

MARCH 2022

UUFB NEWS

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bozeman

UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

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

March 6, 2022 • "Renewing Faith Continually" • Rev. Duffy Peet

Some religious faith traditions propose that faith is, at its very foundation, about what a person believes. Religious creeds are one outcome of such a perspective. Unitarian Universalism, however, has no creed, no statement of belief that all members must acknowledge. Unitarian Universalism is a covenantal faith, not a creedal faith. We do not rest comfortably with one fixed belief. The Fourth Principle of Unitarian Universalism calls us to "a free and responsible search for truth and meaning." Such a free and responsible search requires a continual renewal of faith as we question, explore, learn and grow in all aspects of life.

March 13, 2022 • "Unitarian Universalism, Faith, and Resilience" •

Lay Presenter: Rachel Rockafellow

Long-time UUFB member Rachel Rockafellow shares a sermon she wrote as a coping mechanism during a stressful time caring for a relative and how her UU faith helped her through that stressful time and perhaps how it might help others during times of COVID and beyond.

March 20, 2022 • "Faith in Coping with Uncertainty" • Rev. Duffy Peet

We are living in a time of tremendous uncertainty. The level of uncertainty we have been dealing with for months, and continue to experience today, threatens to overwhelm our ability to cope. For longer than we can know, people have relied on their faith to help them through times when uncertainty was rampant. How are we relying on our faith today to help us cope with the uncertainties we face?

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UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES continued...

March 27, 2022 • "Renewing Faith by Jettisoning Original Sin" • Guest Speaker: Pastor Stephen R. Schmidt

I was brought up in a fairly traditional family that always went to church on Sunday. As a western Christian, and one brought up in the Lutheran Church, I always thought the reason Jesus came was to rectify the great sin of Adam and Eve in the story of "the fall" found in Genesis chapter 3. Yet the doctrine of "original sin" was developed only the Western Church. Eastern Orthodoxy has no doctrine of original sin. Jesus' death and resurrection was not to balance some celestial scale, but to defeat death. Reading Matthew Fox's *Original Blessing: A Creation Spirituality* and more recently Danielle Shroyer's *Original Blessing: Putting Sin in Its Rightful Place* has been truly renewing of my faith in a God who loves us completely and ALWAYS has! Jettisoning the doctrine of original sin has truly universalized my concept of all people are blessed and loved and I am called to do the same.

Pastor Stephen R. Schmidt grew up in Wisconsin and is a diehard Packer fan. He met his wife, Joyce, while attending St. John's University in Collegeville, MN., where he earned a Masters of Arts in Liturgical Studies degree. He earned his M.Div. degree at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. He served congregations in Vermont and Connecticut and spent fifteen years in campus ministry serving as the College Chaplain at Williams College, Denison University and Connecticut College. On July 1st this past year he entered retirement after serving as the Lead Pastor at Hope Lutheran here in Bozeman for nine years. Joyce and he have two adult daughters who both work in higher education. In retirement he enjoys hiking, riding his e-bike, cooking, reading, and traveling. Plus occasionally serving as a supply preacher.

*Thanks to our Interior Design Committee
we have a new conference table!*





MINISTER MUSINGS

REV. DUFFY PEET

As March begins, I find myself thinking about and looking forward to what lies ahead in the near future. I look forward to the arrival of spring. Spring begins on Sunday, March 20, with the Vernal Equinox. I am already appreciating the increasing hours of daylight after March 20 we will have more daylight than night.

Along with the arrival of spring, I also look forward to the continual downtrend of new COVID cases. I am writing this article as February draws to a close. The case numbers that are being reported have dropped from a high of over 350 new cases per 100,000 population in late January to under 23 new cases per 100,000 in late February. While the rate of drop hasn't been as rapid as the rate of new infections in early January, the trend is steadily downward, which is a very good sign.

Even as I look forward to both spring and the decline of new COVID cases, I recognize the changes that I am anticipating won't be smooth or consistent. In the coming days, there will likely be good days and not so good days. Some days the weather will be pleasant and others will be downright nasty. In regards to new COVID cases, the numbers will probably fluctuate, possibly even significantly. What I plan to do is look beyond the daily or even weekly fluctuations to the longer term trends for both the season and the pandemic. I have had plenty of experience to refer to in regards to what spring can be like. When it comes to a major pandemic, however, I am in unknown territory. As this pandemic continues, I will consider what has occurred with prior pandemics of this sort. I will look to, and trust, those who are knowledgeable about situations such as the one we are currently experiencing. I will also consider my knowledge and experience of spring, including its good weather and its harsh weather to remind me to remain hopeful for better days ahead.

