## NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2019





# October Sunday Services

October 6, 2019 • "Do Unitarian Universalists Have Faith in Anything? Yes!" • Guest Speaker: Rev. Jacqueline Ziegler Rev. Jacqueline Ziegler, Interim Minister serving the UU Church in Idaho Falls, offers this service. Rev. Ziegler served as UUFB's Interim Minister from September 2010 through June 2011.

How often have you tried to explain to someone what Unitarian Universalists (UUs) believe or do not believe? What do you say to someone after you've told her or him we do not subscribe to any creed? How do you respond to someone who tells you that, in their opinion, UUism is not a religion because it doesn't have any faith grounding it or it doesn't believe in God? In this very light-hearted and humorous, yet very serious reflection, I lift up how we have lots of faith! I am sure I'll have provided some answers to those pesky questions that may have been going around in your head for quite some time.

NOTE: This is a GREAT service to bring that person(s) in your life who keeps vexing you with questions about UUism. Or it is valuable for that someone who you sense is a Unitarian Universalist at heart and you feel would fall in love with it if they were introduced through a humorous and honestly informative service.

### October 13, 2019 • "Into the Next 60 Years..." • Guest Speaker: Rev. Tandi Rogers

This Sunday marks our 60th Anniversary! Rev. Tandi Rogers joins us for our celebration weekend, which includes a workshop with our Visioning Task Force on Saturday. From the fruits of that time, she will commission and bless us for the next 60 years.

Rev. Tandi Rogers is our Congregational Life primary contact for the Pacific Western Region of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). She also teaches at Meadville-Lombard Theological School and is both ordained to the UU ministry and a Credentialed Religious Educator, master level. She resides in Tacoma, WA with her wife Rev. Sue Phillips and their 11-year-old.

### October 20, 2019 • "Making Space for Belonging" • Rev. Duffy Peet

In order for a person to feel a sense of belonging in any type of human system, the system needs to make space for that person — space where the person feels, at the very least acknowledged, and at best welcomed, accepted and appreciated. In the history of our religious faith tradition some groups of people have not felt there was space for them. How are we doing today at making space for those who may want to be part of our faith community?

### October 27, 2019 • "Belonging & Contributing" • Rev. Duffy Peet

As a Unitarian Universalist congregation, this Fellowship is a community where people can belong without having to hold specific beliefs. Belief isn't what brings us together or holds us together as community. Instead, what matters is how we agree to be together, how we agree to support one another, and how we contribute to the community we are a part of. With the annual pledge drive getting underway we will consider how belonging & contributing both create and sustain our community.



### Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bozeman

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# Minister Musings ~ Rev. Duffy Peet

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I have learned from my ministerial colleagues, as well as from personal experience, that a minister does well to continually remember, respect and honor the past, look to the future with hopes and dreams, and be fully present and available in the moment. I must admit that just as I haven't yet learned to be two places at the same time, I often find myself struggling to do such a past, present and future time-frame shift with grace and ease. In October, I will have opportunities to practice shifting attention and focus through time—past, present and future —as three significant events will be occurring.

Hopefully the first of these events will happen prior to October 1 as the Fellowship seeks to hire a new Coordinator of Religious Exploration (CRE). In the search process I have been thinking about the work that has been done by members of our Fellowship and our former CRE, Marie Lynn, to get us to where we are now. As I look to the future I try to imagine what the RE program will be like 5 years and more from now. And as I meet with the various candidates I strive to be present in the moment. Being present allows me to learn about them, their skills and talents, and their dreams for the future of our program.

The second event involves what, in UU minister language, is referred to as a "pulpit exchange." No that doesn't mean we will be sending our beautiful, hand-built pulpit to another church and get theirs in exchange. Instead, on the first Sunday in October I will be going to Idaho Falls to be the guest minister there, while their Interim Minister, Rev. Jackie Ziegler, will be the guest minister here at UUFB. There are some things that make this exchange both unusual and special. Some of you know that Rev. Ziegler is one of this congregation's ministers. She served as the Interim Minister here prior to Rev. Nina Grey's arrival. And for me, I will be returning to the UU Church in Idaho Falls where I led worship as a candidate for the position of Developmental Minister of the Pocatello UU Fellowship. It is highly likely that both Rev. Ziegler and I will be thinking about the past, the present and the future during a significant portion of that day.

