

JUNE 2023

UUFB NEWS

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bozeman

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

June 4, 2023 • "What Can We Do?" • Barbara Amaral, Alexandra Lin, and Brandi Johnson

We hope for a world of love, but it will not come without witnessing, understanding, and action. Door-to-door distribution of anti-Semitic literature, death threats to MSU's BIPOC and LGBTQ+ students, and the continuing disappearance and murder of indigenous women call us to respond. Barbara Amaral (Temple Beth Shalom), Alexandra Lin (MSU APPI & LGBTQIA+), and Brandi Johnson (UM/Crow Salish Blackfeet) will share their experiences and perspectives to help us learn how we can be effective allies and advocates.

June 11, 2023 • "The Creative Spirit" • by Rev. Janet Parsons - Read by Neil Gregersen

Rev. Parsons once had the good fortune to be present when someone was struck by a creative spirit, and had the chance to watch what happened. The someone was her husband. They were participating in a prayer group at their home congregation, and had been given time to write: to explore writing a prayer or a reflection, to see what might emerge.

June 18, 2023 • "Father's Day: Stories about Parenting as a Black Father" • Dr. Jelani Mahiri

This service will be held in person only at Bozeman Pond. Hear stories of our humanity through the experiences of fathering and the complexities of parenting children in today's society, especially children of color. Dr. Mahiri is a Visiting Professor in Anthropology at MSU since 2009, who has a wide range of life experiences. He speaks from the heart with empathy, broad perspectives, and humor in his narratives. He is also a photographer and engages in Afro-Cuban percussion and dance. In the summers he works in landscaping, which has led to his planting of at least 1,000 trees in Bozeman and throughout the Gallatin Valley. Don't miss this special service.

June 25, 2023, 9 a.m. • "Ever Willing: Becoming the People Our World Needs" • Rev. Manish Mishra-Marzetti

This will be a live stream of the UU General Assembly Sunday service. It will be held at 9 a.m. MDT. The pandemic has wrought change and created uncertainty for institutions, like our Unitarian Universalist congregations, and our wider world. Who and what are we becoming, individually and collectively? Our GA Sunday service explores these themes as we gather in community to celebrate the best of who we UUs are.

Born and raised in Pittsburgh, Rev. Mishra-Marzetti serves as Senior Minister of the First UU of Ann Arbor, MI. He is a co-editor of "Conversations with the Sacred: A Collection of Prayers" (2020) and the 18-19 UUA common read, "Justice on Earth: People of Faith Working at the Intersections of Race, Class, and the Environment." He has served extensively in UU leadership. He brings to the ministry his multicultural experience serving as a U.S. diplomat during the Clinton administration. Rev. Manish loves desert hiking and his amazing kids and husband.



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REVEREND REFLECTIONS

REV. MARGO RINEHART

"What was it like to look into the face of hate, I mean up close and personal?" someone in my family asks. They ask this because I posted a photo and did some messaging on our closed media site. At the Bozeman Pride Stroll I was caught on the street, up close, but certainly not personally, with a counter Pride group who were trying to bring their angry, hateful messaging into the gathering. Most of us did not perceive them as having an actual message. While they shouted untruths about transgender people, to our ears it seemed mechanical and just random words connected to nothing. It was easy to turn our backs because the words were inconsequential. What was real was the singing, dancing, smiling and laughter of those of us in the Pride Stroll and Block Party. When dark shirts and covered faces showed up, we could not be bothered to hear them. There were so many reasons for happiness, love and delight we moved back to the joyful business of celebrating the beauty of life, the beauty of one another. The succulent, tasty feast that is our life together. I hope that all who gathered on Saturday, and those of you who sent us love even though you could not be there in person, are still delighting in the love that flows out like light spilling across the grass on a warm summer morning.

By Hannah Roberts Villnave

*People sometimes ask:
Is Pride a protest
Or a party?*

*And the answer is
Of course
Yes.*

And why not?

*Why not
Rejoice as we resist
Dance as we demand change
Celebrate as we create
community that delights in
All of who we are.*

LGBTQ+/TGQNB Days of Observance for June

LGBTQ Pride Month

June is celebrated as Pride in honor of the Stonewall Riots.

