



Upcoming Sunday Services

All services are currently held live on Facebook & Zoom

November 1, 2020 • “Together We Share” • Lay Presenter Peg Wherry & UUFB Members

Today’s service is a chance for us all to reflect on gifts, giving, and commitment to UUFB’s future. There will be several speakers and a bit more singing than usual as we reflect on the commitments we make to each other and the Fellowship.

November 8, 2020 • “Healing the National Divide” • Rev. Duffy Peet

Over the past several years, this country has become more divided than it has been in decades. Much of the division seems to have a political element. With Election Day now past, there is a critical need for healing to begin. The healing process will quite probably be painful and extended. How will we engage in and endure through the healing process?

November 15, 2020 • “It’s Turtles All the Way Down” • Lay Presenter Dr. Laurence Marshall Carucci

For the Sunday service on November 15th, Dr. Laurence Marshall Carucci – Larry as most of us know him – will ask fellowship members and friends to think deeply about cultural differences which are always highly nuanced, multilayered, and far more than skin deep. For more details about this service, please visit our website.

November 22, 2020 • “Yearning for Healing” • Lay Presenter Shaun Phoenix

In a time when so many “sure things” are crumbling around and within us, from the individual to the global and all points in between, it is easy to drop into despair for the brokenness we seem to find everywhere we look. How do we hold our own hearts with compassion, find strength and resilience, and open ourselves once more to the mysteries of life’s unfolding?

November 29, 2020 • “Healing for the Wounds of Colonialism” • Rev. Duffy Peet

This week many people across this country celebrated the Thanksgiving holiday. For many Indigenous people of this land, however, the Thanksgiving holiday is a painful reminder of the impacts colonialism has had on their people for centuries and continues to have on them today. What can we do to find opportunities and ways to begin the healing process for the wounds of colonialism?



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Minister Musings

~ Rev. Duffy Peet
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I was having a phone conversation with a ministerial colleague recently when they asked me a question that I have heard many, many times before. The question was just three words. “How are you?” It was said with sincere interest and with a caring voice tone. I paused before responding in order to ensure that my answer would be genuine, open and honest, to match the intention of the question. The question and my response led to a much longer and deeper conversation than I had imagined my colleague and I would have that day. We took turns sharing about the multiple challenges we are currently facing and concerned about. We expressed frustration and disappointment about how our training in theological school didn’t prepare us to lead congregations during a pandemic, a time when worship services, committee meetings, small groups and even funerals are being done over the internet instead of in person. We talked about how the pandemic has resulted in significant economic difficulties for people we know, organizations we are involved in, as well as businesses and governments around the world. We shared concerns about the racism that for so, so long has been dividing our country and continues to prevent people of color from getting the equal justice and treatment they deserve. And we discussed the multiple threats to our democratic system of government. As I mentioned previously, the conversation was much longer and deeper than I had anticipated when the call began.

After the call I began thinking about times in the past when someone would ask “How are you?” I remember when I was in college in the early 70’s, it was common for people who knew one another to say, “Hi! How are you?” when they would pass while going in opposite directions headed to classes. Back then, the statement was nothing more than a friendly greeting. It was clear there was neither time nor interest in what the answer to the question might be.

Recalling that earlier time in my life I began pondering the question and the different contexts it was asked in. There certainly were significant challenges during the early 70’s. There was civil unrest both around racial injustice and also related to the Vietnam War. And there was concern about the environmental degradation we humans were causing. The first Earth Day was held in the spring of 1970, just two months before I graduated from High School. Yet even with those challenges, the question, “How are you?” was generally not asked in a way that conveyed true concern or deep interest in what the answer might have been.

So today, I am thinking about the question, “How are you?” and the difference 50 years have made. Today, I am concerned about how the people I know and care about are doing. When I ask the question, I expect to take as long as it takes to hear the answer. Maybe all of this can be attributed to getting older and what is often referred to as “maturity.” Maybe, but I don’t think that is the entire answer. It seems to me that today, many more people comprehend the severity of the multiple problems we are facing. And I believe many people are seeking to find ways to connect—connect in caring and meaningful ways—with others.

As I write this, I find myself seeing faces, faces of many of you as well as others. And the question that comes to my mind is “How are you?” It is my hope that at some point in the near future I will be able to ask that question and we will take the time to share with one another. Until then, I wish you well and will hold you in my thoughts.

