



Upcoming Sunday Services

All services are currently held live on Facebook & Zoom

July 5, 2020 • “For Patriots’ Dream”: FDR, Norman Rockwell, and the Four Freedoms • Lay Presenter: Peg Wherry

Franklin Roosevelt’s “Four Freedoms” set out his vision for what the US would fight for in World War II and then what the subsequent peace would look like. Norman Rockwell’s famous illustrations of the Four Freedoms made FDR’s vision concrete and were, frankly, propaganda. But there is much more to the story: the illustrations were published with accompanying essays by highly visible writers that add depth to the American vision. The Four Freedoms later shaped the federal government’s desegregation efforts and the international understanding of human rights. Rockwell’s vision of rights and responsibilities took new forms later in his career and challenge us to understand the Four Freedoms in our current context.

July 12, 2020 • “The First Shall Be Last and The Last First” • Guest Speaker: Rev. Walter LeFlore

Our UU principles are well framed by our first and last principles. The first focuses on the Individual’s worth and dignity. The seventh speaks to the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part. What might be the impact on our collective orientation to life if the last was first and the first last, especially given the times in which we live? Rev. Walter LeFlore shared seminary with Rev. Duffy. In September he begins a Developmental Ministry with the UU Church of Roanoke VA, after 8yrs serving the UU Fellowship of Poughkeepsie NY. He just completed a 3yr term on the Board of Trustees of the UU Minister’s Association.

July 19, 2020 • “Productive Disequilibrium: Navigating the Zone of Discomfort” • Guest Speaker: Rev. Kathryn A. Bert

The world has been thrust into a period of disequilibrium. How do we make this time productive? Rev. Kathryn Bert explores the principles of adaptive leadership and what they can teach us about this time of “between.” Rev. Bert served the UU Church of Lansing, Michigan for 15 years where the Rev. Duffy Peet served as her first ministerial intern. She came to Bozeman when we installed Rev. Peet and gave the charge to the Minister. She now serves the UU Church of Vancouver, Washington, broadcasting from her home since the coronavirus outbreak sent us indoors.

July 26, 2020 • “Reflections from General Assembly 2020” • Rev. Duffy Peet

The theme of this year’s General Assembly was “Rooted, Inspired & Ready.” This theme invites us to ask the following questions. What are our roots and how do we draw sustenance from those roots? What inspires us today? And, what are we ready (and willing) to do?



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Minister Musings

~ Rev. Duffy Peet
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I am writing this July newsletter article in the last week of June. Summer has just begun and I am spending several hours a day attending meetings on Zoom. Over the past few months I have spent considerable time in Zoom meetings, most of which have been UUFB Board and committee meetings involving fewer than a dozen people. The meetings this week are quite different. The Zoom meetings this week include the UU Ministers Association Ministry Days and the Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly (UUA-GA). And the number of participants in these various Zoom sessions is astounding to me—from several hundred to a thousand or more. Technology is allowing people from all over the country and even around the world to attend these gatherings without having a significant “carbon footprint,” — in other words, without having to use significant amounts of fossil fuels in the process. These Zoom meetings are allowing large groups of people to “gather” while eliminating the likelihood of spreading COVID-19.

These two events, UU Ministry Days and UUA-GA, were not originally planned as “virtual events.” Both were supposed to be in-person events in Providence, Rhode Island. While the way these two events are occurring wasn’t originally planned, much of the content was decided upon some months ago. And it is the content that is indicative of how our faith tradition often focuses on issues that are not getting the attention they deserve or need. This year a significant focus of both of these events involves racism and its impacts. When these events were being planned, COVID-19 wasn’t yet identified, George Floyd was still alive, and most of the large public gatherings were focused on global climate change. Today, global climate change continues to be an issue—an issue that many people are now beginning to recognize impacts people of color much more significantly than people who identify as “white” on the U.S. census. At both UUA-GA and Ministry Days, workshops and speakers are addressing how the systems in our Association, in our country and in our world create privilege for some while others are disadvantaged. And both events are addressing how racism, climate change, and inequality, of all types, are interconnected.

Currently the issues of systemic racism and white supremacy are getting intense public attention on a national and international level. I am pleased that our Unitarian Universalist Association and the UU Ministers Association are looking deeply at what needs to be changed within both organizations as well as other organizations at the local, regional, national and international levels. Significant changes are needed to address prejudice and discrimination, whether such prejudice and discrimination are conscious and intentional or unconscious and unintentional. Time, energy and commitment will be required to make the changes that are needed—changes that should have been made long ago. May we, as individuals and as a faith community, take full advantage of the opportunities that are opening at this time to do all we can to actualize what is set forth in our Sixth Principle—“the goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all.” Together, we have the power to change the systems that perpetuate inequality and injustice. May we use our power with wisdom, consideration, and compassion.