I say that because the following Sunday, October 13, UUFB will be holding a 60th anniversary celebration kick-off beginning with that morning's service. During the service when Rev. Ziegler is in the pulpit here it is quite likely that she will be thinking about more than her sermon and service of the day. She will also probably be thinking about her prior time as your minister. Since she is a trained Interim Minister, I imagine she will also be wondering what the future will be for this Fellowship. That is what interim ministry is all about, looking to what might be for a congregation.

I encourage you to attend the service on October 13 to hear the Rev. Tandi Rogers, our UUA contact person with the Pacific Western Region, share her thoughts about the past, the present and the future of our Fellowship. As part of the service that morning those in attendance will have an opportunity to write down and share their thoughts about where we need to focus our attention and energy in the coming years. So in October I invite you to time travel with me. Let's remember and honor the past, and dream about the future that lies ahead, as we share the moments we are together in this community that we are continually creating here at UUFB.

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

My apologies to the congregation – my recent month-long vacation resulted in my omitting a report to you for the September newsletter. Therefore, here are some Board highlights for August and September:

### PERSONNEL

We said good-bye to Marie Lynn at the end of July at her retirement celebration. She worked as Coordinator of Religious Education (CRE) for 11 years for UUFB. On Sept. 22, a retirement Tea Party was held at Leona Poritz's house for Marie, who reports enjoying her newfound weekend freedom. The Board asked Sandy Kindt, Rev. Duffy Peet's wife, to act as substitute RE teacher while a CRE Search Committee works on Marie's replacement. Sandy's many years as an early childhood education specialist has been a great benefit for us! Sandy began teaching our Sunday RE classes on August 4th and has kindly agreed to extend her time into October until the new CRE person has been hired. The Search Committee has been busily interviewing candidates for this important position and have narrowed the field to the 3 top candidates to review. We should have a new hire starting in early October!

Once the new CRE has begun work here, that person will help us hire the next Nursery Caregiver. We will continue to need volunteers from the congregation to serve in the Nursery until the new caregiver is hired.

In August, we said good-bye to Erin and Logan Henke. This young couple moved to Boston to further their education and employment opportunities. To fill Erin's position as part-time Sunday Service pianist, we asked our former volunteer pianist, Laurel Yost, to become our full-time paid pianist now that she has retired as a Piano professor from Montana State University. We are thrilled to have such talent providing us with musical inspiration on Sunday mornings.

Peg Wherry took charge setting up the UUFB booth at Catapalooza, MSU's annual welcome-to-students festival at the end of August. She and Lee McGill along with other UUFB volunteers shared our UUFB philosophy for two days with countless students. We hope to see many of them here.

Peg (along with Gene Quenomoen and Jorie Hanson) also carried out an investigation of the possibility of buying the house next door (321 N. 25th). You can get a copy of that report by asking our Office Administrator, Christy. The task force's findings led the Board to vote to not accept the offer (first right of refusal) the homeowner made to us as a neighborly gesture before he puts their home up for sale to the general public in October.

Ita Killeen of the Social Justice Action Committee has spearheaded an effort to renew our status as Welcoming Congregation. The Board is reviewing the application process. We hope this update will deepen our congregation's commitment to the LGBTQ+ community.

The UUFB 60th Anniversary celebration is on the calendar for October 13th! Sandra Oldendorf, Susan Backer, and Bill Goold have been coordinating activities for the past several months. They have invited Rev. Tandi Rogers of the UUA at the Pacific Western Region, to be our celebration speaker. She will meet with our Vision Task Force and other leaders on the Saturday before the service to discuss how best to come up with a new Vision statement.