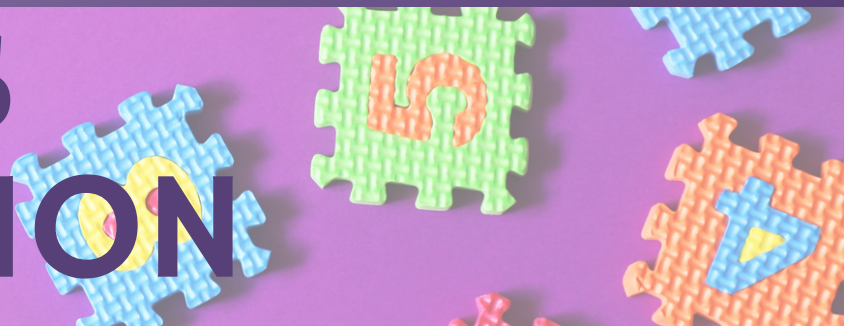
June 12th - Pulse Night of Remembrance

Annual day of US remembrance for the loss of 49 people in the Pulse Nightclub shooting in Orlando, Florida on June 12, 2016.

June 28th

To remember the Stonewall Riots that are described as the start of the Trans and Gay Liberation Movement in the United States.

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION



Religious Exploration (RE) June Theme: Delight

Summer is here and we are ready for it! This month's theme is delight. I personally, am looking forward to enjoying the longer evenings, fields of wildflowers, open skies, and adventuring to new places. Whether at a Sunday service or on a hike, we hope you'll join us in savoring June's delights.

Changes to Summer RE Classes:

RE classes will look a little different over the summer. You can expect a more relaxed and flexible approach, with a little less structure. We hope to provide some time for free play, particularly if it's nice outside, while scaling back on structured activities. Most Sundays, you can still look forward to seeing Christine, Faila, and/or myself. However, please note we might need to cancel class on Sundays July 2nd and August 6th. We will inform you well in advance to confirm these dates.

Sunday, June 4th – Making Room for Delight

Sunday, June 11th – Diversity of Delights

Sunday, June 18th – Delight is All Around

Sunday, June 25th – The Delight of Delight



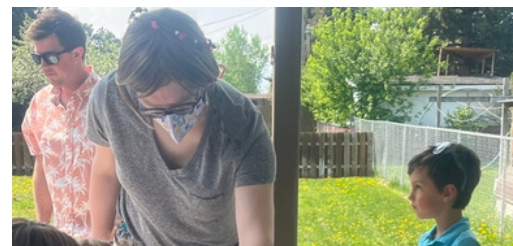
Congratulations Faila and Audrey!

A heartfelt congratulations goes out to Faila and Audrey, who will be graduating from high school next week! This is a momentous occasion, and we want to express our appreciation for all the contributions both of you have made to our RE community.

As you step into the next phase of your lives, know that our thoughts, support, and well-wishes are with you. May your futures be filled with endless opportunities, personal growth, and profound happiness.

Bowling Fun Night, Pride Parade, Flower Ceremony and Mandalas

It's been a busy May. Here are some of the highlights!



Our Whole Lives (OWL) - Sexuality Education Programs

Our Whole Lives (OWL) is sexuality education that fosters informed, responsible, and values-based decisions about sexual health and behavior. UUFB is offering K/1st and 5th/6th OWL classes starting this fall! For more information, visit: uufbozeman.org/owl.

June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 • 10:00 service with Barbara Amaral, Alexandra Lin, and Brandi Johnson • 11:00 Monthly Birthday/Anniversary Party • 11:30 Annual Meeting	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 • 10:00 service "The Creative Spirit" read by Neil Gregersen • 2 nd Sunday to Haven • 11:00 Book & Bake Sale	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 • 10:00 service with Dr. Jelani Mahiri (in person only, at Bozeman Pond) • 11:00 Bring Your Own Everything Picnic	19	20	21 • 7:00 Men's Group	22 • 4:30 Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed	23	24
25 • 9:00 Stream of UUA GA Service • 10:00 Glass Recycling	26	27	28	29	30	

June 2023 Events

- 6/4 Sunday Service with Barbara Amaral, Alexandra Lin, and Brandi Johnson
- 6/4 Monthly Birthday/Anniversary Party
- 6/4 Annual Meeting
- 6/11 Sunday Service "The Creative Spirit" read by Neil Gregersen
- 6/11 2nd Sunday to Haven
- 6/11 Book & Bake Sale
- 6/18 Sunday Service with Dr. Jelani Mahiri (*in person only at Bozeman Pond*)
- 6/18 Bring Your Own Everything Picnic
- 6/21 Men's Group
- 6/22 Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed
- 6/25 Sunday Service **at 9 a.m.** - live stream of UUA GA service
- 6/25 Glass Recycling (9-10 a.m.)

BOARD REPORT

The Board met on May 8, 2023. Neil Schwarzwald, President; Jeanne Moe, Vice President; Bruce DePriester, Treasurer; Rose Toth, Secretary; Dick Young, Past President; Mary Maifeld and Valley Peters, Members-at-Large.

