

DECEMBER 2022

# UUFb NEWS

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bozeman

## UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

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

### **December 4, 2022 • "What's Wrong with Me? I Feel Blue During the Holiday Season" • Rev. Margo Rinehart**

How to resist the pressure of the holiday season message that you should only be cheerful, full of thanks and have the perfect family at this time of year. Maybe you just don't want to get out of bed.

### **December 11, 2022 • "Winter Wonder and Awe" • Rev. Margo Rinehart**

Come and fill your heart with the wonder of all that is new today, life full and abundant and step into a universe where our lives unfold in mystery and awe.

### **December 18, 2022 • "What Can't Wait: Hope, Peace, Joy, Love" • Guest Speaker: Pastor Stephen Schmidt**

Pastor Stephen Schmidt returns to UUFb to share a message of deeper meanings. December is often a time of waiting. Waiting for various religious holy days, for ski hills to open, family gatherings, etc. We are not very patient people and when it comes to having and working for hope, peace, joy, and love that is O.K.

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 Master 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. He recently 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.

### **December 24, 2022 (Saturday) • 5:00 p.m. • "Minstrels, Merriment & Magic" • Rev. Margo Rinehart**

A Christmas Eve of song, music and story. NOTE: This service will be held at 5:00 p.m.

### **December 25, 2022 • Christmas Open House with Rev. Margo Rinehart**

Join Reverend Margo for coffee, cinnamon rolls, sing-a-longs and perhaps even a board game or two! No service, but a time to gather together. Slippers and pajamas are a-okay. There will **not** be a live stream of the open house.



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# REVEREND REFLECTIONS

## REV. MARGO RINEHART

As a Unitarian Universalist, sometimes I find it difficult to know what to do with the December holiday season, especially Christmas Eve. My parents were atheists, my aunt and uncle are deeply religious people and Jesus is their savior. I lean toward Transcendentalism mixed with western Buddhist thought. But what I am sure of is the power of memory. I can remember the magic of Christmas past, when the tree was so tall compared to my five-year-old stature. Wrapped boxes were so exciting. My mother baked and sold dozens of fruitcakes made with high quality candied or dried fruits imported from Italy – And I helped from the time I was old enough to stir the batter. The house always smelled of cinnamon, ginger, apples, fudge or pfeffernusse baking. Currently, the December holiday season doesn't come alive until the first holiday treat is baked and the first Christian Christmas carol comes over the radio or Spotify. Then I enter into a time warp of Christmases past. All the rituals and traditions. Where to find the perfect little tree, the decorations. Memories of decorating the tree with my son (while my husband whips up Irish coffees) become entirely intermixed with all the tree decorating of my childhood. Same with all of the holiday baking and all the Christmas Eve church services with carols of old.

A fellow time traveler, Quinn Caldwell, says, "It's not nostalgia; it's not just a hazy remembrance of the time back when things used to be better than they are now." Rather Caldwell says it's a collapsing of time, a drawing in of past and future into a fully integrated now. It is my childhood understanding and wonder at a magical story that comes in the present due to the collapsing of time. It is what allows me to listen to the songs of elementary school students and hear angels and to long so deeply for miracles, such when homeless people make it through the harsh winter. It is also what allows me to see every family as holy and the birth of every child as saving. The long, dark winter nights gift me time for wondering and seeking.

Whatever your December traditions – solstice, the anniversary of the Enlightenment of Buddha, Hannukah, or just a good book and blanket on a cold winter's night, may you experience awe and wonder at the magnificence that we are under the shining darkness of millions of stars, together.



### **"Everyone Searches for Bethlehem"**

*by Rev. Tom Schade*

*Tonight, everyone is displaced and homeless.*

*Tonight, everyone searches for Bethlehem.*

*On this night, when the darkness comes so close,*

*We listen in the stillness for the songs of angels.*

*Like shepherds, we aren't too sure of what is happening.*

*We don't know why we are so expectant.*

*We don't know why we long so deeply for miracles.*

*Tonight, we pray that we might know the one we are seeking.*

*Tonight, may we kneel like kings,*

*Before that which is greater than any kingdom on earth.*

*Tonight, may we see the holy family that we are a part of.*

*And may we hear the music that reminds us of our truest home.*



# RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

Hi Families! There is so much happening at UUFBozeman this winter, I can't wait to tell you about all the fun events we have planned. For those who haven't been to UUFBozeman 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 December RE Theme is **Opening to Joy**. Here are our topics for upcoming Sundays:

**Sunday, December 4th** - Creating Joy

**Sunday, December 11th** - Sharing Joy

**Sunday, December 18th** - The Joy of Us \*Cookies and Community after service

**Sunday, December 25th** - No RE this Sunday, Christmas Gathering in Social Hall



## Cookies and Community December 11th, after service

RE is getting into the Christmas spirit and we would love you to join us! After service on December 11th, we'll have our annual Christmas Cookie Decorating event. Everyone is welcome to come - we'll have cookies, frosting, non-sugary snacks, hot cocoa, and coffee.