Religious Exploration Corner



As I write this newsletter post, I am also checking the weather to see if we will be able to host our Chalk the Lot event this weekend. Fingers crossed, by the time you read this, we will have created a lovely chalk mural about June's theme, Compassion. If we are so fortunate to get a few days without rain, I will include pictures from the event in next month's newsletter. Never did I imagine I would be so excited to see people socially distancing in a parking lot, but here we are, and I am so happy.

The last few months have had a lot of change and with that fear and anxiety. Heavy news stories have rocked our world, broke our hearts and caused changes in our everyday routines. This has resulted in stress and unease for many, myself included. While it's important to take time to digest and process all that's going on in the world, the stress has continued and I am needing a break. We are all due for some moments of lighthearted fun and connection. So this month in RE we will focus on Play. We will explore some old classics and introduce some new ways to have fun.

RE Classes in July

Sunday, July 5th - Camp Games

Fun games to teach friends and family around the campfire.

Sunday, July 12th - Mind Benders

Optical Illusions, puzzles, and challenges that will stretch our brain muscles.

Sunday, July 19th - Ooey and Goey

You'll want to join us outside for this one as we experience new textures and get messy.

Sunday, July 26th - Fantasy

Exploring worlds we created ourselves.



Through the summer, we will continue to meet online on Sundays at 11am on Zoom. If you know kids that would like to join us, please email Beth at cre@uufbozeman.org.

There is no official Soulful Home this month but I have heard a few requests for parenting resources about anti-racism. Here are a few links I have found helpful in recent weeks:

Raising Race Conscious Kids- <http://www.raceconscious.org>

Social Justice Books - <https://socialjusticebooks.org>

ADL - <https://www.adl.org/what-we-do/promote-respect/anti-bias>

Beverly Daniel Tatum's Ted Talk - <https://tedx.stanford.edu/lineup/beverly-daniel-tatum>



Board Report

~ Peg Wherry, UUFB Board President

Here's what's been happening with the Board in June. We held two meetings: the one on June 8 included outgoing Board members, who left after their part of the agenda was complete, as well as the incoming Board members. On June 15, the new Board held its first regular meeting and set its regular meetings for the third Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

In the first part of the June 8 meeting, Board members affirmed the Fellowship's votes by mail adopting the new Vision Statement and electing new Board members. A total of 105 ballots were returned by the postmark date of May 16, well over the number needed for a quorum. For the vision statement, 100 voted "Yes" and 5 abstained. For the panel of new Board members, 103 voted "Yes" and 2 abstained.

Also, at the June 8 meeting, the new Board accepted—with both regret and deep appreciation—Tonya Stevens' resignation from the Board as Past President, due to increased demands on her time. The Board chose to follow past practice and appoint a one-year member-at-large to fill that vacancy, ideally a long-time member with the institutional memory the Past President provides. Fortunately, Sara Williams, President in 2012-2013, agreed to take the position and the Board voted to appoint her on June 15.

There has been extensive discussion of using our building as well as other COVID-19 impacts on Fellowship life. The Board voted to keep the UUFB building closed for services through the end of September. These policies will continue in effect.

1. We will carry hold services **online only** until September 30.
2. Groups and committees will meet through electronic means but **not** in the building.
3. We authorize staff to use the building in the ways that best suit their needs, as long as they maintain physical distancing.

The Board continues to monitor state and local COVID conditions and recommendations as we consider requests for use of the UUFB building and is developing policies for outdoor activities for children and youth.

In March, the Caring and Hospitality/Membership Committees worked together to contact the entire Fellowship to reach out in the time of COVID-19. The Board suggested that a second effort should be made to reach out to Fellowship members to keep in touch with their questions and needs.

Our Social Justice work is never done! Several Fellowship members participated in rallies and marches in response to the killing of George Floyd and other Black men and women. Barbara Tylka and Kitty Donich of our Social Justice Action Committee prepared a clear and powerful letter to the editor of the *Bozeman Daily Chronicle* on the subject, which the Board endorsed to be printed in the name of the Fellowship. As can be seen elsewhere in this Newsletter, SJAC is proceeding with work to install a flagpole for displaying the enhanced Pride flag. The Board approved the concept earlier in the spring and authorized work to begin this summer.

I often say that the Fellowship is what remains after the building burns down and the Minister leaves. We still have our Minister but we cannot gather in our building. We have seen that our Social Justice work can go on without the building, as can the ways we connect with and care for each other. Let us broaden our focus and stay together in as many ways as possible. I find that staying at home to avoid the virus makes a Board or committee meeting into a lively and welcome social occasion. Please join me in that—there is still much to do in the Fellowship!

