

NOVEMBER 2022

UUFB NEWS

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bozeman

UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

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

November 6, 2022 • "Why Don't Facts Change Our Minds?" • Rev. Margo Rinehart

When we encounter new information we have a choice. We can double down on our beliefs and current identity or approach it with an inquiring mind which asks what we can learn from new information. Find out why it is human to cling to false assumptions and resist changing our minds.

November 13, 2022 • "Coming Together in the Post Election Time" • Rev. Margo Rinehart

When asked if believed he could change the policies of the country by standing outside of the White House at night with candle, A.J. Muste answered: "Oh I don't do this to change the country. I do this so the country won't change me." Come be part of the nonconformity.

November 20, 2022 • "Native Perspectives on Giving Thanks" • Guest Speaker: Dr. Walter Fleming

The usual myth about Thanksgiving as a holiday is that it commemorates a supposed historical celebration of a bountiful harvest by the Pilgrims to which Native people were invited guests. While that is the general focus of Thanksgiving (except for turkey and football!), Native cultures give thanks in other ways that extends beyond one day a year.

Dr. Walter Fleming, a member of the Kickapoo Tribe of Kansas, was born in Crow Agency. His parents were Bureau of Indian Affairs employees who were working in Montana. He grew up in Lane Deer on the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation and graduated from Colstrip High School, Glendive's Dawson Community College and MSU Billings. He came to MSU in 1977 as a grad student in guidance counseling and started teaching at MSU in 1979. With the exception of a year when he taught at Dawson Community College, and when he took his coursework for his doctorate from the University of Kansas, Fleming has taught at MSU for 42 years. Despite a busy schedule as the head of the Department of Native American Studies and as a consultant and adviser for everything from Indian films to the electric switch covers in the new American Indian Hall, Fleming still teaches each semester, including an introduction to Native American studies course and a small first-year seminar.

November 27, 2022 • To Be Announced

More information about this service will be announced soon.



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REVEREND REFLECTIONS

REV. MARGO RINEHART

After moving to Bozeman, my first civic action was registering as a Montana voter. My ballot arrived a few days ago and questions followed. Which candidate will be fair and equitable? Who will be generous in helping those living on the margins? Who will support women having agency over their own lives? Who will address the water shortages in the Gallatin Valley? Who will act courageously and unceasingly in the pursuit of true democracy?

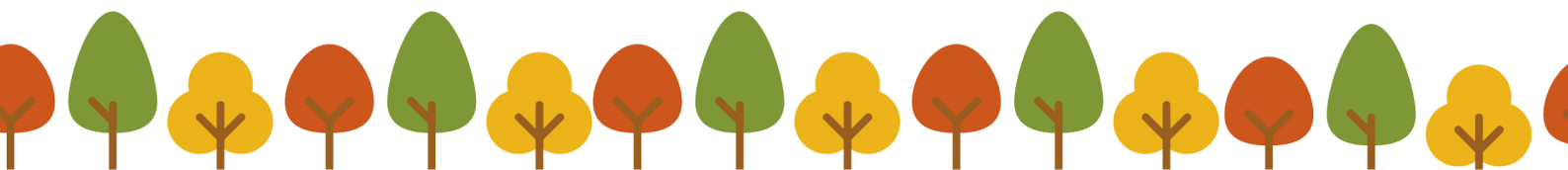
The ballot also left me pondering why some voters will repeatedly vote against their own best interests. Climate change with its wildfire smoke and water shortages comes immediately to mind. Every time we encounter new information, we have a choice about whether to weigh and integrate that information. We can attach our opinions to our identities and stand our ground in the stubbornness of judgement. Or we can operate more like scientists, defining ourselves as people committed to the pursuit of truth – even if it means proving our former beliefs were underinformed. But this takes great courage as certainty in our beliefs allows us great comfort. It reduces our anxiety and allows us to relax, at least temporarily.

Social science tells us that people rarely change their opinions or behavior unless they feel they are accepted as they are. When people feel criticized, they are unable to change. They feel attacked and will double down on prior beliefs in order to reduce anxiety and protect themselves emotionally. But, as Unitarian Universalists, we are called to challenge ourselves. Our Fourth Principle demands of us that we affirm and promote a free and responsible search for truth and meaning. It calls me to examine what I believe and why and to ask myself if it is time for a tune up. It also asks me to consciously ponder how I have been transformed by experiences. To resist discounting or denying, rather to acknowledge that I have the capacity to affect the lives of others and to be impacted in return. Our UU values also give me the courage to talk about politics even with those who have differing views. Asking questions, avoiding criticism. Perhaps having a small influence.