This year we will also be making gifts for a few UUFBozeman Community members and putting together cookie-decorating kits for the food bank. For the cookie-making kits, we are looking for donations of store-bought cookie mixes, frosting, and sprinkles. Put your donations in the box on Beth's desk!

Any questions, please contact Beth.



## Our Whole Lives (OWL) Sexuality Education Programs

*Our Whole Lives* (OWL) is a secular, age-appropriate, comprehensive sexuality curriculum designed to teach lessons on self-worth, sexual health, responsibility, justice, and inclusivity.

We are excited to announce 2023 sessions will be held for students in grades K/1st and 5th/6th. More information and sign-up forms are available here: [uufbozeman.org/owl](http://uufbozeman.org/owl).

\*If your child is not in these age groups but you'd like to be contacted if/when a session opens up for your child's grade or if you want to be informed about opportunities with other sexuality education programs in Gallatin Valley, please fill out the form at [uufb.breezechms.com/form/owl](http://uufb.breezechms.com/form/owl).

# December 2022

| Sunday   | Monday | Tuesday                    | Wednesday | Thursday                                    | Friday                                 | Saturday                                  |
|--|--------|----------------------------|-----------|---|--|---|
|  |        |                            |           | 1   | 2                                      | 3<br>• 3-5:00 Treasure Sale item drop off |
| 4<br>• 10:00 service with Rev. Rinehart<br>• 11:00 Monthly Birthday & Anniversary Party Social Time<br>• 11:00 Treasure Sale | 5      | 6                          | 7         | 8   | 9                                      | 10  |
| 11<br>• 10:00 service with Rev. Rinehart<br>• 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday to MRFF<br>• 11:00 Cookies & Community Giving           | 12     | 13<br>• 5:30 Women's Group | 14        | 15  | 16<br>• 6:30 Family Pizza & Game Night | 17  |
| 18<br>• 10:00 service with Pastor Stephen Schmidt<br>• Food Bank Sunday<br>• 11:15 Program Council                           | 19     | 20                         | 21        | 22<br>• 4:30 Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed | 23                                     | 24<br>• 5:00 Christmas Eve Service        |
| 25<br>• 10:00 Christmas Open House with Rev. Rinehart  | 26     | 27                         | 28        | 29  | 30                                     | 31  |

## December 2022 Events

- 12/3 Treasure Sale Item Drop Off
- 12/4 Sunday Service with Rev. Rinehart
- 12/4 Monthly Birthday & Anniversary Party Social Time
- 12/4 Treasure Sale
- 12/11 Sunday Service with Rev. Rinehart
- 12/11 2nd Sunday Offering to Military Religious Freedom Foundation (MRFF)
- 12/11 Cookies & Community Giving
- 12/13 Women's Group
- 12/16 Family Pizza & Game Night
- 12/18 Service with Pastor Stephen Schmidt
- 12/18 Food Bank Sunday
- 12/18 Program Council
- 12/22 Fork & Spoon volunteers needed
- 12/24 Christmas Eve service at 5 p.m.
- 12/25 Christmas Open House



# BOARD REPORT



The Board of Directors met on November 14, 2022.

