

OCTOBER 2021

UUFB NEWS

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bozeman

UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

EVERY SUNDAY • 10:00 A.M. MDT
LIVE ON YOUTUBE

October 3, 2021 • "Nurturing Relationships During a Pandemic" • Rev. Duffy Peet

For more than a year and a half we have been in the midst of a pandemic as the COVID virus spread around the world and throughout our country. The pandemic has disrupted and negatively impacted many aspects of our lives. How are we maintaining, and how can we nurture, relationships under conditions we have never faced before?

October 10, 2021 • "Cultivating Relationships with Indigenous Peoples" • Rev. Duffy Peet

October 11, 2021, is Indigenous People's Day here in Bozeman. In most other Montana cities and counties, as well as other states across our country, the day is designated as Columbus Day, a federal holiday. On the eve of these two contrasting holidays, we will consider how, both as individuals and as a Fellowship, we might cultivate relationships with the indigenous peoples of this land we now live on.

October 17, 2021 • "Cultivating Relationships Between Religious Communities" • Rev. Duffy Peet

Sixty-two years ago, this month the American Unitarian Association and the Universalist Church of America voted, in separate meetings, to consolidate and become the Unitarian Universalist Association. This year is the 60th anniversary of that consolidation. Years of relationship cultivation prior to these votes were required to make the consolidation possible. How can we cultivate, and how are we cultivating, relationships between religious communities today in our efforts to further our values and our principles?

October 24, 2021 • Title to be announced • Lay Presenter: Katie Michael-Sanchez, M. Div.

More information about this service will be announced soon.

October 31, 2021 • Title to be announced • Guest Speaker: Jennifer A. Hackett, M. Div.

More information about this service will be announced soon.



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MINISTER MUSINGS

REV. DUFFY PEET

By now, most if not all of the members and friends of the Fellowship have learned that I will be retiring from ministry at the end of June 2022. As I wrote in the email, I sent to the UUFB listserv on September 16, the decision to retire was not an easy one and it did not occur quickly. When I was asked by members of the Ministerial Search Committee back in 2016 what my timeframe might be if I was offered the position of UUFB minister, I told them I thought I had the ability to be a congregational minister for another 8 to 10 years. I also let the Search Committee members know that if I was offered and accepted the position, I had no intention of seeking another ministry position.

When I was a candidate for the UUFB minister position I knew that the Fellowship had some significant changes, and challenges, in its future. The Fellowship was in the process of acquiring the first building in its almost 60 years of existence. Owning a building was going to be a completely new experience. And the congregation was growing just as the population of Bozeman and the Gallatin Valley were growing. These were indications to me that the Fellowship was going to experience what might be referred to as "growing pains." When I was considering the possibility of becoming your minister, I perceived these growing pains to be indications of the health and vitality of the Fellowship. Back then I had no way of knowing that the political divides in this country would soon intensify to a level not experienced since the Civil War. And I could not imagine at that time that the world would experience a pandemic the likes of which has not been seen in over 100 years. Being a minister requires a significant amount of energy even when situations are relatively stable and going well. To say the least, things have not been stable in my 5 years with you. And at this point the likelihood of stability returning soon is unlikely because of the significant uncertainty around when the pandemic will subside. Once the pandemic does subside, we will begin, as a Fellowship, the process of both grieving what we have lost, and adapting to the dramatic changes that have taken place since the COVID virus arrived in Montana. I believe a significant amount of time and energy will be needed to deal with our grief and adapt to the multitude of changes that have been required of us.

As I thought about the work the future holds, I realized that I do not have the energy that will be required to assist and support the congregation through the process. That was a very difficult realization for me to come to. I have always considered myself to be an energetic, can do, kind of person. As I looked at what would be required in the years ahead, I had to admit to myself that the task that lies ahead is greater than my energy and my can do attitude. With this realization, I knew I had to retire from ministry.

While I will not be living up to what I stated to the Ministerial Search Committee about the length of time I thought I would be with you, I will follow through on my statement not to seek another ministry somewhere other than UUFB. My time as your minister has personally been incredibly rewarding. My time as your minister has changed my life and who I perceive myself to be. I hope my time as your minister has offered the Fellowship as a community and you as an individual as much as you have given me. And I hope you will be as welcoming to the ministers who will follow me as you have been with me. Thank you for allowing me to be your minister for the past 5 years and for the remaining 9 months of my time with you.

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

Now that church is back online, Religious Exploration (RE) will look a little different this fall. There is a combination of in-person outside services, some kid-friendly elements worked into the online service, and special events. I will be emailing parents directly with changes and updates. If you would like to receive emails and haven't been, please email cre@uufbozeman.org.