I offer the following as an example of what I am referring to. During the course of my life I have found that spring tends to have the most intense fluctuations of weather of the four seasons. I recall the week in May of 2016 when I came to Bozeman as a candidate to be your minister. The first couple of days were beautiful with temperatures during the day in the low 70's. By mid-week the temperatures dropped significantly and Bozeman got 8 inches of heavy, wet snow. Members of the congregation were concerned that the "bad weather" might cause me to decide I didn't want to move to Bozeman to become your minister. I let people know at the time that I had lived my entire life in northern latitudes and I knew that spring storms were always a possibility. The "bad weather" that week was something I had learned to expect and accept.

In the days, weeks and months ahead, I am reasonably sure that the length of daylight will continue to increase, the weather will get warmer, and, slowly but surely, the number of new COVID will drop. As the weather moderates and the probability of contracting COVID decreases, there will be significantly more opportunities for getting together, in-person, with others. I am looking forward to the time, hopefully in the not-too-distant future, when Fellowship members and friends are once again gathered in our building for Sunday services, Religious Exploration classes, committee meetings and social activities. And I will look to the season of spring to remind me to expect and accept that some days will be as I would prefer them to be and others I will need to persevere through.

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

Now that church is back online, Religious Exploration (RE) will look a little different this spring. 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.



Seeking Storytellers and Chalice Lighters!

We are looking for volunteers young and old that would like to help read/illustrate our Story For All Ages or light the chalice/lead the covenant. If you or your child would be interested in pre-recording a story reading or attending a service live to light the chalice or lead the covenant, please sign up here: tinyurl.com/RE-help.



Save the Date - Holi Celebration - Sunday, March 20th, 2-4 p.m.

Join RE to learn about the Hindu celebration of Holi, "A Festival of Colors" on Sunday, March 20th from 2-4 p.m. location to be determined. We will welcome the arrival of spring with a colorful celebration with games, art and friends. We are still in the process of planning and looking for helpers. If you would like to help organize or assist in another way, please let Beth know.

Here's some information about the holiday - youtube.com/watch?v=E7NZEtivn0s.



Re-Opening Process

As COVID cases decline, we are looking at the likelihood of coming back to in-person services in the near future and we will need volunteers to help with supervising RE classes. If you would be interested in helping with children's programming, please let me know, cre@uufbozeman.org. It will help us get a better sense for how many volunteers and staff we'll have available. Thanks!



March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 • 10:00 service with Rev. Duffy Peet • 11:45 Town Hall Meeting to Discuss Reopening Procedures	7	8	9 • 12:00 Gallatin Valley Interfaith Forum: "The Death Penalty"	10	11	12
13 • 2:00 a.m. Daylight Savings Time begins • 10:00 service with lay presenter Rachel Rockafellow • 2 nd Sunday Offering to Fork & Spoon	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 • 10:00 service with Rev. Duffy Peet • 2:00 RE Holi Celebration	21	22 • 4:30 Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed	23	24	25	26
27 • 10:00 service with guest speaker Pastor Stephen R. Schmidt	28	29	30	31 • Y'UU'R 7 Principles in Practice Slide Show – 2 nd principle photos due		

March 2022 Events

- 3/6 Sunday Service with Rev. Duffy Peet
- 3/6 Town Hall Meeting
- 3/9 Gallatin Valley Interfaith Forum
- 3/13 Sunday Service with lay presenter Rachel Rockafellow
- 3/13 Daylight Savings Time begins
- 3/13 2nd Sunday Offering to Fork & Spoon
- 3/20 Sunday Service with Rev. Duffy Peet
- 3/20 RE Holi Celebration
- 3/22 Fork & Spoon volunteers needed
- 3/27 Sunday Service with guest speaker Pastor Stephen R. Schmidt
- 3/31 2nd principle photos due

BOARD REPORT

Vote on 2022 proposed budget – The Congregational vote on the 2022 budget was counted in early February. The proposed budget was 94-0 in favor of approval, easily meeting the quorum requirement of 68 votes.

Thank you for supporting and taking an active part in the business of our Fellowship.

Building reopening – We opened the building for services last summer, requiring masking and distancing, when covid numbers dropped significantly. Using Gallatin County Covid data, the Board decided that we could have in-person services if there were no more than 25 new cases per day, per hundred thousand population. This value was later built into the Covid policy we adopted in October. An additional criterion in the policy is that the data must be “stable or trending downwards, towards less risk.” We are nearly at that level again as I write this.