- Have you noticed the announcement board in the Social Hall? It was constructed by our handy board president, Neil S. Look for it in one corner or another of the social hall. The bulletin board is available for everyone to use for non-UUFB announcements, items for sale, business offerings, and social opportunities. (Non-UUFB related announcements are not appropriate to post on our listserv at this time).
- Remember as we are approaching the end of the year, we are asking that 2022 pledges be fulfilled by year-end. You may be getting a reminder call from the finance committee if there is still a balance due on your 2022 pledge. If you have questions, contact Christy, Office Administrator ([admin@uufbozeman.org](mailto:admin@uufbozeman.org)).
- Speaking of pledges, have you turned in your pledge form for the 2023 pledge drive? We hope to have all pledges for 2023 recorded now to enable the UUFB board to finalize the budget for 2023. The budget will be presented to the congregation for approval at the annual meeting in January.
- And....speaking of pledges, support for the UUFB is more than monetary. Your skills, time, talent, and generosity are needed and welcome in many different ways. Look for ways you can help by signing up to bring flowers for Sunday services (you can take them home after service), help count plate donations on Sunday, make coffee for after the service social time....and more! The bulletin board has sign-up sheets to share the load for getting these small jobs done. Check it out on the bulletin board! Sign up! ...and thank you!
- We are so grateful for our generous and competent volunteer member technicians who stream our Sunday Services. We are still looking to hire a tech support person to take some of the responsibility from our volunteers. If you know someone who may fit the position, contact Christy, Office Administrator ([admin@uufbozeman.org](mailto:admin@uufbozeman.org)).

The next board meeting is Tuesday, December 6, via Zoom. You are welcome to attend the board meetings, just let Neil S. know you are coming.

In Fellowship, Rose Toth, Board Secretary

## *Singers, Percussion Players & Hall Deckers Needed!*

Laurel, our pianist, is looking for volunteers to help with the Christmas Eve service. We need a few singers, a couple auxiliary percussion players and some Hall Deckers for the 5:00 p.m. service on December 24th. Find her after service for more details or, email your interest to Laurel.



# What? The Unitarian Universalist Association is considering a change to our Seven Principles?

It's true, the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) is encouraging us to consider a change. A change that potentially comes about through the recommendation of the Article II Study Commission and delegate votes at General Assembly in 2023 and possibly 2024.

Article II of the UU Bylaws holds our Seven Principles and Six Sources. It is the foundation for all of the work of the UUA and its member congregations and covenantal communities. As we are congregations without creeds and an association of churches, rather than a denomination, our covenants are the promises we make to one another. Our current Seven Principles began with the language "We member congregations of the UUA covenant to affirm and promote..." and then goes on to list the Principles. Note that we are responsible to one another and the use of the active language of "affirm and promote." We make promises about not only our attitudes but also our actions. Article of our Bylaws is the covenant to which all of our congregations pledge themselves when they become members of the UUA.

Our current Principles and Purpose was revised in 1987. The bylaws are to be reviewed no less than every 15 years. Since General Assembly (GA) in 2017, our association has been discussing an Eighth Principle addressing racism, an amendment to the First Principle that would include non-human life, and the Seventh Principle being expanded. Task forces, the Commission on Appraisal, and grass roots groups have been asking for changes. In response the Board of the UUA created the Article II Study Commission to consider possible amendments to Article II. The Study Commission convened in the fall of 2020. They held feedback sessions and distributed surveys throughout 2021 and into the spring of 2022. They considered responses received and continue with redrafts, including after GA in June of 2022. The vote for the proposed changes occurs as a potential two-part process. Delegates at GA of 2023 will vote on whether the changes should be placed on the 2024 ballot. Only a simple majority is needed for the proposed changes to be placed on the 2024 ballot. If a majority exists, the changes will stand for vote at GA 2024 – where a  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority is required for passing the changes to the Article II Purposes and Covenant.

As for our own work in this process, we need to be better informed and send delegates, virtually or in person, to GA in June of 2023. Rev. Margo's January 22nd sermon will be about the changes to Article II, and I will offer an educational workshop on three different dates in late January and early February. In the interim, do spend time on the Article II website at <http://uua.org/a2sc>.

The website contains all of the new language. Note the explicit statement that love is the enduring force that holds us together: "We draw from our heritages of freedom and reason, hope and courage, building on the foundation of love. Love inspires and powers the passion with which we embody our values. Inseparable from one another, these shared values are:

- **Justice.** We work to be diverse multicultural Beloved Communities where all people thrive. We covenant to dismantle racism and all form of oppression within individuals and our institutions. We are accountable to each other for this work.
- **Generosity.** We cultivate a spirit of gratitude and hope. We covenant to freely share our faith, presence, and resources. Compassionate generosity connects us one to another in relationships of mutuality.
- **Evolution.** We adapt to the changing world. We covenant to collectively transform and grow spiritually and ethically. Evolution is fundamental to life and to our UU heritages, never complete and never perfect.
- **Pluralism.** We celebrate that we are all sacred beings diverse in culture, theology, and experience. We covenant to learn from one another and openly explore the depth and breadth of our many wisdoms. We embrace our differences and commonalities with love, curiosity, and respect.
- **Equity.** We declare that every person has the right to flourish with dignity and worthiness. We covenant to use our time, wisdom, attention, and money to build and sustain a fully inclusive and accessible community of communities.
- **Interdependence.** We honor the sacred interdependent web of all existence. With humility we understand our place in the web. We covenant to care for and respect the earth and all beings by fostering relationships of mutuality. We work to repair the bonds we have broken.

