

JULY 2022

UUFB NEWS

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bozeman

UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

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

July 3, 2022 • "What Does Democracy Mean to Me?" • UUFB Members

The UUA President, Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, wrote an essay for UU World in May 2021 entitled "Our Commitment to Democracy is Theological". On this Sunday before Independence Day, we will celebrate the democratic ideals upon which our nation was founded and how commitment to those ideals is an important part of our faith. Members of our congregation will reflect on what democracy means to them personally and as Unitarian Universalists.

July 10, 2022 • "Voting as Spiritual Practice" • Guest Speakers: Stacey Abrams and Desmond Mead

This Sunday will be a presentation of the 2021 Ware Lecture presented at the UUA General Assembly. It features two voting rights activists, Stacey Abrams and Desmond Meade. Desmond Meade is a civil rights activist in Florida working to change disenfranchisement laws and other barriers preventing formerly incarcerated citizens from fully participating in civic life. He has written the book *Let My People Vote*. Stacey Abrams is the former Georgia House Minority Leader and current gubernatorial candidate in Georgia. The presentation includes discussion lead by Rev. Susan Frederick Gray, President of UUA. Those attending are invited to participate in small group discussions about the topic following the service. This presentation will be shown in person at UUFB. There will not be a live stream of the service but a link to the video will be sent out for those not attending.

July 17, 2022 • Title To Be Announced • Guest Speaker: Rabbi Ed Stafman

Rabbi/Representative Ed Stafman served as Rabbi to Bozeman's Congregation Beth Shalom from 2009-2019, and is now Rabbi Emeritus. Prior to that, he practiced law for 25 years, specializing in civil rights and criminal defense, especially defending death penalty cases. He was ordained in 2009 from the ALEPH Rabbinic Program, following eight years of study there. He also holds an MA and is ABD in Religion of Western Antiquity from Florida State University. In 2020, he was elected to the Montana House of Representatives to serve House District 62, which is south central Bozeman. During his first session, he served on the Judiciary and Health & Human Services committees. He now serves on the Health & Human Services Interim Committee, where he was recently elected as chair. Rabbi Ed is married to Beth, a calligrapher and book artist, and has two grown children, Laura, a surgeon now in a fellowship for Pediatric Surgery at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital, and Logan, who received his PhD from Princeton two years ago and is now a research scientist in Seattle. ***This service will be held in-person only at Bozeman Pond.***

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July 24, 2022 • To Be Announced

More information about this service will be announced soon.

July 31, 2022 • "Listening to Water's Wisdom" • Guest Speaker: Rev. Jennifer DeBusk Alviar

In the face of ecological heartache, how do we hold both grief and love together in a way that connects us to nature's wisdom? Join us as we explore this question through the earth's rhythms, seasons and cycles of life.

Rev. Jennifer DeBusk Alviar is an ordained Unitarian Universalist minister. Her unique call is to expand the welcome table of hospitality, inclusion and liberation. To this end, she cultivates positive relationships with community organizations and diverse faith traditions actively engaged in the healing work of bridge-building and social change. Rev. Jennifer received her Master of Divinity degree at Starr King School for Ministry in Berkeley, California. She currently lives with her family on the traditional land of the Duwamish people known as Seattle, Washington.

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION



For those tuning in for the first time in a while, we are back in person and 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. As the weather gets nicer, we will also venture outside.

The July RE Theme is **Joy**. This will be our focus for upcoming Sundays:

- Sunday, July 3rd - Finding Joy
- Sunday, July 10th - Creating Joy
- Sunday, July 17th - (Service at the park) - Sharing Joy
- Sunday, July 24th - Experiencing Joy Even When Sad
- Sunday, July 31st - The Joy of Us

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, 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, 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. We are trying to get a general idea for what programs families would like to see in 2022!

July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 •10:00 service with UUFB Members •11:00 Monthly Birthday Party Social Time	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 •10:00 service with Stacey Abrams and Desmond Mead •2 nd Sunday Offering to Faith, Hope and Love Ministries Inc. (Lodge Grass Food Bank)	11	12	13	14	15 •6:30 Family Game Night	16
17 •10:00 service with Rabbi Ed Stafman at Bozeman Pond •11:00 "Bring Your Own Everything" Picnic •Food Bank Sunday	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 •10:00 service: details to be announced	25	26	27	28 •4:30 Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed	29	30
31 •10:00 service with Rev. Jennifer DeBusk Alviar •5th Sunday Offering: recipient to be announced •Y'UU'R 7 Principles in Practice Slide Show – 6 th Principle photos due						

July 2022 Events

- 7/3 Sunday Service with UUFB Members
- 7/3 Monthly Birthday Party Social Time
- 7/10 Sunday Service with Stacey Abrams and Desmond Mead
- 7/10 2nd Sunday offering to Faith, Hope and Love Ministries Inc. (Lodge Grass Food Bank)
- 7/15 Family Game Night
- 7/17 Sunday Service with Rabbi Ed Stafman (held at Bozeman Pond)
- 7/17 Bring Your Own Everything picnic
- 7/17 Food Bank Sunday
- 7/24 Sunday Service: details to be announced
- 7/28 Fork & Spoon volunteers needed
- 7/31 Sunday Service with Rev. Jennifer DeBusk Alviar
- 7/31 5th Sunday Offering: recipient to be announced
- 7/31 5th Principle photos due

Y'UU'R 7 Principles in Practice Slideshow

Please submit photos of the UU seven principles in action in your life!