Religious Exploration Corner



You're Invited: Halloween Gathering - Friday, October 30th!

4 p.m. - Pumpkin Carving! UUFB Coordinator of Religious Exploration will provide pumpkins and paints and a designated space for your family/pod to carve! Families are encouraged to provide their own carving tools if possible. Let Beth (cre@uufbozeman.org) know if you will make it so we have a pumpkin for you! Pumpkin guts will be taken by Dana M. to be composted and fed to her pigs ;)

4:45 p.m. - Costume Parade and Candy! Set up for the reverse costume parade! Much like tailgating, all congregation members are invited and encouraged to park in the parking lot and "tailgate" or set up chairs at the rear of their vehicles for a parking lot costume parade! Parking spots will be available first-come, first served!

5:00 p.m. - All those young and young at heart are welcome to "parade" down the middle of the parking lot in their costumes, 6 feet from our tailgating members. Members at their cars are encouraged to gently toss candy to the parade participants and/or cheer and wave for our costumed friends as they pass by (small bags of candy/treats will be provided for you if desired!)

Make sure to bring/wear your mask. UUFB bathroom protocols will be in place. Hand sanitizer will be available.

Calling all little ones! Join us for SPIRIT PLAY!

This fall we will continue with our online Religious Exploration classes but we are also offering a new option for kids 3-6 year olds called Spirit Play from 9:30-9:50 a.m. This will be an opportunity for the younger children to connect, wonder and play online with activities designed specifically for them. Our regular RE Class will continue to meet at 11:00-11:30 a.m. for 7-12 year olds.

RE November Theme: Healing

Religious Exploration Class will continue to meet on Zoom at 11:00 a.m. every Sunday Watch the listserve or contact Beth at cre@uufbozeman.org for the Zoom link.

Sunday, November 1st - The work of healing

Sunday, November 8th - Let gratitude heal you

Sunday, November 15th - Listening is healing

Sunday, November 22nd - Heal by truth telling

Sunday, November 29th - Finding comfort

Hope to see you there!





Board Report

~ Peg Wherry, UUFB Board President

The Board has been extremely busy lately. We actually met three weeks in a row between September 21 and October 5! We have bowed to the inevitable (for now) and will be meeting twice a month. On the first Monday of each month, at 7:00 p.m., we will be reviewing our progress toward meeting our goals, and on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. we will be holding the “regular” board meeting—the one with financial, minister’s and president’s reports, etc. We are always, in one way or another, addressing the on-going question of use of the building, currently closed through the end of December this year.

Stewardship has been a major topic. We set a *minimum* goal of \$192,000 for this year. That minimum amount would allow us to continue our activities at current levels while giving all employees a 2% cost of living raise. Knowing how well this Fellowship meets challenges, however, we hope that pledges go well beyond that minimum so we can increase Duffy’s time to 100% or at least make progress toward that level. Because we cannot have special in-person events for stewardship this year, there is a webpage where you can find the pledge brochure, a form for making your pledge online (if you are comfortable doing so), and see our progress. Find it here: <https://uufbozeman.org/pledge/> Please complete a pledge form (online or on paper) by November 15, so the Finance Committee and the Board can develop the budget for 2021 by knowing how many resources we will have.

We have a new volunteer role: **Building Coordinator**. Tonya Stevens will be filling this role and is finishing up the job description. Notice the word “coordinator”—she will work with Mike Clark, Carolyn Boyd, and others to make sure policies are followed and everything stays in good working order.

Most of our **committees** need additional members as they carry out their work, even though we are not meeting face to face. I don’t know about anyone else, but in these socially distanced times, I find that a committee meeting starts to feel like a party. Even in the best of times, being on a committee is a simple way to engage with the Fellowship and meet people and to share your talents and skills. You can find a list of Committee Descriptions as well as a list of Board and Committee Chairs on our website here: <https://uufbozeman.org/members-friends/committees/>. Just click on the top item “General Information on Committees.” Committees also have their own pages linked from there as well, so you can learn a lot about how the Fellowship works on the “Committees” page.

The Board is taking a few minutes once each month to discuss a chapter of the book *Serving with Grace: Lay Leadership as a Spiritual Practice* by Erik Walker Wikstrom. He suggests that we not think of ourselves as “consumers” of the Fellowship but as shareholders or investors. When we get involved with the actual work of the Fellowship, we each become responsible for something larger than our individual selves. It also provides opportunities to learn something about yourself. It may not be for everyone, but, as an answer to “how many UUs does it take to change a light bulb?” my son-in-law said, “anyone is welcome!” Anyone IS welcome!