# Board Report continued...

The Board along with the Governance and Leadership Committee has engaged two UUFB past Presidents -Elizabeth Rose and Peg Wherry - to hold a workshop called "Leadership De-Mystified" coming the week after our 60th Celebration. Sign up now for the Leadership Demystified workshop that will be held on Saturday, October 19th from 10-3 in the UUFB Social Hall. This workshop will provide the basics for leadership in any setting.

Mike Clark is once again busy helping UUFB. He and Randy Babbitt worked to repair surface damage to the north side of the building on September 22nd. Mike is also wrangling a couple of contractors to finish a new roof drainage system before snow flies. The Board appreciates his work and all of the work others do to help make our building safe and beautiful. Please thank those you see working on the building and grounds for all that they continue to do for this Fellowship!

Respectfully submitted 9/25/2019 by Tonya Stevens, President

### **Name Tags**

There is always a small name tag notebook on the greeters table in the foyer. If you need a replacement tag or a new tag, please sign up, and we will have the name tag ready for you the following Sunday above the alphabetical box for your last name. You may also indicate your <u>preferred pronouns</u> that can be printed on your tag.

For those of you who would like to add your preferred pronouns, there are stickers available in a basket above the name tag boxes.







### **Nursery Volunteers Needed!**

We are in great need of volunteers for nursery care during services. Please contact the LRE committee at <u>uufbadmin@gmail.com</u> with dates you can volunteer, or see the sign-up sheet in the social hall.

### 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. **UUFB** News October 2019

Leadership Demystified October 19, 2019 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Much ink and many bits and byte have been spilled about "leadership" as an important concept—as something to be studied. We believe that leadership consists of a lot of traits and abilities that most of us have and that no magic combination defines a single notion of leadership. Some people are uncomfortable thinking of themselves as leaders, perhaps out of uncertainty about what leadership involves. The leader doesn't do the *most* work—just *different* work.

This workshop will outline that difference and provide basic skills for leadership. It is intended specifically to help UUFB leaders (Board, Committee, and Task Force Chairs) and will touch on practices specific to UUFB, because we have that in common. But the workshop will also benefit committee members and anyone who wants to know more about leadership in any setting.

The UUFB Board and the Governance/Leadership Committee are committed to providing opportunities and pathways for UUFB members to expand UUFB's leadership capacity, hence this workshop. We have two primary goals: 1) to encourage and support individuals considering leadership roles in UUFB and 2) to improve the functioning of our committees and task forces in carrying out our mission. In its first meeting this year, UUFB's Program Council identified "improving the effectiveness of our committees" as a year-long project. Participating in this workshop will help you to identify the leadership skills you already have and provide strategies to make meetings more efficient.

There will be two simple pieces of preparation to complete before the workshop, taking about thirty minutes. This fast-paced workshop will include both discussion and formal presentation, with time for individual reflection and/or group exercises. You will come away with insights, handouts, and some tools for immediate use. It is a chance for the two of us to share with you the best of the best practices we have gleaned from the many leadership programs we have attended, planned, and led over the years.

Components of the workshop will be:

- What makes a good leader?
- What is my usual communication style?
- How do we get things done in meetings?
- What's the least I need to know about Robert's Rules of Order?

The workshop will be held in the Social Hall. Lunch and refreshments will be provided, and it will be important for you to attend for the full time. Registration is necessary so we can buy refreshments, prepare handouts, and tailor content to the size of the group. Space is limited! Register by contacting UUFB Office Administrator Christy Huddleston (admin@uufbozeman.org) before October 14.

# Workshop:





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# Celebrate the 60th Anniversary of UUFB! October 13th

In 1959, a very small group of religiously liberal folks who were part of a Discussion Group in Bozeman voted to affiliate with what was then called the American Unitarian Association. They probably didn't think of themselves as visionaries, but their actions set into motion the possibility for the generations following them to dream big, inclusive ideas and to accomplish the plans and actions that have brought us to this place in 2019.