It's July and this month we center our thoughts on the UU 6th Principle: **the goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all.** The children's version of this principle reads: **we believe in working for a peaceful, fair and free world.**

Maybe you've been active in promoting peace, liberty, and justice in the world community over the past year? In June, UUFB donated to the World Central Kitchen and with matching funds, the total donation was over \$10,000. Wow! There are so many examples of members volunteering on local levels that reverberate to a larger community. How do we harness our UU values to make change with a global impact. Each of you has a story – please share that story with photos.

"The sixth Principle seems extravagant in its hopefulness and improbable in its prospects. Can we continue to say we want 'world community'? 'Peace, liberty, and justice for all'? The world is full of genocide, abuse, terror, and war. What have we gotten ourselves into?"

"As naïve or impossible as the sixth Principle may seem, I'm not willing to give up on it. In the face of our culture's apathy and fear, I want to imagine and help create a powerful vision of peace by peaceful means, liberty by liberatory means, justice by just means. I want us to believe—and to live as if we believe—that a world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all is possible. There is no guarantee that we will succeed, but I can assure you that we will improve ourselves and improve the world by trying." —Rev. Sean Parker Dennison, Tree of Life Congregation, McHenry, IL (read more from Sean in *The Seven Principles in Word and Worship*, ed. Ellen Brandenburg.)

This is the sixth month of our photo collection and you can submit photos for any of the first six principles to Rene K. (contact admin@uufbozeman for Rene's email address). There are print copies of the 7 Principles for children and adults on the table in the entry of our building—feel free to take one home. Our photo collection continues to grow and we appreciate your participation. Thanks, 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 - July 3

The first Sunday of the month birthday party will be held right after service on July 3. Everyone celebrating a birthday in June and July will be the guests of honor. Join us!

2nd Sunday Offering to Faith, Hope and Love Ministries Inc. (Lodge Grass Food Bank) - July 10

The Social Justice Action Committee (SJAC) has specified that the 7/10 offering will go to Faith, Hope and Love Ministries Inc. which serves as a clothing and food bank for Lodge Grass, MT. Donate to this fund by giving online (uufbozeman.org/donate) and selecting "Give to 2nd Sunday charitable donation" or mail a check made out to UUFB and write "Faith, Love" in the memo line. Mail your contributions to UUFB, 325 N. 25th Ave., Bozeman, MT 59718.

Faith, Hope and Ministries Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that started in June 2006 in Waco, TX. They provided ministries in Lodge Grass, MT that include food and clothing drives, mission trips, and drug rehab ministries. Contributions to Faith, Hope and Ministries Inc. help provide clothing and food to Native Americans in distress.

Family Game Night - July 15

Do you enjoy board games or card games? Join us for Friday Family Game Night at UUFB Friday July 15th at 6:30 p.m. Bring your favorites or try popular strategy games like Ticket to Ride, Azul, and Dominion. We'll have family games like Clue and Aggravation, and classics like backgammon, Boggle, and Scrabble. All ages are welcome and feel free to bring a friend. If you have questions, please contact Neil S.

Service in the Park - July 17

Please note that the July 17 Sunday Service will be held outdoors at Bozeman Pond Park. Religious Exploration class will be held during the service. Stay after for a "Bring Your Own Everything" picnic! Please bring an extra chair if you have one.

Bring Your Own Everything Picnic - July 17

Stay after the July 17th service at Bozeman Pond Park for a "Bring Your Own Everything" picnic!

Upcoming Events

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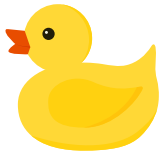
Food Bank Sunday - July 17

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. Norm E. will have a bin in the parking lot at Bozeman Pond to pick up your donations!



Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed - July 28

2-3 Volunteers from UUFB are needed at Fork & Spoon on Thursday, July 28th 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.



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.



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 W.



We bid farewell to Rev.
Duffy and wish him & Sandy
a happy and peaceful
retirement.



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Staff

- **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

UUFB News & Events

Calendar of Events

See our calendar of upcoming events at:
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.

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.

2022-2023 Board Members

- President: Neil Schwarzwald
- Vice President: Jeanne Moe
- Past President: Dick Young
- Secretary: Rose Toth
- Interim Treasurer: Bruce DePriester
- 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*: Beth Witte, Contact
- 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