This month we are exploring *The Path of Change* from the Soul Matters curriculum. It touches on political change, personal change and why our brain resists change. Come and be part of the conversation. As both Lao-Tse and author Terry Tempest Williams tell us, the human heart is the first home of democracy.

“IF THERE IS TO BE PEACE IN THE WORLD,
THERE MUST BE PEACE IN THE NATIONS.
IF THERE IS TO BE PEACE IN THE NATIONS,
THERE MUST BE PEACE IN THE CITIES.
IF THERE IS TO BE PEACE IN THE CITIES,
THERE MUST BE PEACE BETWEEN NEIGHBORS.
IF THERE IS TO BE PEACE BETWEEN NEIGHBORS,
THERE MUST BE PEACE IN THE HOME.
IF THERE IS TO BE PEACE IN THE HOME,
THERE MUST BE PEACE IN THE HEART.”

— LAO Tzu



RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

Hi Families! There is so much happening at UUFBo this fall, I can't wait to tell you about all the fun events we have planned. For those who haven't been to UUFBo in a while we are offering one large RE class for ages 2-12 (no RSVP needed). Masks are still required (as age appropriate) and there is a HUGE air purifier in the large classroom.

The November RE Theme is **Change**. Here are our topics for upcoming Sundays:

Sunday, November 6th – Changing Ourselves

Sunday, November 13th – Changing the World

Sunday, November 20th – Changing Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 27th – Changing Seasons



Our Whole Lives (OWL) - Sexuality Education Programs

We are looking at running a few *Our Whole Lives* programs this year.

Some of you may be aware UUFBo 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/VcqjvVw4mG3ZIXYG9>. It helps us understand where there is the most demand.



We're Hiring!

Do you know someone who likes working with children? Someone who enjoys games, crafts, songs, and is supportive of liberal religious education? Help us spread the word! The RE program is looking to hire a Childcare Assistant. This position will help supervise RE/Nursery classes on Sunday mornings from 10-11a.m. A familiarity with UU is helpful but a love for working with children is most important.

Applicants need to be 16 years or older and have experience working with young children. We can accommodate flexible schedules but ask that applicants be available to work 2-4 Sundays per month. If interested, please email Beth at cre@uufbozeman.org.

November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 • 6:00 Day of the Dead event	3	4	5
6 • Daylight Savings time ends at 2 a.m. • 10:00 service with Rev. Margo Rinehart • 11:00 Monthly Birthday & Anniversary Party Social Time • 11:00 Book & Bake Sale	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 • 10:00 service with Rev. Margo Rinehart • 2 nd Sunday to Warming Center • 11:00 Soup & Bread luncheon	14	15	16 • 7:00 Men's Group	17	18 • 6:30 Family Game Night	19
20 • 10:00 service with Dr. Walter Fleming • Food Bank Sunday	21	22	23	24 	25	26
27 • 10:00 service to be announced	28	29	30			

November 2022 Events

- 11/2 Day of the Dead Event
- 11/6 Daylight Savings time ends
- 11/6 Sunday Service with Rev. Rinehart
- 11/6 Monthly Birthday & Anniversary Party Social Time
- 11/6 Book & Bake Sale
- 11/13 Sunday Service with Rev. Rinehart
- 11/13 2nd Sunday Offering to the Warming Center
- 11/13 Soup & Bread Luncheon
- 11/16 Men's Group
- 11/18 Family Game Night
- 11/20 Sunday Service with Dr. Walter Fleming
- 11/20 Food Bank Sunday
- 11/27 Sunday Service

BOARD REPORT

The Board of Directors met on October 11, 2022.