Let's study and discuss together so that we can make decisions about whether to vote for these changes, that are first informed by love.

# TRANSITION TALK

## Introduction to the Transition Team

Please allow us to introduce ourselves. We are the Transition Team, appointed by the Board to focus on the actual process of transition as we prepare to search for a new settled minister to join us in August, 2024. That search process will begin after the first of the year. In the meantime, the Transition Team will work with the minister and involve the congregation in identifying work to be done to keep us moving ahead.

Why do we need a separate Transition Team? We already have a lot of committees! Well, yes, but those committees already have purposes and agendas. And the members of those other groups, including the Board, are following their interests and their skills. Those groups were not assembled in an effort to represent a balance of interest groups, ages, genders, and length of participation in the Fellowship as the Transition Team is. Also it is common to suspend the Committee on Ministry during an Interim Minister's term, so the Transition Team fulfills some of that purpose of keeping an eye on our collective ministry and the health of the congregation.

Your Transition Team will meet monthly (more or less, as needed), and we've already met three times. We have adopted a Covenant for how we will work together as well as this mission statement:

The mission of the UUFB Transition Team is to assist the Interim Minister and the congregation as they assess the need for changes before the arrival of the next called minister. They work with the Interim Minister, communicate and bear witness to transition as the work of the congregation, and are available to hear concerns of members of the Fellowship.

The work of transition is not done only by the Transition Team. All of you in UUFB will be called on from time to time to provide information and ideas. One tool we are using as we enter this time of transition is the QACC Box, introduced by the Committee on Ministry several years ago. QACC stands for Questions, Appreciation, Comments, or Concerns (QACCs). The Transition Team welcomes it all! The QACC box, with a slot in the lid and a yellow rubber ducky on top, is stationed somewhere in the Social Hall. There is also an online QACC form at [uufbozeman.org/qacc](http://uufbozeman.org/qacc). We will review submissions at our monthly meetings. Don't forget to submit Questions AND Appreciations AND Comments, in addition to any Concerns.

The Transition Team will use a rotating chair and recorder as we convene, with Dave Rockafellow serving as our primary point of contact. We'll keep you posted monthly, and we do want to hear from you!

## Transition Team

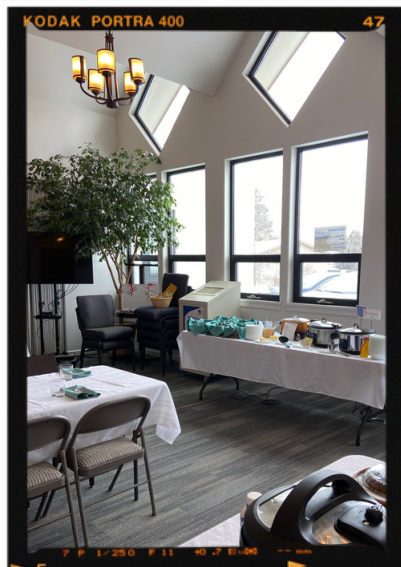
Cami Armijo-Grover  
Linda Clark  
Diane Knipfer  
David Rockafellow  
Peg Wherry  
Rev. Margo Rinehart, ex officio





# Soup & Bread Luncheon

## November 13, 2022



# Upcoming Events



## UUFB TREASURE SALE IS BACK – December 4

The next UUFB Treasure Sale will be held on Sunday, 12/4/22, after service. Early bird shopping (for kids only!) will be held from 9:15 – 9:45 a.m. with 50 cent and \$1 items.

What's a treasure sale? A Treasure Sale is the perfect opportunity to find a holiday gift! We ask members and friends to donate gently used/new household items, children's toy/games, holiday decorations, jewelry, art objects, and handmade items. Call it re-gifting or a white elephant sale! We will have tables organized with different price points starting with 50 cents and upwards. We are requesting donations of jewelry and collectibles this year for a specialty table. We will be accepting donations on Saturday, 12/3/22, from 3 to 5 p.m. Please no electronics, clothing, or glassware! If you have questions, contact Leona P. or Janet L.

## Monthly Birthday & Anniversary Party Social Time - December 4

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!

