

MAY 2022

# UUFB NEWS

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bozeman

## UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

SUNDAY AT 10:00 A.M. MDT  
IN PERSON & LIVE ON YOUTUBE

### **May 1, 2022 • "Beauty's Ability to Nurture Us" • Rev. Duffy Peet**

Our theme for May is "nurturing beauty." This two-word theme might initially be interpreted as how beauty can be nurtured by us. But there is another way to interpret this theme, a way that makes nurturing a quality that beauty has, instead of an action to be taken by us to influence or foster beauty. In this first sermon on the theme, we will consider and explore some of the ways that beauty nurtures us.

### **May 8, 2022 • "The Beauty and Challenges of Motherhood" • UUFB Members**

UUFB members discuss their experiences being a mother.

### **May 15, 2022 • "Awakening to Beauty" • Rev. Duffy Peet**

There is an old saying which asserts that "beauty is in the eye of the beholder." It would seem that if that saying contains any truth, there is more beauty than what most of us are perceiving in any particular moment. How might we expand our ability to find and perceive beauty in more situations and moments in our lives?

### **May 22, 2022 • "How Do We Nurture Beauty?" • Rev. Duffy Peet**

Reading #682 in our hymnal is attributed to the Navajo Indians of North America. That reading begins; "Beauty is before me, and Beauty is behind me, above me and below me hovers the beautiful." How do we nurture the beauty that surrounds and sustains us?

### **May 29, 2022 • Memorial Day Service • UUFB Members**

Come join us at our Memorial Day service which will feature readings from some UUFB veterans and those who have served. We will explore the context surrounding the origins of the first Memorial Day in the Civil War era. We will also share some of the current Memorial Day traditions.



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# MINISTER MUSINGS

REV. DUFFY PEET



With my retirement from ministry approaching, there are some realities that I am needing to attend to. For example, this is the next to the last article I will write for the monthly UUFB newsletter. As my retirement date draws closer, there are fewer and fewer opportunities, as your minister, for me to communicate with all of you, whether through the newsletter, sermons, emails, phone calls or in-person meetings. And as the opportunities I have to share with you decrease, there are topics that I recognize I need to speak to.

One of those topics involves the changes that will occur at midnight on June 30. I say changes because there will be several. The most obvious change is that I will become your former minister. Another is that as your former minister, our relationship will change. This change in relationship is required in order for me to abide by the ethical guidelines that I covenant to follow as a UU minister. The purpose and intent of the ethical guidelines is to promote the well-being of ministers as well as the congregations and communities they serve. I trust the wisdom that is contained in these guidelines which have been developed taking into consideration ministerial transitions that have occurred in the past.

While it is not specifically written in the ethical guidelines, the common practice has been that a minister who departs/retires from a congregational ministry refrain from active engagement with the congregation, including staff, members and friends, for a year after the ministry ends. This allows the new minister, whether interim or settled, the opportunity to establish relationships that aren't hampered or tainted by the presence of the former minister. While I will be remaining in Bozeman for at least a year after I retire, I intend to follow the practice of "stepping-away" from any involvement with the Fellowship until at least mid-year 2023.

It is quite likely that after my retirement, I will see some of you in the community. I look forward to such encounters. When we meet, I will greet you warmly and be eager to engage in conversation about almost any topic or issue you would care to raise. I say almost any topic or issue because there is one subject that I will not engage in discussion about. That one area is anything having to do with UUFB. Avoiding such discussions will prevent the possibility of my saying something that could create difficulties for the new minister or for UUFB.

I want the very best for all of you and the Fellowship as a whole. I believe the best way to support the ongoing health and vitality of the Fellowship is to follow both the wisdom that has been gained from many ministers who have departed/retired from congregations and the ethical guidelines that have been created to guide ministers who are departing/retiring now. Because of my commitment to the ongoing health and vitality of UUFB, I will offer whatever support or assistance may be requested of me by the minister(s) who follow me.