Upcoming Events

Pumpkin Carving and Painting - Sunday, October 17th, 12-3 p.m.

Join us for fun fall activities at UUFB! There will be pumpkin carving and/or painting, games, and fun snacks. Please RSVP so we know how many pumpkins we need to purchase. The event will be outside, Halloween costumes are welcome, and masks are required.



This month's theme is **Cultivating Community**. If you are interested in exploring this theme at home, here are a few ways to start:

Lesson A: The Skill of Promising

Making promises can help us feel safe, supported, and celebrated.

Start exploring promised with the story, *All Together Quilt* by Lizzie Rockwell.

YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/ZW2RMcAJ2fE>

Lesson B: The Skill of Listening and Communicating What You Need

Relationships require listening and communicating. That sounds simple, but it can get tricky. How do we express ourselves without blaming and judging other people?

Try printing out these feeling and needs cards. Then try guessing what you or others may be feeling or needing.

Link: <https://kommunikationforlivet.dk/free-materials-for-schools/?lang=en>

Or check out the story: *Jingle Dancer*

YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/O6S7zqCuLPI>

Lesson C: The Skill of Rebuilding

Sometimes we break promises or hurt others and we need to apologize and repair the relationship.

Check out the story: *Old Joe and the Carpenter* and then answer these questions: What was your favorite part of the story? How did you feel when the two friends in the story were mean to each other? Were you surprised when the carpenter did the opposite of what old Joe asked her to do? What kinds of arguments have you been in with friends? What happened?

YouTube Link: https://youtu.be/AFO8Kff2s_0

BOARD REPORT

The Board continues to grapple with Covid-19. It was disappointing to have to shut down in-person services in August, but we all recognized the necessity. And we have come to realize that it will not be a smooth ride out of the pandemic, that there will likely be more ups and downs before we return to something we might recognize as "normal." Therefore, the Board is working on a longer-term Covid policy to guide our decisions. This policy will be based on data published by reliable authorities, considering guidance from UUA and other congregations. A major challenge is determining when and how our building may be used safely for meetings and other gatherings.

Of course, the big news this month is that Rev. Duffy announced he will retire at the end of June 2022. We are both saddened and joyful at this news – saddened to lose Duffy's spirit and guidance, but joyful that he can soon enjoy a retirement he has certainly earned.

Being relatively new to this Fellowship, I've never been through a change in minister before. The important thing to remember, I've been told by experienced hands, is don't freak out. Finding a new settled minister (and an interim minister between) is a natural part of our Fellowship. The UUA follows a fairly long process, one that will absorb some of our energies over the coming year and more. But it's a well-defined process that we will work through successfully. And we will continue to enjoy Rev. Duffy's presence among us and celebrate this important decision in his life and in the life of our Fellowship.

–Neil Schwarzwald, UUFB Board President

Garden Sale & Exchange Photos





Remembering Ken Pierce



Longtime UUFB member Ken Pierce, passed away peacefully in Bozeman on July 9, 2021, after a decade of living with Parkinson's disease. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 23rd at 11:00 a.m. at Dahl Funeral Home (300 Highland Blvd, Bozeman). After the service, there will be a time for sharing stories and food with one another. A live stream of the memorial service will be available at dahlcares.com.



SURROUND OUR HEALTHCARE WORKERS WITH LOVE



WEDNESDAY • OCTOBER 6 • 6:00 PM

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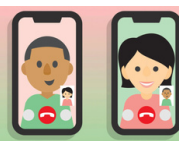
MEET AT ENTRANCE 1 • • • BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND A MASK

Upcoming Events



Building Access

Because of the recent rise in Covid cases, the Board has voted to keep the UUFB building closed for in-person Sunday services until at least November 14. Sunday services will continue to be delivered via YouTube, with virtual social time following on Zoom. The Board will continue to monitor covid data and recommendations from the CDC, and state and local agencies.



Virtual Social Time

Join us for a virtual social time via Zoom after Sunday services! To participate in this social time, connect to Zoom at 11:15 a.m. MDT where you will be split into groups with other congregants for a half-hour of socializing. The link will be sent out on the listserv.



Gallatin Valley Interfaith Forum: "Big 'T' Truth" with Guest Panelists: Rachel Allen, Sally Loble - October 6

Gallatin Valley Interfaith Forum is an interfaith forum for people of Gallatin Valley (*formerly known as Talking with Neighbors*). All are welcome! It is held the first Wednesday of the month from 12-1. This month the forum will be held exclusively on Zoom and the link will be sent out on the listserv. Future forums may be held in person or on Zoom, please check the listserv for details. The 10/6 forum is titled "Big 'T' Truth" with guest panelists Rachel Allen and Sally Loble. Does it exist? What is it? How does each of our traditions understand what truth is? Regular panel participants include Rabbi Ed Stafman, Dr. Ruhul & Shadmani Amin, Rev. Leo Proxell, & Rev. Lindean Barnett Christenson. For more information, please visit: gvinterfaith.org.