- The 2023 budget and goals for the stewardship drive were discussed. More information about how you can continue to support the work of the UUFB will be coming out soon. Remember, supporting this Fellowship is about finances, of course, but it is also about how you can support the Fellowship with your time, skills and energy.
- We are all grateful for the reduction in Covid cases as well as the severity of infection. The Board is continuing to work on revising the Covid protocols for meetings in the building as well as rentals. A revised Pandemic Protection Policy will be coming soon.
- It was agreed to hire a student to provide weekly technical streaming support for our Sunday morning services and occasional special services. If you know someone who would be a responsible employee, please contact Margo (ministere@uufbozeman.org), or contact Christy (admin@uufbozeman.org) for a complete job description.
- Beth Witte is continuing a search for a Childcare Assistant to work each Sunday morning during services. It is a paid position to care for our precious young children. If you know anyone who may qualify, contact Christy (admin@uufbozeman.org) or Beth (cre@uufbozeman.org) for job description.

In Fellowship, Rose Toth, Board Secretary



Gallatin Valley CROP Walk

On October 16th, a beautiful, warm fall afternoon, a sizable group of UUFB friends and members gathered at the Gallatin Valley Food Bank to walk together to Story Mill Park and back in support of the millions of people worldwide who suffer hunger and poor health from a lack of food security. Some of the UUFB people who walked were Berit A., our youngest walker, age 4, Faila B., Theresa S., Tonya S., Sandra O., Jack F., Rev. Margo R., Larry C., Mary M., Norm E., Ellen W., Rose T., and Ausza F. The UUFB also supported the CROP Hunger Walk as our 2nd Sunday offering outreach for October. At the most recent accounting, you all gave over \$1,000 to this great cause. What a way to support our values!

We supported the CROP Hunger Walk because food and water are human rights. We Unitarian Universalists fight for human rights for ALL people, promote international social and climate justice and work to provide disaster relief around the world.

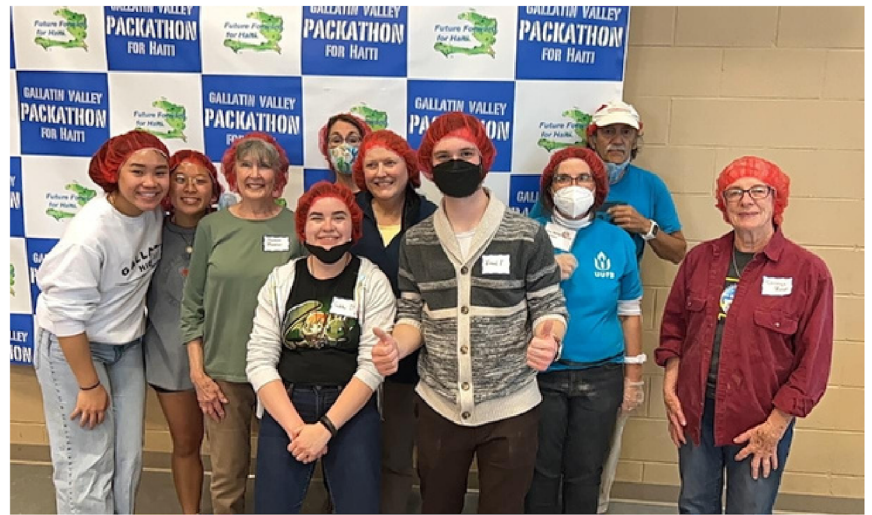
As this year's CROP Hunger Walk coordinator, from the bottom of my heart, THANK YOU!!! Respectfully, Mary Maifeld





Submit a QACC!

Do you have Questions, Appreciations, Comments, or Concerns (QACCs)? The Transitions Team 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 Transitions Team reviews submissions at their monthly meetings.



Gallatin Valley Packathon for Haiti

October 15, 2022



The Stubborn Gifts of Breath and Life By Maureen Killoran

It felt like being on the moon, walking on Mount St. Helens. Just a few years previous, that mountain had blown her top, destroying human and animal life, flattening vegetation and buildings for miles, and sharing its ash with the world. As we stepped from our car, we felt that ash drift like talcum around our ankles, rise in the air, enter with our breath. Other than occasional blacked memories of trees, all was grey, grey as far you could see.

Silence seized us for the longest time as we stood there, two irrelevant humans and this huge, mutilated world. Only gradually did our eyes slow and our hearts focus. Only gradually did we begin to see what was really before us.