In the future, you will have a new minister. Entering a new community and ministry is no simple task. I encourage all of you to be as welcoming and supportive of the minister(s) who follow me as you have been with me. Until my retirement begins on July 1, I will be here with you and for you as fully as I possibly can be.



# RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION



## We're back in person!!

With UUFB returning to in-person services, we have resumed RE classes. For now, we are offering one large RE class for ages 2-12. Once we have a better handle on how many children are attending, their ages, and the availability of volunteers, we may split back into a nursery and school-age program. RSVPs are no longer necessary. Masks are still required (as age-appropriate) and there is a HUGE air purifier in the large classroom. We're excited to see everyone again so please come join us on Sunday!

## Easter Deliveries

Thank you to everyone who supplied treats, helped assemble bunnies, and delivered the Easter surprises. Almost 30 special Easter bunnies were created and delivered to UU members all over the Gallatin Valley. We appreciate everyone's efforts to spread Easter cheer.

## School's Out Party

Sunday, June 12th - Join us after service to celebrate the start of summer! Join us for games, fun, and friends. More details coming soon.

## Story Readers

Do you enjoy a good story? Would you or your family like to help read the Story for All Ages during service? Contact Beth at [cre@uufbozeman.org](mailto:cre@uufbozeman.org), if you have a great story to share or would like to be a reader for one of our pre-selected stories.

## Fall 2022 Programs

This is hard to believe but we are already thinking about RE and Youth Programs for fall 2022. We are exploring program ideas for Youth Group, *Our Whole Lives (OWL)*, family fun nights, and special events. If your family would be interested in any of these programs or have ideas for new programs, please contact Beth at [cre@uufbozeman.org](mailto:cre@uufbozeman.org). We are trying to get a general idea of what programs families would like to see in 2022!



# May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> • 10:00 service with Rev. Duffy Peet • 11:00 Monthly Birthday Party Social Time	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> • 12:00 Gallatin Valley Interfaith Forum	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> • 10:00 Mother's Day service with UUFB Members • 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Offering to MT Interfaith Power & Light (IPL)	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> • 10:00 service with Rev. Duffy Peet • 11:00 Town Hall • Food Bank Sunday	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> • 7:00 "To Catch a Spy" Event
<b>22</b> • 10:00 service with Rev. Duffy Peet • 4:30 Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> • 10:00 Memorial Day service with UUFB Members • 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Offering to World Central Kitchen (WCK)	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> • Y'UU'R 7 Principles in Practice Slide Show – 4 <sup>th</sup> Principle photos due				

## May 2022 Events

- 5/1 Sunday Service with Rev. Duffy Peet
- 5/1 Monthly Birthday Party Social Time
- 5/4 Gallatin Valley Interfaith Forum
- 5/8 Mother's Day Service with UUFB Members
- 5/8 2nd Sunday Offering to Montana Interfaith Power and Light (IPL)
- 5/15 Sunday Service with Rev. Duffy Peet
- 5/15 UUFB Town Hall Meeting
- 5/15 Food Bank Sunday
- 5/21 "To Catch a Spy" Event
- 5/22 Sunday Service with Rev. Duffy Peet
- 5/22 Fork & Spoon volunteers needed
- 5/29 Memorial Day Service with UUFB Members
- 5/29 5th Sunday Offering to World Central Kitchen
- 5/31 4th Principle photos due
- 6/5 UUFB Annual Meeting



# BOARD REPORT

As we enjoy the warming of this Montana spring – still hoping for more snow to protect us from fires this summer – Board activities are heating way up. This is a busy time when the 2021-22 Board concludes its work and passes on to a new Board at the end of May.

**Town Hall May 15** – We also plan a Town Hall in the building to discuss the minister transition. There's a lot of activity going on, and the Board will be making important decisions. We want the congregation to be fully informed about the issues and decisions.

**Annual Meeting June 5** – We have our May Annual Meeting planned to elect Board members for the 2022-23 Program Year. This event will be held IN PERSON in the Sanctuary, for the first time in a long time. Anyone who cannot attend in person is encouraged to fill out a proxy form to allow another person to vote on your behalf. An announcement with instructions will be sent out soon.