While anniversaries are a wonderful time to look back and celebrate the past, they also offer the opportunity to look forward and plan for the future. And indeed, the Fellowship now has a Vision Task Force which will be asking for input from the congregation over the course of this year.

What's happening on the 13th? There will be a very special service which will include visuals of our history and will be led by Rev. Tandi Rogers with Rev. Duffy as lay leader. Rev. Rogers is the Congregational Life Staff member for the Pacific Western Region of the UUA.

A small committee has been working since last sp<mark>rin</mark>g to bring items and visuals to you on that Sunday which will hopefully bring our history alive for you:



- a large timeline of our events by decade
- photos of all of our ministers in a permanent place in the social hall
- a small booklet with those ministers' sermons and other historical material
- a Power Point presentation of our events in context of world and U.S. history
- photos of all the places this fellowship, once known as the "Church in a Subaru" has met
- recorded remembrances from some of our Elders

During the social hour after the service th<mark>ere</mark> will be celebratory snacks, cake and sparkling libations suitable for all ages. The Social Activities Committee is asking you to sign up to bring finger foods.

Mark your calendars now! This is an event not to be missed!

Susan Backer for the 60th Anniversary Team

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# **Upcoming Events**





### Support Group for Caregivers - October 1

The next Support Group for Caregivers meeting will be held in the UUFB large classroom on Tuesday, October 1 at 2 p.m. If you have questions, contact Jennifer Haukebo (frozenthumb.89@gmail.com).



### Talking with Neighbors: Dr. Ron Hellings - October 2

Talking with Neighbors is an interfaith forum that meets 12-1 at Resurrection University Catholic Parish (1725 S. 11th Ave in Bozeman). Bring a sack lunch and join in on the discussion! Regular panel participants include Rabbi Ed Stafman, Rabbi Emeritus of Congregation Beth Shalom, Dr. Ruhul Amin and Shadmani Amin representing the Islam faith, Rev. Dr. Jody McDevit, Co-Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, and Fr. Leo Proxell, Pastor of Holy Rosary Catholic Church.

Dr. Ron Hellings, Professor Emeritus of Physics, will speak at this session on Wednesday, October 2 from 12-1. Dr. Hellings is a research scientist for NASA and part of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. For more information, please contact Resurrection University Catholic Parish: resurrectionbozeman.org.



### Movie Showing: "Paris to Pittsburgh" – October 4

The Social Justice/Action Committee is sponsoring the movie showing "Paris to Pittsburg" on Friday, October 4th at 7 p.m. "Paris to Pittsburgh" is a 2018 documentary film that celebrates how Americans are demanding and developing real solutions in the face of climate change. If you have questions, contact Rev. Duffy (minister@uufbozeman.org).



### Program Council – October 6

Sunday, October 6th, after service from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 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. If you have questions, please contact Peg Wherry (pegwherry@bresnan.net).

### 👥 👷 Men's Group – October 9 🦉

MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will meet Wednesday, October 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall. All men are encouraged and invited to attend. Please bring a snack, dessert, and/or something to drink for all to share. This is now an after dinner gathering. Hope to see you there. Any questions contact Jack Day at jhoodday@gmail.com.



### MEIC 2nd Sunday Offering to Montana Environmental Information Center - October 13

The Social Justice Action Committee has specified that on Sunday, October 13th, the offering will go to Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC). Please make any checks out to UUFB, & write "MEIC" in the memo line. The Montana Environmental Information Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring clean air and water for Montana's future generations. For more information visit meic.org.



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### 60th Anniversary Celebration – October 13

UUFB is turning 60 and it's time to celebrate! Save the date for our 60th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, October 13th. Rev. Tandi Rogers from the UUA Pacific Western Region will be our celebration speaker. After her talk, a potluck, exhibits, photos, interviews and reminiscences will follow! For more details, see page 6 of the newsletter. If you have questions, please contact Susan Backer or Sandra Oldendorf.