- The UUFB Annual Meeting has been set for June 4, 2023, following the Sunday Service. Please mark your calendar. This is an important meeting for you to attend. You will be voting on the nominees for the Settled Minister Search Committee as well as the Board members for the coming church year. There will be time for your questions. Social Activities committee will provide refreshments (plus it is Birthday Party Sunday).
- The Settled Minister Search Committee is shaping up. There are many ways to serve and support your Fellowship—your time, your talents and your financial support. If you are contacted by a board member to serve on this short term task force, please consider it carefully as a beautiful and generous way to support your Fellowship's future.
- Now that Covid restrictions have relaxed somewhat nationwide, the Board approved making the building available for use by UU members and for UUFB activities. Rentals will not be available for organizations outside the UUFB at this time. Reservations for building use are made through our Office Administrator.

Rose Toth, UUFB Board Secretary



Join the UUFB Hiking Group!

The newly formed UUFB hiking group meets on Thursdays. The hikes are moderate, the pace comfortable and the camaraderie great. So far, we have met at 8:45 a.m. in the UUFB parking lot to form carpools to the trailhead, though we may need to start earlier if it turns out to be a really hot summer. If you are interested in joining, please contact Dick C. or the Office Admin (admin@uufbozeman.org), so we can include you in the UUHike-Bozeman listserv to receive information about the hikes.



Lots of activities happened in April and May including making Easter Fun, Over 80's Brunch, Hiking Group, Labyrinth Walk, Pride Stroll, Monthly Birthday Party, Trans Right Rally. View more on the photo board at UUFB!



TRANSITION TALK

On May 7, the Transition Team led a workshop “Shape the Future,” attended by about two dozen members and friends. They shared ideas on where we might build and re-build as we re-energize after COVID isolation and prepare for a new minister. Attendees separated into three groups, each addressing one of the three core areas described below to focus our work in the next 15 months.

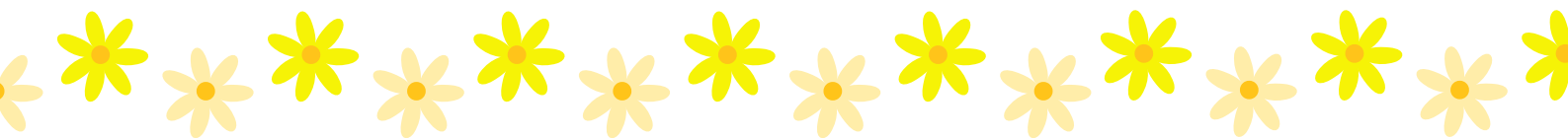
- **Governance and Leadership** – This system focuses on how decisions are made, how the Board and the congregation see the Board’s role, how (and how easily) are individuals recruited into leadership roles, whether leaders are “recycled” and new members invited into leadership, what opportunities there are for leadership training.
- **Connection and Engagement** – This system includes how we welcome visitors and build membership, what the pathway to membership is, how members and friends connect with each other outside of Sunday services, and how we meet the needs of a multigenerational congregation.
- **Religious Education and Theological/Spiritual Grounding** – This is about how we provide religious education or exploration for all ages, who teaches, how regional and UUA resources are utilized, whether we have a safe congregation policy, and how children and youth are included in Sunday services.

Many useful suggestions and stimulating ideas were shared during the workshop; the Transition Team is now digesting all that information. We say a heartfelt “thank you” to everyone who participated!

As we move into the summer months, the Transition Team is at the half-way point of UUFB’s interim ministry. We are reviewing and tweaking our team’s mission statement as we move beyond the information-gathering phase. We’ll share that clarification of our mission in future newsletters.

Finally, we say good-bye this month to Cami Armijo-Grover, who is taking her “Transition” work to the next stage by serving on the Search Committee for our next Settled Minister. She serves UUFB well through many efforts.

Transition Team: Linda Clark, Diane Knipfer, David Rockafellow, Peg Wherry, Rev. Margo Rinehart, ex officio



thank  you

Kitty would like to give a *HUGE*** thank you to everyone who helped provide the celebratory meal for our friends in Lodge Grass.** It rained all day which didn’t prevent the work getting done. The kids had a great time, playing soccer on the skateboard ramps and helping plant grass seed in what will now be a park. A few years ago, when Mountain Shadow Association began the annual Clean Up Days event, that area wasn’t safe for children to play. Now they are invested in it, they helped turn it into a park. Thank you UU’s!