**Easing restrictions on in-person gatherings** – The Board continues to assess our use of the building for services and other in-person activities as the pandemic appears to stabilize. The Covid policy we approved in 2021 provided guidance for the Board in making decisions, but we have altered several of those provisions by recent Board votes. While masks are still required, several changes have been approved:

- allow attendees to sing during the services (with masks)
- lift size limitations on meetings in the Social Hall and Sanctuary
- allow meetings of not more than 10 adults in the large classroom
- no longer ask for reservations to attend in-person services or RE
- allow the collection plate to be passed around during services

More changes are likely in the future, assuming the pandemic does not roar back.

**Volunteer!** – Now that we are meeting in person again and our connections are being renewed, please consider volunteering your talents to the Fellowship.

In the last two years of pandemic, UUFB has contracted. We now have lots of opportunities for service, including planning for fall retreat, social activities, fundraising events (which are also prime opportunities for socializing), stewardship, and committee work.

Even before the pandemic, our committees and teams were shorthanded; the pandemic has simply brought the issue into clearer focus. UUFB is not at all unique in this. Reports from other UUs and organizations show that volunteerism is on the decline.

There are many reasons posited for this. Perhaps it's that Americans no longer are "joiners" as our parents and grandparents were after World War II. Maybe it's our more complex lives, dealing with work and family balance and having little time left for volunteering. I've also heard that we are experiencing the effects of "late stage capitalism," where far too much is expected of working folks. I don't know what to make of any of this, but whatever the causes, UUFB feels this effect just as other groups do.

Our biggest goal right now is to reconnect with each other and strengthen our UUFB community. We want to get back the momentum we lost before the pandemic so we can keep serving our members and friends, our families, and the broader community.

There is no better way to do that than to volunteer. Committee work is an option, and there are many opportunities to contribute without a longer-term commitment. Put your feet in the water. Talk to me if you want to discuss how you might serve.

Neil Schwarzwald, UUFB Board President



# Y'UUR 7 Principles in Practice Slideshow

It's May and this month we will focus on our fourth UU principle: **A free and responsible search for truth and meaning.**

Please continue to observe how this principle is part of your daily life. Take a photo of your search, your quest, your journey on the road to truth and meaning. Please share what truth and meaning represent in your life.

Below is a reflection on the 4th Principle:

"As responsible religious seekers, we recognize that we are privileged to be free, to have resources to pursue life beyond mere survival, to continually search for truth and meaning, to exist beyond bonds of dogma and oppression, and to wrestle freely with truth and meaning as they evolve."

"This privilege calls us not to be isolated and self-centered, believing that our single perspective trumps all others, but rather to be humble, to be open to the great mysteries of truth and meaning that life offers. And those mysteries may speak to us through our own intuition and experience—but also through tradition, community, conflict, nature, and relationships."

"As a faith tradition, Unitarian Universalism makes sacred the right and responsibility to engage in this free and responsible quest as an act of religious devotion. Institutionally, we have left open the questions of what truth and meaning are, acknowledging that mindful people will, in every age, discover new insights."—Rev. Paige Getty, UU Congregation of Columbia, MD (read more in *The Seven Principles in Word and Worship*, ed. Ellen Brandenburg).

The photo collection is being compiled and will be shared with the congregation upon completion in September. Please note that small cards with the 7 principles are available in our building entry on the table along with a colorful children's version for home use. We encourage you to take many photos and send them to Rene K. (email address available from Office Admin at [admin@uufbozeman.org](mailto:admin@uufbozeman.org)).

Thank you for participating: Social Activities Committee: Rene K. & Leona P.



- **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.

# Upcoming Events

## Social Time

Join us outside after service for an in-person social time (weather permitting)! For those watching online, join a virtual social time via Zoom after the Service! To participate in the Zoom social time, connect to Zoom 5 minutes after the service ends where you will join in a half-hour of socializing. The link will be sent out on the listserv.

