

AUGUST 2022

UUFB NEWS

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bozeman

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

August 7, 2022 • "A Calling to Bozeman – Stories that Bring Us Together" • Rev. Margo Rinehart

We all hear the words of people who have come before us. On her first Sunday with UUFB, Reverend Margo Rinehart will include stories of how her father's voice called her to Bozeman and how she will work to serve our congregation.

August 14, 2022 • "Our Work Together. What does an Interim Ministry Mean to UUFB?" • Rev. Margo Rinehart

Come and explore your role in this liminal time at UUFB. Reverend Margo Rinehart will help us begin considering about how minister and congregation will work together to affirm and strengthen our mission, deep care, and outreach to our wider world.

August 21, 2022 • "Remembering the Sophia" • Lay Presenters: Stormi Oshun, Shaun Phoenix

When mankind-created disasters around the world bring us nothing but despair and rage, and we struggle to discern in which direction to turn our attention in our efforts to serve the cause of justice, looking for solutions can feel like running on the same old hamster wheel. But throughout the travails of human history, a deep wisdom has always been available to us – if we only know where to look. What can Sophia, the goddess of sacred feminine wisdom, offer us today? ***This service will be held in-person only at Bozeman Pond.***

August 28, 2022 • Title To Be Announced • Lay Presenter: Neil Gregersen

More information about this service will be announced soon.



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REVEREND REFLECTIONS

REV. MARGO RINEHART

It was with great enthusiasm that I recently told Reverend Lois Van Leer how much I was looking forward to serving as your Interim Minister. For any of you newer to UUFB, Reverend Lois served as your minister over a decade ago. Upon hearing my proclamation, Reverend Lois smiled widely, gestured with a full extension of her arms and said, “tell them how much I love them! They taught me so much!” We mused together that while ministers will come and go, congregations stand steady in their history, mission, and care for individuals and the wider community. UUFB is such a place, and I am excitedly looking forward to serving as your minister in this liminal time.

During the search process back in May of 2022, after reading your congregational record and talking with some people within the UUA who already knew you, UUFB rose to the top of my interest list. I noted the relationality across generations, depth of commitment, care expressed in mission, and ongoing quest for meaning-making. Let me also add, you all also seemed to know how to play together as well! Almost immediately I felt certain that my skills and your history would coalesce into a productive and purposeful interim time together grounded in care and vision. Most of you are probably having that normal wondering what to expect during our time together.

While every congregation is different, there are some core tasks in the interim ministry time^[1]. We will work together to:

- Claim and honor the past, including joys, milestones, grief, and conflicts.
- Illuminate your unique identity of needs, strengths and challenges.
- Clarify the multiple dimensions of leadership, both ordained and lay.
- Renew connection with recourses available from the Unitarian Universalist Association.
- Understand and participate in the UUA’s efforts at anti-racism/anti-oppression work.
- Renew vision, strengthen stewardship, and prepare for the next called minister.
- Prepare and commit to the next direction.

Together, we will also build relationship, worship, play, and work to help heal our world. My heart beats faster with every day that I am closer to arriving in Bozeman, meeting you all, and hearing your dreams for UUFB. Let us teach and learn from one another!

Reverend Margo

[1] Based on outlines from the Janus Workbook on Interim Ministry.

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION



Families, we can't believe it but the start of a new school year is just around the corner! We hope you had many wild adventures this summer and are excited to hear all about them. For those who haven't been to UUFB in a while 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. Masks are still required (as age appropriate) and there is a HUGE air purifier in the large classroom.

The August RE Theme is Widening the Circle. Here are our topics for upcoming Sundays:

- Sunday, August 7th - Accepting Ourselves
- Sunday, August 14th - Sharing the Love
- Sunday, August 21st - Expanding the Stories We Tell
- Sunday, August 28th - Including All 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, 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

We are busy planning and making decisions for Fall 2022 programs. To help us plan for staffing and space needs, we would appreciate you registering your family for UUFB RE programs. This will help us get an estimate for numbers of children and families participating this year and help us make educated guesses about Sunday attendance. As always, new families are always welcome and this isn't a commitment to any program but gives us a general idea about participation to plan for potential needs. Thank you!