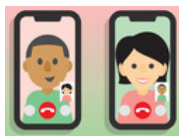
In Fellowship,
Peg Wherry, UUFB Board President

Upcoming Events



Information on Upcoming Events

The Board has voted to keep the UUFB building closed for Sunday services and other meetings **until further notice**. They will continue to monitor state and local COVID conditions and recommendations in considering opening the UUFB building again. Sunday services will continue to be delivered via Zoom and Facebook.



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.



Minister on Vacation – October 23 through November 1

Our minister, Rev. Duffy, will be taking time off beginning on Friday, October 23, through Sunday, November 1. He will be back at work on Monday, November 2. While he is on vacation he can be reached via text or by phone for pastoral emergencies at his cell phone number which can be



Remember to Vote! Ballots due November 3

On September 30, 2020 The Montana Supreme Court ruled that ballots **MUST** be received before 8 p.m. on November 3, 2020 in order to be counted. Please be sure to get your ballot in early so that your voice will be heard!



Talking with Neighbors: "Religion and Citizenship" - November 4

Talking with Neighbors is an interfaith forum for people of Gallatin Valley held the first Wednesday of each month from 12-1. All are welcome!

This month's topic is "What do our religious traditions teach about our relationship to the state and the responsibilities of citizenship?" Joined by Rev. Duffy Peet and Karen DeCotis.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.gvinterfaith.org/>



QACC is for you!

Do you have Questions, Appreciations, Comments, or Concerns (QACCs)? The Committee on Ministry welcomes it all! You can submit your QACCs online at uufbozeman.org/qacc or look for the box (with the duck on top) on the table in the Social Hall. The Committee on Ministry reviews submissions at their monthly meetings.

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2nd Sunday of the Month Offering to Fork & Spoon – November 8

The Social Justice Action Committee has specified that the November 8, 2020 offering will go to Fork & Spoon. 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 "Fork & Spoon" in the memo line. Mail your contributions to UUFB, 325 N. 25th Ave., Bozeman, MT 59718.

Fork & Spoon is Montana's first and only pay-what-you-can restaurant. We are concerned that Fork and Spoon will not be able to continue to serve our fellow citizens, many of whom will have nothing to eat without their services. Because Fork and Spoon has lost all of their catering business — a significant source of income — they are now in dire financial straits. Utility bills alone for the next twelve months are estimated at \$12,000. Local religious organizations are trying to raise this \$12,000 to keep this essential service operating. Our second Sunday collection on November 8th is designated for Fork and Spoon. We have now learned that an anonymous donor has offered to match dollar for dollar UUFB's donations to Fork and Spoon, up to \$1,000. Please give what you can now, so we do not lose any of this generous offer.



5th Sunday of the Month Offering to The Help Center – November 29

The Social Justice Action Committee has specified that the November 29, 2020 offering will go to The Help Center. You can donate to this fund by giving online (uufbozeman.org/donate) and selecting "Give to 5th Sunday disaster relief fund" or you can mail in a check made out to UUFB, and write "Help Center" in the memo line. Mail your contributions to UUFB, 325 N. 25th Ave., Bozeman, MT 59718.

The Help Center is our community's local suicide, crisis, and resource line, operating 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. They have been providing support to Bozeman, the Gallatin Valley and surrounding areas since 1971. It is the mission of Help Center, Inc. to provide crisis counseling, advocacy, information, outreach, support, and services to clientele in a safe, confidential environment. Help Center, Inc. is comprised of Help Center 211, Sexual Assault Counseling Center, Hearts and Homes Family Resource Center, Gallatin County Child Advocacy Center, and Sacks Thrift Store. In 2019, they helped people 19,728 times through crisis intervention, emotional support, counseling & advocacy. Learn more: www.bozemanhelpcenter.org

Since COVID began in Montana, the Help Center shifted quickly to meet the growing needs in our community. They have seen a 52% increase in the need for services. During the Bridger Foothills Fire, they responded to 567 calls for people who needed information, resources and emotional support.

Need someone to talk to or worried about someone? Call the Help Center at 406-586-3333.