## Monthly Birthday Party Social Time - May 1

The first Sunday of the month birthday party will be held right after service on May 1st. Everyone celebrating a birthday in May will be the guests of honor. Join us!

## Gallatin Valley Interfaith Forum - May 4

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 5/4 forum is titled "A priest, a rabbi, a minister and an imam walk into a bar..." with guest panelists Rachel Allen and Karen DeCotis. Who are the religious leaders in each of our traditions? How does someone become a leader? Regular panel participants include Rabbi Ed Stafman, Dr. Ruhul & Shadmani Amin, Rev. Leo Proxell, & Rev. Lindean Barnett Christenson.

## 2nd Sunday Offering to Montana Interfaith Power & Light (IPL) - May 8

The Social Justice Action Committee (SJAC) has specified that the 5/8 offering will go to Montana Interfaith Power & Light (IPL). Donate to this fund by giving online ([uufbozeman.org/donate](https://uufbozeman.org/donate)) and selecting "Give to 2nd Sunday charitable donation" or mail a check made out to UUFb and write "IPL" in the memo line. Mail your contributions to UUFb, 325 N. 25th Ave., Bozeman, MT 59718.

As we increasingly see climate impacts across the globe and right here in our Montana communities — from more frequent droughts, to more extreme weather, to more severe wildfires — we hear creation crying out and our most vulnerable communities suffering. Montana Interfaith Power & Light (IPL) can provide the framework to inspire, organize, and mobilize, as people of faith and conscience, to take effective action on the climate crisis with solutions specific to Montana's needs that build a future for us all.

## Food Bank Sunday - May 15

Non-perishable food donations and toiletries for the Gallatin Valley Food Bank will be collected at this UUFb service. Please bring your items and a UUFb member will bring them to the food bank.

## UUFb Town Hall Meeting - May 15

A Town Hall meeting will be held on May 15th after the service and information on the Minister transition will be discussed.



# Upcoming Events

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## "To Catch a Spy" Event - May 21

Are you looking for something to do with friends, family, or a "hot" date? We are not having an auction fundraiser this spring, but here is a way to support our UU Fellowship and have an interesting and entertaining evening at the same time.

Come hear a real spy story! Twenty-eight years ago CIA officer Aldridge "Rick" Ames was arrested and charged with spying on behalf of the Soviet Union. At the time, he was described as the most damaging spy in US history. Dick C., who served more than 25 years as a CIA operations officer contemporaneously with Ames, will talk about the investigation that led to Ames' arrest and conviction, the damage he did, and Ames the person.

We will hold this presentation at UUFB 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 21st, and will follow whatever Covid protocols the board has in place at the time. Protocols permitting, we will serve wine and cake after the presentation.

This item was listed at our last auction for \$25.00 per person. You may pay in advance online under "General" ([uufbozeman.org/donate](https://uufbozeman.org/donate)) or by sending a check. When paying write "Spy" in the comments section. You can reserve a spot at [tinyurl.com/catch-a-spy](https://tinyurl.com/catch-a-spy).

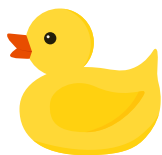


## Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed - May 22

2-3 Volunteers from UUFB are needed at Fork & Spoon on Sunday, May 22nd from 4:30-7:30 p.m. To sign up or if you have questions, fill out the form located at [uufbozeman.org/fork-spoon](https://uufbozeman.org/fork-spoon).

## UUFB Annual Meeting - June 5

The UUFB Annual Meeting will be held in person on Sunday, June 5 after the service. We will vote on the slate of 2022-2023 Board candidates and discuss other items. More information will be announced soon.



## 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](https://uufbozeman.org/qacc). The Committee on Ministry reviews submissions at their monthly meetings.