### Labyrinth Walk – October 13

Join us on Sunday, October 13th as we walk the Labyrinth by the library at 7 p.m. under the full moon. We will have votive candles all around the labyrinth, special meditation music, cookies and hot cider. Questions? Contact Rene Keating (renekirt@aol.com).

### Women's Group - October 16

The October Women's Group meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 16th 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. Please RSVP to Darla Timmons (dtimmons@bresnan.net) or Carolyn Widman (widmanc@vt.edu) by Monday, October 14th & let us know what dish you are bringing.



### Leadership Demystified – October 19

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### Food Bank Sunday - October 20

Non-perishable food donations and toiletries for the Gallatin Valley Food Bank will be collected at the UUFB service on October 20. For more information about donating to the Food Bank, please contact Norm Eggert (jandneggert@gmail.com).



### New Member Orientation - October 20

If you are considering becoming a member of the UUFB or would just like to learn more about this fellowship and the Unitarian Universalist Association, we encourage you to attend an <u>Orientation</u> <u>Session at 11:30</u>, following the service on Oct. 20. Look for a clip board on the Greeters Table to sign up so we will know how many folks may be attending. If you have questions or need child care in order to attend, please contact Susan Backer, backersu100@gmail.com.

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### Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed - October 24

We need 3-4 volunteers from UUFB for dinner service on Thursday, October 24 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).



### **Glass Recycling - October 27**

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 Carolyn Widman (widmanc@vt.edu).

# Upcoming Social Activities

### 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.



### 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, October 8th, 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, October 7th, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the UUFB large conference table. For more information, please contact Sara Williams (sawilliams6@gmail.com). **Upcoming Events** 

- 10/1 Support Group for Caregivers
- 10/2 Talking with Neighbors: Guest Panelist Dr. Ron Hellings
- 10/4 Movie Showing: Paris to Pittsburgh
- 10/6 Program Council
- 10/7 Humanist Meeting
- 10/8 Buddhist Group
- 10/9 Men's Group
- 10/13 2nd Sunday Offering to MEIC
- 10/13 60th Anniversary Celebration!
- 10/13 Labyrinth Walk
- 10/16 Women's Group
- 10/19 Leadership Demystified
- 10/20 Food Bank Sunday
- 10/20 New Member Orientation
- 10/24 Fork & Spoon
- 10/27 Glass Recycling



### 2019-2020 Board Members

- President: Tonya Stevens
- Vice President: Peg Wherry
- Past President: n/a
- Secretary: Lee McGill
- Treasurer: Janine Roberts
- Member-at-Large: Paul McVey
- Member-at-Large: Tam Miller

### **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 minister@uufbozeman.org Office Hours: Tuesdays, 1:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-Noon

<b>Committees/Task Force</b>	Leaders/Contacts
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- 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
- Environmental Action Group: Ita Killeen, Chair
- Family Promise Task Force: Tonya Stevens, Chair
- Finance Committee: Bruce DePriester, Chair
- Food Bank: Norm Eggert, Contact
- Fork & Spoon: Randy Babbitt, Chair
- Fundraising: Janet Lewis, Contact
- Governance/Leadership: Pam Poon, Contact
- Historian: Susan Backer, Chair
- Hospitality/Membership: Susan Backer, Contact
- Interior Design: Diane Knipfer & Jan Young, Contacts
- Investment Committee: Paul Stouffer, Chair
- Kitchen/Bath Supplier: Suzy Sterling, Contact
- Librarian: Open
- 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
- Stewardship: Peg Wherry, Chair
- Sunday Services Committee: Jan Young, Chair
- Women's Group: Jorie Hanson, Contact
- Youth Group: Ita Killeen, Contact

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

- UU Buddhist Group: Warren Knipfer, Contact
- UU Humanist Group: Sara Williams, Contact

**Coordinator of Religious Exploration:** Open cre@uufbozeman.org Office Administrator: Christy Huddleston admin@uufbozeman.org Office Hours: Tue. - Fri.: 8:30-3:00 p.m.