"Making Connections" - Orientation to UUFB - October 7, 21, and November 4

Are you a newcomer investigating this community? Or an established member with a yen to learn more about UUFB? All are welcome to the online Fall 2021 "Making Connections: Orientation to UUFB Series," sponsored by the UUFB Hospitality and Membership Committee along with Rev. Duffy Peet.

We invite you to attend our Thursday evening one-hour Zoom gatherings at 7:00 p.m. on October 7, 21, and Nov. 4. These meetings are a great opportunity to get to know more about Unitarian Universalism and, in particular, this congregation, its history, and what it means to be a Friend or Member. You may attend all of the series or just one meeting. We will have guest speakers including our UUFB Historian and a member of the UUFB Board of Directors. Meet other newcomers, discuss your spiritual journey (if you care to), and learn more about the spirituality and commitment of our community. Participate or be a quiet observer. If you would like to attend, please email our Office Admin (admin@uufbozeman.org) so we can send you the Zoom link. If a less-public meeting is more your style, please let us know so we can arrange an information session to suit you.



Upcoming Events

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2nd Sunday Offering to Native American Rights Fund (NARF) - October 10

The Social Justice Action Committee (SJAC) has specified that the October 10th offering will go to the Native American Rights Fund (NARF). 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 "NARF" in the memo line. Mail your contributions to UUFB, 325 N. 25th Ave., Bozeman, MT 59718.

Founded in 1970, the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) is the oldest and largest nonprofit legal organization asserting and defending the rights of Indian tribes, organizations, and individuals nationwide. For more information visit narf.org.

Program Council - October 10

Program Council will meet via Zoom on Sunday, October 10 at 11:45 a.m. All committees, task forces, and working groups should send a representative to this meeting. Questions? Contact Jeanne Moe.

Candlelit Labyrinth Walk - October 17

Please join us for an evening of outdoor meditation and reflection at the labyrinth by the library. This year, along with the walk, we invite everyone to memorialize the loss of a loved one with a special luminaria. Luminarias will be provided by the Social Activities Committee and be available for pickup at UUFB in early October. Feel free to decorate your luminary however you would like. Bring your decorated luminary to the labyrinth walk on Sunday, October 17th at 6:30 p.m. The labyrinth is located just off the trail between the Bozeman Public Library and Peets Hill. More details will be sent out on the listserv.

Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed - October 28

Fork & Spoon is back, and volunteers are needed! Every month on the fourth Thursday from 4:30-7:30 p.m. UUFB needs 2 volunteers and 2 backup volunteers to help at Fork & Spoon (backups will only be called if the 2 main volunteers cannot attend). Please make sure to bring a mask. Sign up on the UUFB bulletin board or send an email to admin@uufbozeman with your name and phone number. If you have questions about volunteering, please contact Randy Babbitt.

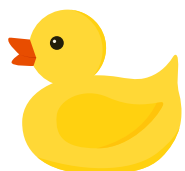
Spiritual Pluralism Project Group

Our Fellowship has a Spiritual Pluralism group that 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.

- **UU Humanist Group** - This group explores Humanism and its role in Unitarian Universalism and usually meets monthly. If you are interested in attending, please contact Sara Williams.

Submit a QACC!

Do you have Questions, Appreciations, Comments, or Concerns (QACCs)? The Committee on Ministry welcomes it all! To submit your QACC look for the box with the yellow rubber duck on top in the social hall or submit online at uufbozeman.org/qacc. The Committee on Ministry reviews submissions at their monthly meetings.





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Staff

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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
- **Vocalist:** Erin Henke

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.

2021-2022 Board Members

- President: Neil Schwarzwald
- Vice President: Jeanne Moe
- Past President: Peg Wherry
- Secretary: Sally Russell
- Treasurer: Janine Roberts
- Member-at-Large: Mary Maifeld
- Member-at-Large: Valley Peters

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: Tonya Stevens, Contact
- Interfaith *Our Whole Lives*: 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: Jeanne Moe, Contact
- Safety Task Force Committee: Beth Witte, Contact
- Social Activities: Rene Keating, Chair
- Social Justice Action Committee: Randy Babbitt, Contact
- Stewardship: Open
- Sunday Services Committee: Lisa Trankley, Chair

Contact Points

- Book Sales/Little Library: Leona Poritz
- 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
- Men's Group: Jack Day
- Women's Group: Open
- Youth Group: Beth Witte

Spiritual Pluralism Group Leaders

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