<https://forms.gle/zMDuq5kLWu5c3LFK6>

Our Whole Lives (OWL) - Sexuality Education programs

Also, we are looking at running a few *Our Whole Lives* programs this year. Some of you may be aware UUFB and Pilgrim Congregational Church have had a longstanding partnership to offer *Our Whole Lives* (OWL) sexuality education programs. These programs present comprehensive, age-appropriate sexual health information. The program focuses on self-worth, health and wellness, responsibility, and justice and inclusivity. It moves beyond just facts about anatomy and human development, to help participants clarify their values, build interpersonal skills, and understand the spiritual, emotional, and social aspects of sexuality. We know that offering holistic sexuality education programs can change lives.

We are exploring offering programs for Kindergarten/1st grade, 5/6th grade, 7/8th grade, and Adults. If you are interested in learning more for yourself or child(ren) please fill out this form

<https://forms.gle/VcqjyVw4mG3Z1XYG9>. It helps us understand where there is the most demand. We will send you more information as soon as it's available.

August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 •10:00 Rev. Margo Rinehart's first service •11:15 Monthly Birthday & Anniversary Party Social Time	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 •10:00 service with Rev. Margo Rinehart •2nd Sunday Offering to Susan Wicklund Fund	15	16	17	18	19 •6:30 Family Game Night	20
21 •10:00 service with Stormi Oshun & Shaun Phoenix at Bozeman Pond •Food Bank Sunday •11:00 "Bring Your Own Everything" Picnic •1:00 Program Council	22	23	24	25 •4:30 Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed	26	27
28 •10:00 service with Neil Gregersen	29	30	31 •Y'UU'R 7 Principles in Practice Slide Show – 7 th Principle photos due			

August 2022 Events

- 8/7 Sunday Service with Rev. Margo Rinehart
- 8/7 Monthly Birthday & Anniversary Party Social Time
- 8/14 Sunday Service with Rev. Margo Rinehart
- 8/14 2nd Sunday offering to Susan Wicklund Fund
- 8/19 Family Game Night
- 8/21 Sunday Service with Stormi Oshun & Shaun Phoenix (held at Bozeman Pond)
- 8/21 Bring Your Own Everything picnic
- 8/21 Food Bank Sunday
- 8/21 Program Council
- 8/25 Fork & Spoon volunteers needed
- 8/28 Sunday Service with Neil Gregersen
- 8/31 7th Principle photos due

BOARD REPORT

The Board of Directors met on July 11 for the regular monthly meeting with continuing members and two new board members. Thanks to all who participated in the election of 2022 board members at our Annual Meeting on June 5. Minutes from the meeting are posted on our website under "Members & Friends/Governance".

COVID UPDATE – Cases continue to rise in Gallatin County. Remember, masks are still required indoors to protect yourself and others from this highly infectious Covid variant. Spacing between people continues to be important. We will continue to stay current with an updated recommendation by the Gallatin Health Department. Meanwhile, thank you so much for your patience and support.

AIR FILTRATION SYSTEM – You may have noticed we now have a portable air filtration system to help mitigate the spread of Covid inside the building. The system will run during our Sunday services. If you are meeting in the building, you may turn on the system, being sure to turn it off before you leave.

CIRCLE SUPPER ANYONE? We are all so ready and eager to get together socially AND further support the fellowship financially. Now is a good time to plan some outdoor or small group, social events that will also bring some income to the UUFB. We need a few people to head up a fundraising event(s) that will both provide socializing and help balance the budget. Traditionally the UUFB has had annual auctions/garage sales/circle suppers/service auctions/art-craft sales which brought in significant dollars. The Board members have come up with some juicy ideas...we just need a few people to take charge and run with it. Contact Rose Toth (email admin@uufbozeman.org for Rose's email) if you'd be willing to head this up—or better yet, grab a friend (or two) and share the opportunity to bring us together socially as well as beef up our coffers.

LIVESTREAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – We need more operators to run our Sunday service live streams. No experience is necessary, and all training is provided. Running the livestream is easier than it sounds! It involves 1-2 hours on a Sunday, and you can help as often as you would like. If you are interested, please contact our Office Admin.

BOARD RETREAT – planning and goals will be discussed at the Board retreat in August.

OWL PROGRAM – We have agreed to once again financially support OWL, (*Our Whole Lives*, Lifespan Sexual Education Program) in conjunction with Pilgrim Congregational church under the leadership of Beth Witte, UUFB Religious Exploration Coordinator. This excellent program is particularly important given recent Supreme Court decisions.

