Social Hall on Saturday, November 23rd at 5 p.m.

Soup & Bread Potluck - December 15

There will be a soup and bread potluck after the service on Sunday, December 15th. There will be fun crafts for everyone.

If you have questions, please contact Bonnie Andes (bonnieandes@gmail.com)





2019-2020 Board Members

- President: Tonya Stevens
- Vice President: Peg Wherry
- Past President: n/a
- Secretary: Lee McGill
- Treasurer: 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 Schwarzwald, 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
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- 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: Open
- 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

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:

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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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