## Lay Leaders Needed!

We need your help! UUFB needs more lay leaders for upcoming Sunday Services. We have instructions for lay leading and the Sunday Services Committee is happy to assist you. If you would like to be added to the lay leader email list, email the Office Admin at [admin@uufbozeman.org](mailto:admin@uufbozeman.org).

# Upcoming Events

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## 5th Sunday Offering to World Central Kitchen (WCK) – May 29

The Social Justice Action Committee (SJAC) has specified that the 5/29 offering will go to World Central Kitchen (WCK). Donate to this fund by giving online ([uufbozeman.org/donate](https://uufbozeman.org/donate)) and selecting "Give to 5th Sunday disaster relief fund" or mail a check made out to UUFB and write "WCK" in the memo line. Mail your contributions to UUFB, 325 N. 25th Ave., Bozeman, MT 59718.

World Central Kitchen is first to the frontlines, providing meals in response to humanitarian, climate, and community crises throughout the world. Within days of the initial Russian invasion, WCK began serving meals to families traveling long distances and waiting for hours at various border crossings in Poland, Romania, Moldova, Hungary, and Slovakia. At the same time, urgent food needs quickly grew within Ukraine. For residents who remain either in their homes or the millions of people who have traveled west and are internally displaced, WCK mobilized local restaurants, expanding response to provide hot meals at train stations, shelters, hospitals, and directly to people in their homes. For more information on WCK, visit [wck.org](https://wck.org).

A very generous donor has agreed to match UUFB donations to WCK up to \$5,000. SJAC has designated WCK as UUFB's 5th Sunday in May collection recipient. All donations indicating it is for "WCK" or "5th Sunday" received between May 10th and June 10th will be matched (up to \$5000K). Please consider making a donation! Please address any questions about the 5th Sunday collection to 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.

## FAREWELL PARTY FOR REV. DUFFY & SANDY AFTER SERVICE, SUNDAY, JUNE 26

Rev Duffy's going away/retirement party will be held at UUFB on June 26 following the regular Sunday service. This will be Rev Duffy's last Sunday in the pulpit and last week as UUFB Minister. Please mark your calendar and plan to join in showing gratitude, love and support for Rev Duffy and Sandy as they go on to new adventures.



## UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP of BOZEMAN

### Staff

- **Minister:** Rev. Duffy Peet  
Office Hours: Tue. 1:30–5:30 p.m.; Thurs. 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.,  
also by appointment
- **Office Administrator:** Christy Huddleston  
Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- **Coordinator of Religious Exploration:** Beth Witte
- **Nursery Caregiver:** Christine Wilcox
- **Pianist:** Laurel Yost
- **Vocalist:** Erin Henke

### Contact us!

[uufbozeman.org/about-us/contact-us](http://uufbozeman.org/about-us/contact-us)

### UUFB News & Events

#### Calendar of Events

See our calendar of upcoming events at:  
[uufbozeman.org/news/events-page](http://uufbozeman.org/news/events-page).

#### Friday E-News

Our weekly emails include details about upcoming events, announcements, and Sunday services. To join, please visit [uufbozeman.org/news/e-news](http://uufbozeman.org/news/e-news).

#### Email Discussion List

An email discussion list (listserv) has been established in order to communicate announcements and events of interest to the UUFB. To subscribe, send an email to our Office Administrator requesting to join.

#### Newsletter

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

- 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: Mary Maifeld, Contact
- Committee on Ministry: Dave Rockafellow, Chair
- Communications Committee: Open
- Finance Committee: Bruce DePriester, Chair
- Fundraising: Leona Poritz, Contact
- Governance/Leadership: Jack Fisher, 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
- Planned Giving Task Force: Bruce DePriester, Contact
- Program Council: Jeanne Moe, Contact
- Safety Task Force: Open
- Social Activities: Rene Keating, Chair
- Social Justice Action Committee: Randy Babbitt, Contact
- Stewardship: Open
- Sunday Services Committee: Lisa Trankley, Contact

### Contact Points

- Book Sales/Little Library: Leona Poritz
- 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 Leader

- UU Humanist Group: Sara Williams, Contact