INTERIM MINISTER – Our new Interim Minister, Rev. Margo Rinehart begins her ministry with the UUFB on August first. Be sure and introduce yourself and offer a warm welcome. We are so fortunate to have her experience and skills and gentle heart to usher us through the process of hiring a settled minister. Read more about Rev. Rinehart on page 8 of this newsletter!

In Fellowship, Rose Toth, Board Secretary



Y'UU'R 7 Principles in Practice Slideshow

Please submit photos of the UU 7 principles in action in your life!



August has arrived and we focus on the 7th principle this month: **Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are part.** The children's version of the seventh principle is: **We believe in caring for our planet Earth, the home we share with all living things.**

As Montanans, August affords the opportunity to be outside and enjoy the great outdoors. Please take photos for our slideshow of the 7th principle in action in your life as part of the interdependent web of all existence. Take a moment to frame a photo and capture the connection you have with our world. Share how you embrace this principle. Ask the children/grandchildren how they care for our planet.

Please take a moment to read this reflection: "Our seventh Principle, respect for the interdependent web of all existence, is a glorious statement. Yet we make a profound mistake when we limit it to merely an environmental idea. It is so much more. It is our response to the great dangers of both individualism and oppression. It is our solution to the seeming conflict between the individual and the group."

Our seventh Principle may be our Unitarian Universalist way of coming to fully embrace something greater than ourselves. The interdependent web—expressed as the spirit of life, the ground of all being, the oneness of all existence, the community-forming power, the process of life, the creative force, even God—can help us develop that social understanding of ourselves that we and our culture so desperately need. It is a source of meaning to which we can dedicate our lives."

—Rev. Forrest Gilmore, Executive Director of Shalom Community Center, Bloomington, IN (read more from Forrest in *The Seven Principles in Word and Worship*, ed. Ellen Brandenburg)

Now is the time! We are accepting photos for all seven principles throughout August – please submit your photos to Rene K. (contact Office Admin at admin@uufbozeman for Rene's email address). We look forward to sharing a slideshow with you soon. Thanks for participating – Social Activities Comm, 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 & Anniversary Party Social Time - August 7

The first Sunday of the month birthday and anniversary party will be held right after service on August 7. Everyone celebrating a birthday or anniversary in August will be the guests of honor. Join us!

2nd Sunday Offering to the Susan Wicklund Fund - August 14

The Social Justice Action Committee (SJAC) has specified that the 8/14 offering will go to the Susan Wicklund Fund. 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 "SWF" in the memo line. Mail your contributions to UUFB, 325 N. 25th Ave., Bozeman, MT 59718.

Susan Wicklund Fund is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and affiliate of the National Network of Abortion Funds. An all-volunteer organization based in Montana, we formed SWF in honor of Dr. Susan Wicklund, who retired in 2013 after a life's work dedicated to providing safe, affordable abortion care and treating patients the way she would want to be treated—with dignity, respect, and compassion. We continue Sue's legacy today by always putting clients first, truly listening to each person's story and focusing on continuity of care.

Family Game Night - August 19

Do you enjoy board games or card games? Join us for Friday Family Game Night at UUFB Friday, August 19th 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 - August 21

Please note that the August 21 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 - August 21

Stay after the August 21st service at Bozeman Pond Park for a "Bring Your Own Everything" picnic!

Upcoming Events

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Food Bank Sunday - August 21

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!



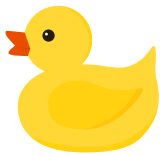
Program Council - August 21

Program Council will meet via Zoom on Sunday, August 21st at 1:00 p.m. All committees, task forces, and working groups should send a representative to this meeting. Questions? Contact Jeanne M.



Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed - August 25

2-3 Volunteers from UUFB are needed at Fork & Spoon on Thursday, Aug. 25th 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.



MEET OUR NEW INTERIM MINISTER

Rev. Margo Rinehart

Reverend Margo Rinehart has been a Unitarian Universalist for 25 years, first attending at the Kitsap UU Fellowship in Bremerton, WA. While raising her son, they attended there regularly and he went on to be a Luminary Leader with the UUA youth program. She graduated from Seattle University School of Theology and Ministry in 2018, an interfaith Jesuit program. For the past two years, Reverend Margo has been serving as minister at the UU Fellowship of McMinnville, Oregon. Prior to ministry, Rev. Margo was employed as a social worker for over 25 years.



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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