HISTORY CORNER - Snippets from the Past

Thanksgiving Friendship Feast 1995

On Thanksgiving Day 1995 the UUFB hosted a dinner for 50 senior Bozemanites who wouldn't otherwise have had company of any kind for the day. The Senior Center and Senior Homes helped generate invitations. This was organized by our volunteer DRE, Carla Hill, as an intergenerational event. Carla and husband Ty owned and operated (Ty as chef) the popular John Bozeman's Bistro which was then located on the east end of town across from the Bozeman Hotel, and which was the venue for the event.



After weeks of intensive organizing, soliciting donations from the community, and lining up workers from the fellowship the day arrived. Members picked up our guests and delivered them to the restaurant, hosted tables, worked in the kitchen assisting the cooks, provided conversation and entertainment, and of course, cleaned up. Children and youth were rotated through the various tasks under adult supervision, taking turns going out to tables and talking with folks, and taking breaks with games and a reading corner set up in the basement of the restaurant.

When the last guest was delivered home the whole fellowship gathered again in the restaurant for a potluck Thanksgiving together. We gave thanks for the warmth we all felt from interacting with our guests, listening to their stories, and the bonds we forged in the fellowship from the lively and loving participation of thirty children and forty adults.

Susan Backer

An Opportunity to Learn about the UUFB and Unitarian Universalists

Are you curious about the Bozeman Unitarian Universalist Fellowship – what our core values are and how we live these out into our community and the larger world? Have you wondered about our history and how we are part of the larger Unitarian Universalist Association? Might you have been considering membership and wondering how that happens? Would you just like a “refresher” on these topics and maybe, how you can become more involved?

The Hospitality/Membership Committee is willing and eager to meet with you and explore these topics. If you are interested, please email Susan Backer (find her email in the directory) and we will organize a casual Zoom meeting for late fall. Looking forward to visiting with you!

Susan Backer for the Hospitality/Membership Committee: Kitty Donich, Robyn Lauster, Tonya Stevens, Mariah Rundberg

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.

UU Humanist Group - The UU Humanist Group explores Humanism and its role in Unitarian Universalism. Monthly meetings are held via Zoom. For more information, please contact Sara Williams.



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- **Office Administrator:** Christy Huddleston
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- **Coordinator of Religious Exploration:** Beth Witte
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- **Nursery Caregiver:** Christine Wilcox
- **Pianist:** Laurel Yost

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.

To unsubscribe: uufb+unsubscribe@googlegroups.com

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.

2020-2021 Board Members

- President: Peg Wherry
- Vice President: Neil Schwarzwald
- Secretary: Sally Russell
- Treasurer: Janine Roberts
- Member-at-Large: Paul McVey
- Member-at-Large: Valley Peters
- Member-at-Large: Sara Williams

Committees/Task Force Leaders

- Adult Religious Exploration: Neil Schwarzwald, Contact
- Building & Grounds Committee: Carolyn Boyd, Contact
- Building Coordinator: Tonya Stevens, Contact
- Caring Committee, Meals, Rides: Open
- Committee on Ministry: Dave Rockafellow, Chair
- Communications Committee: Open
- Finance Committee: Bruce DePriester, Chair
- Fundraising: Leona Poritz, Contact
- Governance/Leadership: Pam Poon, Contact
- Hospitality/Membership: Susan Backer, Contact
- Interfaith *Our Whole Lives* Committee: Laura Mentch, Chair
- Interior Design: Diane Knipfer & Jan Young, Contacts
- Investment Committee: Paul Stouffer, Chair
- Lifespan Religious Exploration: Dana Murray, Chair
- Personnel Committee: Dick Young, Contact
- Program Council: Neil Schwarzwald, Contact
- Safety Task Force Committee: Ita Killeen, Contact
- Social Activities: Bonnie Andes, Chair
- Social Justice Action Committee: Randy Babbitt, Contact
- Stewardship: Open
- Sunday Services Committee: Lisa Trankley, Chair

Contact Points

- Caregivers Support Group: Carolyn Boyd
- Family Promise Task Force: Tonya Stevens
- Food Bank: Norm Eggert
- Fork & Spoon: Randy Babbitt
- Historian: Susan Backer
- Kitchen/Bath Supplier: Suzy Sterling
- Librarian: Open
- Men's Group: Jack Day
- Women's Group: Open
- Youth Group: Ita Killeen

Spiritual Pluralism Group Leaders

- UU Buddhist Group: Paul McVey, Contact
- UU Humanist Group: Sara Williams, Contact