In Fellowship, Peg Wherry, President

Social Justice Action Committee Update

Later this summer (when it quits raining), The Social Justice Action Committee will be installing a flagpole at our Fellowship to fly the Quasar Progress Pride flag. This is the rainbow flag that includes a chevron of pastel stripes, and black and brown stripes. The pastel colors represent trans people, the black and brown stripes recognize marginalized people of color. The black also stands for people struggling with AIDS, those who have died from it, and the stigma attached to that disease.



Daniel Quasar, a graphic designer, calls this version of the rainbow flag the 'progress pride flag' to show how much progress the LGBTQ community has achieved. For us, it's a reminder that welcome is a spiritual practice we cannot become complacent about, and hopefully as a message to anyone who sees it that they too are welcome. (If we ever get to go back inside again.)

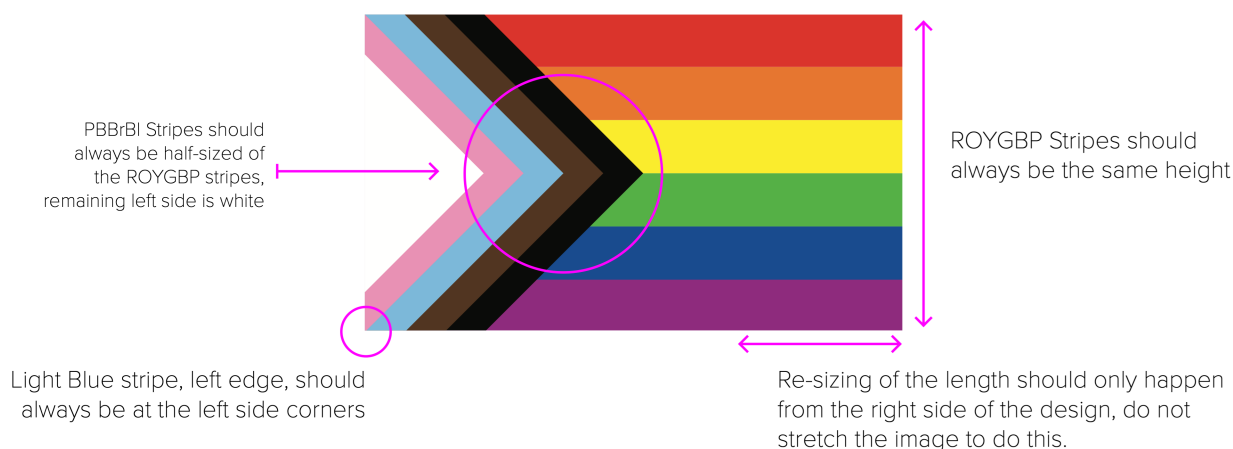
See the next page for more details about the new flag.

-Kitty Donich, for the Social Justice Action Committee

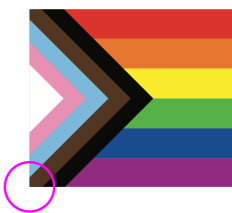


Members of UUFB & the Social Justice Action Committee at the racial equality rally in Bozeman, June 2020.

HOW TO USE THE “PROGRESS” PRIDE FLAG DESIGN



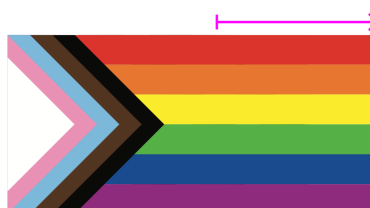
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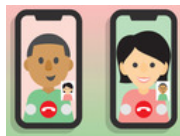
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Upcoming Events



Information on Upcoming Events

The Board has voted to keep the UUFB building closed for Sunday services and other meetings **through the end of September**. Staff may be in the building as it helps them carry out their responsibilities. The Board will continue to monitor state and local COVID conditions and recommendations in considering opening the UUFB building for activities other than Sunday services between now and October. Sunday services will continue to be delivered via Zoom and Facebook through the end of September.



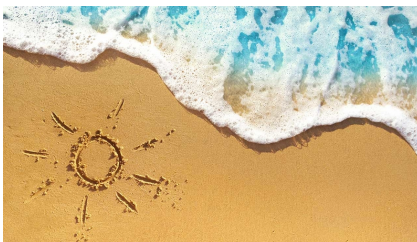
Virtual Social Time

Join us for virtual social times via Zoom after the Sunday Services! To participate in the social time, remain on Zoom after the Service or connect to Zoom after watching on Facebook. Five minutes after the Service ends, you will be split into groups with other congregants for a half-hour of socializing. More information will be sent out on the listserv.