To help communicate the Board’s plans for reopening and to receive feedback from the congregation, a Town Hall is planned for March 6 to discuss reopening. It will be held by Zoom (one more time?). Parts of this plan include the following:

- Air filtration units: The Board approved an expenditure to purchase two high capacity air filtration units to make our building safer for in-person use. These are commercial grade units used by businesses, schools, and medical facilities. These should be delivered in early March.
- In-person services: Although a final decision on opening for in-person services has not been made as yet, there is discussion of opening by early April. Masks and distancing would still be required. We still need to address RE and child care to support our families and children.
- Small group meetings in the building: At our February meeting, the Board voted to open the building for meetings and activities of 15 people or less in the sanctuary and Social Hall, with masks and distancing, and to revise our policy to reflect this. Meetings will have to be scheduled through Christy to avoid conflicts. Expect an announcement via listserve on the details in the near future.
- Covid covenant: The Board is considering a covenant to facilitate safe use of our buildings. This would call on members and friends to respect the safety of everyone in the community by taking appropriate precautions, including vaccination.
- We will discuss all of this at the March 6 Town Hall.

Building security – The Board approved a Building Access Code Policy. As this policy and simple training are rolled out, codes will be given to those needing access. The policy is intended to be flexible while providing improved security and safety. Look for more information in the next few weeks.

Flag policy – The Board approved a policy prepared by the Social Justice Action Committee, with adjustments, for using our beautiful new flagpole. The primary purpose of the flagpole is to fly the inclusive flag (a modified rainbow flag), with the US flag and other flags being raised at other times. The policy specifies a three-person committee to determine what flags are to be flown.

Planned giving task force – The Board approved creation of a task force to create a program “to accept Legacy gifts which are directed to the donor’s chosen investment vehicle.” This program would include existing options offered by UUA and other organizations. The composition of the task force is to be determined.

Interim Minister search – The Board addressed questions from the UUA Ministerial application. See elsewhere in this newsletter for activities of the UUFB Interim Minister Search Team.

Yours in Fellowship,
Neil Schwarzwald, UUFB Board President

Minister Transition

At its meeting on February 21, the Board approved a policy for appointing a Minister Search committee when a vacancy occurs. Our bylaws say merely that the Board appoints the search committee; this policy spells out how that is to happen. Updates about the settled minister search will be provided as they develop.

Questions from Fellowship Town Hall Meeting on January 23, 2022.

At the Town Hall Zoom session on January 23, there were a few questions about the budget (the focus of the meeting) that also related to the minister transition. Here are the questions and the answers.

Q. Minister's sabbatical fund: Didn't Rev. Duffy earn the right to take a sabbatical? Is the unspent money in the Minister's Sabbatical Reserve ours to use or is it for him?

A. Yes, he did "earn the right" to take a sabbatical, but Covid made it impractical for him to find appropriate activities to pursue. We had been setting aside in the reserve one month's compensation each year to cover the cost of paying for a replacement minister while he was away. So those funds belong to the Fellowship to use. We always recognized that if for any reason he did not take a sabbatical we would have funds available to pay for the next minister search.

Q. Funds for minister search: I understand there are funds for the interim minister search. Are there additional funds reserved for the permanent minister search?

A. We have about \$26,000 in the sabbatical reserve fund, of which we'll use about \$10,000 for the interim search. The rest will be available for the settled minister search. According to UUA estimates, this should be almost enough for the two searches and the two sets of relocation expenses. It's possible a little more would be needed in 2023.

One other question was asked at the Town Hall about the transition.

Q. What is the Interim Minister process?

A. You can find out more on the UUFB website (uufbozeman.org). Under both the "Members and Friends" and the "News" tab there is a heading for "Minister Transition." All documents and updates will be posted there, so check back often. Briefly, we are assembling an electronic packet now and potential ministers are doing the same, and the "match" will happen in late April or early May.