How had we overlooked the fireweed, that perennial volunteer, its brilliant buds proclaiming, "Hey, world, we're back!" What blocked us from celebrating the eager insect conversations around us? It was right there before us, and we nearly walked away. Overwhelmed by the devastation, we almost missed the tiny pond, its surface literally dancing with more tadpoles than I had ever seen.

We do this, you see – we ensnare ourselves with the magnitude of what the poet called the mutilated world. We get busy, and troubled, and frightened, and then, incongruously, it's time for Thanksgiving. I, at least, need this season to remind myself to be grateful for intermittent beauty and the stubborn gifts of breath and life. I—maybe you too?—need this season, even if just quietly to say, "praise be."



About the Author

Born in Canada, Rev. Maureen Killoran has, over the past 30 years, served UU congregations in Ohio, British Columbia, Oregon, North Carolina, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Maryland, Texas, and Florida.



Upcoming Events



Day of the Dead Celebration – November 2

We are borrowing a beautiful autumn celebration from our LatinX neighbors to offer to our UU community. We've Americanized the ritual somewhat...yes, an altar with candles. It is an opportunity to witness one another's care for a departed one. We create deeper community in our shared grief and celebration of life. It's a time when the line between life and death is porous--more like a veil of light. We encourage you to bring a photo, or memento of your loved one who has died. Each person will then have a solemn moment to place the object or photo on the altar and say a few words about your relationship. We encourage you to come, perhaps bring a friend, and maybe fall flowers, or simple food to share. It can be an offering of food that reminds you of your loved one. Non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. Please join with others for this noble ritual. The celebration will be held Wednesday, November 2nd 6-7:30 p.m. at UUFB. RSVP is appreciated (RSVP at tinyurl.com/11-2-22) but not required. If you have questions, please contact minister@uufbozeman.org.



Daylight Savings Time Ends - November 6

Daylight savings time ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 6, 2022. Remember to set your clocks back one hour!



Book & Bake Sale – November 6

It was such a successful Used Book and Bake Sale in Sept., that we are doing it again on Sunday, Nov. 6th!

We are asking for your donations of gently used books for all ages, cds, dvds, and puzzles. With Bozeman Public Library temporarily closing for remodeling, this is an opportunity to find some good reading material for the winter. All items are sold for a suggested donation of \$2 and the sale begins after our service.

Book donations can be dropped off during the weekdays of 11/1-11/4 in the Social Hall (table will be clearly marked). Please remember to contact our Office Admin (admin@uufbozeman.org) beforehand to access the building. If you'd like to contribute baked items, please contact Tonya S. for details.



Monthly Birthday & Anniversary Party Social Time – November 6

Join us for the monthly birthday and anniversary social time after service! Everyone celebrating a birthday or anniversary this month will be the guests of honor. For those watching online, join a virtual social time via Zoom after the service!

Social Time

Join us outside after each Sunday 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.

Upcoming Events

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2nd Sunday Offering to the Warming Center - November 13

The Social Justice Action Committee (SJAC) has specified that the 11/13 offering will go to the Warming Center. 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 & write "Warming Center" in the memo line. Mail contributions to UUFB, 325 N. 25th Ave., Bozeman, MT 59718.

The Warming Center offers seasonal shelter to anyone in need, including families with children, single adults, and couples. The space provides each individual or group with separate sleeping areas. Trained staff and volunteers are on-site at all times during operating hours. Recently the Warming Center moved to a year-round service.



Minister on Vacation - November 16-30

Rev. Margo will be out of the office on vacation from November 16-30.



Soup & Bread Luncheon - November 13

Join us for a Soup & Bread Luncheon after service on Sunday, November 13th. This is a great social time to enjoy with members & friends. Please sign up to bring soup or bread for the luncheon and to help with set-up & clean up, the sign-up sheet was sent on the listserv.



Men's Group - November 16

UUFB Men's Group will meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the UUFB Social Hall. All men are encouraged and invited to attend. For more information, please contact Jack D.



Family Game Night - November 18

Do you enjoy board games or card games? Join us for Friday Family Game Night at UUFB Friday, November 18th 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.



Food Bank Sunday - November 27

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.



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.



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Staff

- **Minister:** Rev. Margo Rinehart
Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
- **Office Administrator:** Christy Huddleston
Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 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

- 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: Heather Watson, 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