Upcoming Events



Monthly Birthday/Anniversary Party Social Time - June 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. We need people to bring cupcakes to this event! Sign up at uufbozeman.org/birthday.



Annual Meeting - June 4

The UUFB Annual Meeting will be held after service on June 4th to vote on the slate of 2023-2024 Board candidates and the Settled Minister Search Committee members. This meeting will be held in person only, so please try to attend!



2nd Sunday Offering to Haven - June 11

The Social Justice Action Committee (SJAC) has specified that the 2nd Sunday offering will go to Haven. Donate to this fund online (uufbozeman.org/donate) and select "Give to 2nd Sunday charitable donation" or mail a check made out to UUFB & write "Haven" in the memo line. Mail contributions to UUFB, 325 N. 25th Ave., Bozeman, MT 59718.

For over 40 years, Haven has been dedicated to supporting survivors of domestic violence. Since 1979, they have provided safe intervention and ongoing assistance and worked to prevent future violence from occurring. Though they officially serve survivors in Gallatin County, their services are available for all those in need. They envision an educated, empowered community where everyone can live free from violence & abuse.



Service at Bozeman Pond - June 18

Please note that the 6/18 service will be held in person only, outdoors at Bozeman Pond Park. No formal RE class will be held but children are welcome on the playground and will be supervised during the service. Please bring an extra chair if you have one.



Bring Your Own Everything Picnic - June 18

Stay after the June 18th service at Bozeman Pond Park for a "Bring Your Own Everything" picnic!



Men's Group - June 21

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. If you would like to be added to the UUFB Men's Group email list, please contact admin@uufbozeman.org.



Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed - June 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. If you have questions, please contact Randy B.



Glass Recycling - June 25 (9-10 a.m. due to the 6/25 service starting at 9 this day)

On the 4th Sunday of each month, UUFB has a glass recycling service for our members. There will be a volunteer in our parking lot accepting clean glass in boxes or bags to recycle. If you wish to offer a small payment for gas and time, feel free! Please do not leave the glass on other Sundays at the fellowship, as we have no room to store it.



Book & Bake Sale June 11



Sunday, 6/11/23, we will again be holding our wildly popular Used Book and Bake Sale!

DO I BRING BOOKS?

Yes, please donate gently used books for all ages, cds, dvds, and puzzles. Books can be dropped off from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. June 6-9th. There will be a designated table in the Social Hall. Please check with our Office Admin (admin@uufbozeman.org) for access to the building.

WILL THERE BE CHILDREN'S BOOKS?

Oh, yes, there will be many books for children. To encourage summer reading, all books for children/youth are FREE. We are hoping each child can go home with 3-4 books.

HOW CAN I HELP?

Many hands make this book sale work. Help is needed with set up and clean up (requires some lifting) before and after the Sunday Service. Sign up at uufbozeman.org/book-sale or on the sign-up sheet on the Social Hall bulletin board.

HOW MUCH ARE BOOKS?

All books/items in the sale are just a \$2 donation.

WHAT ABOUT THE BAKE SALE?

If you'd like to contribute baked items or to help with the bake sale, please sign up at uufbozeman.org/bake-sale or contact Tonya S. (stevens_tonya@msn.com).

QUESTIONS?

Leona P. (bugs@bio-control.com) is the contact for the book sale and Tonya S. (stevens_tonya@msn.com) is organizing the bake sale. Get in touch with any questions. Thanks.



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.



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
- **Childcare Lead:** Christine Wilcox
- **Childcare Assistant:** Faila Bianchini
- **Pianist:** Laurel Yost

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.

2023-2024 Board Members

- President: Jeanne Moe
- Vice President: Open
- Past President: Elizabeth Rose
- Secretary: Neil Schwarzwald
- Interim Treasurer: Bruce DePriester
- Member-at-Large: Barb Lantz
- Member-at-Large: Mary Maifeld

Committees/Task Force Leaders

- Building & Grounds Committee: Tonya Stevens, Contact
- Building Coordinator: Tonya Stevens, Contact
- Caring Committee, Meals, Rides: Mary Maifeld, Contact
- 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
- Legacy Giving: Peg Wherry Contact
- Lifespan Religious Exploration: Heather Watson, Chair
- Program Council: Open
- Safety Task Force: Open
- Social Activities: Rene Keating, Chair
- Social Justice Action Committee: Randy Babbitt, Contact
- Stewardship: Paula Nielsen-Milano, Contact
- Sunday Services Committee: Paul Stouffer, Contact
- Transition Team: Dave Rockafellow, Chair

Contact Points

- Book Sales/Little Library: Leona Poritz
- Family Promise Task Force: Carolyn Boyd
- 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