Here is the timeline. We are currently between steps 1 and 2, busily working on filling in the Congregational Interim Record Sheet, which we received from the UUA on February 12. We hope to be ready to publish ours on April 7. These dates are from the UUA website: uua.org/careers/ministers/interim

1. Feb 1 - earliest date to submit an e-mail to the Ministry Search System to start the search process. - DONE
2. Apr 7 - earliest date to publish our Congregational Interim Record Sheet
3. Apr 21 - deadline for submitting Congregational Interim Record Sheet
4. May 2 - we receive from the UUA Transitions office the 1st round list of candidates with up to 8 names of those interested in us.
5. May 16 - we must send our list of yes/no/maybe responses for 1st round candidates back to UUA
6. May 18 - by noon Eastern time we must make the offer if we selected one of the 1st round candidates
7. May 18 - 20 - if we haven't made an offer in 1st round, we let UUA know we want to proceed with the 2nd round
8. May 23 - we receive the 2nd round list of candidates
9. June 6 - we must send list of yes/no/maybe for 2nd round candidates back to UUA
10. June 8 - by noon Eastern time we must make the offer if we selected one of the 2nd round candidates
11. June 8 - 10 - if we still haven't made an offer, we set up a consultation with UUA to see what to do next

Your **Interim Minister Search Committee** is Neil Schwarzwald, Mary Maifeld, and Peg Wherry from the Board and Diane Knipfer from the Committee on Ministry.

Y'UUR 7 Principles in Practice Slideshow

Our congregation photo collection continues with the new month of March and our second principle. Our second principle is "Justice, equity and compassion in human relations".

Every day we interact and communicate with family, friends, and community! How do you include justice, equity and compassion? Do you witness others displaying this principle? Looking at the world stage – do you see our second principle at work?

"Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations points us toward something beyond inherent worth and dignity. It points us to the larger community. It gets at collective responsibility. It reminds us that treating people as human beings is not simply something we do one-on-one, but something that has systemic implications and can inform our entire cultural way of being. Compassion is something that we can easily act on individually. We can demonstrate openness, give people respect, and treat people with kindness on our own. But we need one another to achieve equity and justice."

—Rev. Emily Gage, Unity Temple, Chicago, IL, *The Seven Principles in Word and Worship*

Make a few moments to discuss the principle with your family or another member during March and look for our second principle in action. Take a photo and submit it to Rene K. (contact the Office Admin at admin@uufbozeman.org for her email address). Our slide collection is growing and we hope you are enjoying these moments of reflection.

- **February - 1st Principle:** The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- **March - 2nd Principle:** Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- **April - 3rd Principle:** Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- **May - 4th Principle:** A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- **June - 5th Principle:** The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- **July - 6th Principle:** The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- **August - 7th Principle:** Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are part.



This is a way to share our thoughts, actions, and values! Start taking pictures!

Looking forward to your photos: Social Activities Committee, Rene K. & Leona P.

Starting Fresh

by Lynette Yetter



A grandmother helped me understand things in a new way. I was often being a stern taskmaster over my mind, which was stressful. I yearned for more openness and joy.

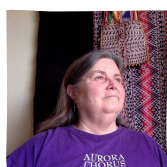
As a Buddhist practitioner for more than thirty years, I had been striving to follow Nichiren's advice that we must master our minds or our minds will master us. But that dominator/obedience approach wasn't working. Being rigid is not fun for me or the people around me. Seeking to become the master of my mind sometimes became a battle within myself. (As a pacifist, I am repulsed by battles.)

Buddhist activist scholar Joanna Macy presents another option: she urges us to focus on gratitude first, as we set out to change the world. That sounds easy! But I found that the more I focused on gratitude, the more ungrateful, complaining, worrying thoughts filled my disobedient mind.

Then a Buddhist grandmother friend taught me that she calls those "disobedient" swirls of thoughts creative. She thinks of them like her preschooler grandchildren who spend much time in her home. Enjoying the children's creative play, she lovingly distracts them if their creativity is leading towards harm.

When I remember, I imagine my mind as a creative preschooler whom I dearly love. I allow emotions to swell and ebb and flow with love in a safe place, saying to her, "It's going to be okay. I'm here. I love you." And I write longhand in my journal, which often brings new perspectives and a fresh start. As I chant, I open more and more to each moment as a fresh start. Nichiren Buddhism calls each fresh-start moment *hon nin myo*. Perhaps these "fresh starts" are like how a creative preschooler is totally present to each new moment of ever-changing life.

Imagining my mind as a creative preschooler whom I dearly love helps me take a deep breath and relax a bit as we play together.



About the Author

Lynette Yetter (Lynette/no pronouns) is a panpipe-playing lesbian artist of Algonquian and European descent. Lynette speaks English, Spanish, and studied Quechua (language of the Inka). Has practiced and studied Nichiren Buddhism for 37 years, and is a certified interfaith Spiritual Director.