## 2nd Sunday Offering to Military Religious Freedom Foundation – December 11

The Social Justice Action Committee (SJAC) has specified that the 12/11 offering will go to the Military Religious Freedom Foundation (MRFF). Donate to this fund by giving online ([uufbozeman.org/donate](http://uufbozeman.org/donate)) and selecting "Give to 2nd Sunday charitable donation" or mail a check made out to UUFB & write "MRFF" in the memo line. Mail contributions to UUFB, 325 N. 25th Ave., Bozeman, MT 59718.

The Military Religious Freedom Foundation (MRFF) is dedicated to ensuring that all members of the United States Armed Forces fully receive the Constitutional guarantee of religious freedom to which they and all Americans are entitled by virtue of the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment.

## Cookies and Community Giving – December 11

RE is getting into the holiday spirit and we would love you to join us for some intergenerational fun! After service on December 11th, we'll have our annual Christmas Cookie Decorating event in the Social Hall. There will be cookies, icing, sprinkles, non-sugary snacks, hot cocoa, and coffee. It'll be a great way to meet new friends and enjoy old-fashioned holiday fun. Also, this year we will also be making gifts for a few UUFB Community members and putting together cookie decorating kits for the food bank to share with others.

Please bring and donate store bought sugar cookie mixes, frosting and sprinkles and/or new and like new holiday cookie cutters to make the kits for the food bank! We will be putting together kits at the event and take them to the food bank later that week. A collection box in on Beth's desk for donations. Hope to see you there!



# Upcoming Events

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## Social Time

Join us after each Sunday service for an in-person social time! 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.



## Women's Group Holiday Potluck & Gift Exchange - December 13

UUFB Women's Group will be held Tuesday, December 13th, 5:30 p.m. at UUFB. It will be a holiday gift exchange with appetizers and desserts! Please bring a wrapped gift (homemade or store-bought) valued at \$20 or less. Also, sign up to bring an appetizer or dessert to share! We ask that everyone stays after to help with clean up. Sign up to bring an appetizer or dessert here (this link redirects to a Sign-Up Genius site): [uufbozeman.org/womens-group](https://uufbozeman.org/womens-group). If you have questions, please contact Cathy C.



## Family Pizza & Game Night - December 16

Do you enjoy board games or card games? Join us for UUFB Friday Family Game Night! 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. Pizza Dinner will be provided from 5:30-6:15 p.m. Games start at 6:30.



## Food Bank Sunday - December 18

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.



## Program Council - December 18

Program Council will meet via Zoom on Sunday, December 18 at 11:15 a.m. All committees, task forces, and working groups should send a representative to this meeting. Questions? Contact Jeanne M.



## Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed - December 22

2-3 Volunteers from UUFB are needed at Fork & Spoon from 4:30-7:30 p.m. To sign up, please fill out the form located at [uufbozeman.org/fork-spoon](https://uufbozeman.org/fork-spoon). If you have questions, please contact Randy B.







# Other News



## Minister on Vacation – December 26-January 18

Rev. Margo will be out of the office on vacation from December 26 to January 18.

## It's Fun to Run the Livestream!

We need more operators to run our Sunday service livestreams. 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 once a month. If you are interested, please email [admin@uufbozeman.org](mailto:admin@uufbozeman.org).

## Join the Social Activities Committee!

Do you like to attend UUFB social events? Do you have some creative ideas for future gatherings? Then you should join the Social Activities committee! This super fun group plans, organizes and arranges get togethers for our Fellowship and would love more help. If you would like to join, please email the Office Admin ([admin@uufbozeman.org](mailto:admin@uufbozeman.org)).

## Submit a QACC!

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## 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.

## Special Holiday Gathering

Poem: "I'm Not Going to Pretend" by Renee Duvall – *Because I really care about you, I'm not going to pretend and wish you a Merry Christmas as if nothing has happened. Instead, I'm going to reach out to you and tell you I realize this must be a very difficult time for you. It probably doesn't seem fair that everyone else is smiling and laughing and enjoying the holidays as usual, while your heart is aching.*

The holidays may be a particularly challenging time this year due to the loss of a loved one, a difficult family situation or challenges in your health. If you are interested in gathering in community for a mug of spiced cider, poetry reading and a time to grieve together, please let Rev. Margo know. She is attempting to arrange a gathering during the week of December 12-17th. Individual appointments are also available.



## UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP of BOZEMAN

### 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](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.

### 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