2nd Sunday of the Month Offering to the MSU Foundation American Indian Scholarship Fund – July 12

The Social Justice Action Committee has specified that the July 12th offering will go to the MSU Foundation American Indian Scholarship Fund. You can donate to this fund by giving online (uufbozeman.org/donate) and selecting “Give to 2nd Sunday charitable donation” or you can mail in a check made out to UUFB, and write “American Indian Scholarship Fund” in the memo line. Mail your contributions to UUFB, 325 N. 25th Ave., Bozeman, MT 59718.



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. All are welcome! The next meeting is to be announced. For more information, contact Paul McVey (mcveypw@aol.com).

UU Humanist Group - The UU Humanist Group explores Humanism and its role in Unitarian Universalism. The next meeting is to be announced. For more information, please contact Sara Williams (sawilliams6@gmail.com).

***Our Whole Lives* coming soon to a congregation near you!**



The Interfaith *Our Whole Lives* committee is delighted to let you know we'll offer *Our Whole Lives* for 8th graders next year. This comprehensive sexuality education program is developed around the values of self worth, sexual health, responsibility, and justice and inclusivity.

A team of 4 facilitators traveled to Grand Junction, Colorado in February for training. What a great team we have with Kassia Finn, *Our Whole Lives* parent and experienced *Our Whole Lives* facilitator, Anna Stone, *Our Whole Lives* alumna from the Glacier UU Fellowship, Tom Murray, UUFB, and Jill Ellison, *Our Whole Lives* parent. A nurse at the Gallatin City-County Health Department, Jill is bringing guidance to our planning about the safest way to bring this program to our youth. We are grateful for each of these volunteers sharing their time and talent to make this program possible.

Pilgrim UCC has been our host for more than 10 years. We're delighted to be offering the program at the UU Fellowship for the first time. We plan to meet late Sunday afternoon from the fall through the spring, beginning with parent meetings. Within current guidelines we'll plan for a group of 10 youth in 8th grade. Youth from our supporting congregations, Pilgrim UCC and UU Fellowship of Bozeman will have the earliest opportunity to sign up.

Parents, please let Laura Mentch know if you are interested in your child participating in *Our Whole Lives* this fall. lauramentch@icloud.com

The Interfaith *Our Whole Lives* Committee:

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Dana Murray, UUFB
Laura Mentch, UUFB



So Far Apart and In This Together

by Erica Rose Long

"I am only one
But still I am one.
I cannot do everything,
But still I can do something.
And because I cannot do everything I will not refuse to do
the something that I can do."
—Edward Everett Hale



Everyone's cries sound different on the phone. Over the phone I cannot see how their faces change, how their bodies tighten as they try to hold back tears and relax when they finally surrender and let the tears fall. That's what I'm used to.

Now, I listen over the phone as children play in the background, as dishes are washed, as the woman I'm speaking to turns on her blinker so she can park her car and cry. When I talk to someone on the phone, they continue to do whatever they were doing before I called. Their surroundings stay the same while their life breaks open in grief. We don't have the comfort of the family room in the hospital—a neutral space we can share, and they can then leave forever—to share a horrific moment. Now, they're at home and I'm in my room—the same room I will try to sleep in tonight. Everything changes, and nothing changes.

I never thought it could be possible to be "work-sick." I miss my desk. I miss the elevators in the hospital. I even miss my commute. I miss all the little annoyances that separated my work from my home. Without those boundaries of time and space, I feel my heart struggling to maintain boundaries.

I tell the woman crying on phone, "This is my number; call me anytime." I wouldn't have done that six months ago. But I do now. The boundaries are so wide and so thin. We are all so far apart and yet we're in this together. I stay on the phone and I cry with you. I hang up the phone and I pray for you.

Every day things change. Every week things change. I miss the way things were, and I know they'll never really be the same. And yet, while everything is still so tender and uncertain, I am grateful. I'm grateful that this is my job. I'm grateful that you picked up the phone. I'm grateful that I get to live another day, and I get to do it with you.



About the Author

Rev. Erica Rose Long (she/her/hers) is a spiritual care provider at Massachusetts General Hospital & an affiliate community minister at Arlington Street Church in Boston. Erica deeply loves her home state of Maine and now lives in Cambridge with her best friend and colleague, Rev. Natalie Malter.



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- Member-at-Large: Valley Peters
- Member-at-Large: Sara Williams

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@googlegroups.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.

To subscribe send an email to admin@uufbozeman.org requesting to join.

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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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- Caring Committee, Meals, Rides: Open
- Committee on Ministry: Open
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- Stewardship: Peg Wherry, Chair
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