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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General Assembly is the annual gathering of Unitarian Universalists, where we conduct business of the Association, explore the theological underpinnings of our faith, and lean fully into our mission and principles. That remains true even when we cannot gather physically. In 2021, GA had more than 4,000 registered attendees participate from remote locations around the world. Although we give up the face-to-face interaction and hugs that are prevalent when we meet in-person, we retain our dedication to community and make our experience more accessible and more environmentally sustainable.

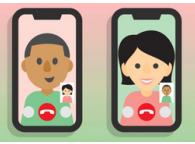
In 2022, we will have the option of meeting online or in-person! Join us June 22 - 26, 2022 online or in-person in Portland, Oregon! For more details visit uua.org/ga.

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. 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 five minutes after the service ends for a half-hour of socializing. The link will be sent out on the listserv.



Town Hall Meeting to Discuss Reopening Procedures - March 6

You are invited to a Town Hall on Sunday, March 6, 11:45 a.m. via Zoom to discuss getting together in person. We will provide details of reopening and expectations for participants, and you will be able to share feedback. An idea to be shared then is a "Covid Covenant" expressing our expectations of ourselves and others to meet in person safely. See more details in the Board Report on page 6 of this newsletter. The Zoom link will be sent out via the listserv.



Gallatin Valley Interfaith Forum: "The Death Penalty" - March 9

Gallatin Valley Interfaith Forum is an interfaith forum for the people of Gallatin Valley. All are welcome! It is held in person on the first Wednesday of the month from 12-1 at Resurrection University Catholic Parish (1725 S. 11th Ave, Bozeman). They ask all attendees to wear a mask. The 3/9 forum is titled "The Death Penalty" with guest panelist Karen DeCotis. What do our traditions teach us about the death penalty? Regular panel participants include Rabbi Ed Stafman, Dr. Ruhul & Shadmani Amin, Rev. Leo Proxell, & Rev. Lindean Barnett Christenson.



2nd Sunday Offering to Fork & Spoon - March 13

The Social Justice Action Committee (SJAC) has specified that the March 13th 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. They focus on creating homegrown, scratch-made cooking using locally sourced ingredients whenever possible. Because they operate on a unique pay-what-you-can model, each person who walks in our door receives a great meal and a welcoming experience, regardless of how much they pay. Fork & Spoon seeks to build a better community by providing a delicious affordable dinner at a price that meets your budget, offering a seat at the table for everyone.

Upcoming Events

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RE Holi Celebration - March 20

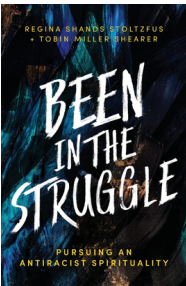
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FORK & SPOON
HOMESTYLE KITCHEN

Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed - March 22

2-3 Volunteers from UUFB are needed at Fork & Spoon on Tuesday, March 22nd from 4:30-7:30 p.m. To sign up, send an email to admin@uufbozeman.org with your name and phone number. If you have questions about volunteering for Fork & Spoon, please contact Randy B.



***Been in the Struggle: Pursuing an Antiracist Spirituality* Book Discussion - April 13**

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Missoula is hosting a discussion and Q/A session with Dr. Tobin Miller Shearer, co-author of *Been in the Struggle: Pursuing an Antiracist Spirituality*, on April 13 at 7 p.m., using Zoom.

Filled with wisdom and insight from nearly three decades of partnering across racial lines in this work, Dr. Stoltzfus, professor of Peace, Justice and Conflict Studies at Goshen College in Indiana, and Dr. Shearer offer a powerful mix of practical direction and poignant reflection to empower and sustain those working to dismantle racism, regardless of their stage on the journey.

The book is available for purchase now, in both paperback and hard copy from Missoula bookstores and at the Country Bookshelf in Bozeman, as well as the usual online websites.

To receive the link to attend or if you have questions, please email Mary N. ([contact the UUFB Office Admin](#) for her email).



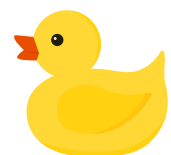
Spiritual Pluralism Project Group

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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- **Pianist:** Laurel Yost
- **Vocalist:** Erin Henke

Contact us!

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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 our Office Administrator 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.

2021-2022 Board Members

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- Communications Committee: Open
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- Kitchen/Bath Supplier: Suzy Sterling
- Men's Group: Jack Day
- Women's Group: Open
- Youth Group: Beth Witte

Spiritual Pluralism Group Leader

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