

SEPTEMBER 2023

UUFB NEWS

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bozeman

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

September 3, 2023 • "A Return to the Past? A History of Child Labor in Butte, MT" • Rev. Margo Rinehart
Letting past lessons regarding child and teen labor in Montana shape our actions for justice in our current political climate.

September 10, 2023 • "Welcome Home to the Gallatin Valley: The Water Ceremony" • Rev. Margo Rinehart
Whether you are new to the valley or have lived here for some time, join in celebrating the confluence of the waters and the richness of community. Read more about this service on page 6.

September 17, 2023 • "To Be or To Become" by Rev. Rod Richards • Read by Rose Toth
In his sermon from April 2021, Rev. Richards asks, "What do you want to be when you give up?" ...When you give up trying to become who you are NOT. ...When you give up checking that list of "what you're supposed to be." To set down those lists of "what we're supposed to be" is brave. To love ourselves and support each other in the process of becoming real is perhaps the greatest single act of daring greatly. The path of awakening is about becoming who we truly are.... A path that we travel throughout our lives.

September 24, 2023 • "Welcoming Forgiveness Into Our Lives - A Service Inspired by Yom Kippur" • Rev. Margo Rinehart

Making Connections: UUFB Orientation Sessions

Are you new to this Fellowship? Would you like to know more about our beliefs and practices? You're invited to join us at **"MAKING CONNECTIONS: UUFB Orientation Sessions"** starting this fall in late September and early October after service (exact dates to be announced soon).

We'll talk about: the history of Unitarian Universalism in general, the 65-year history of our Bozeman Fellowship, how we live in covenant with one another in this non-creedal faith, our journeys on the path to UUFB.

Rev. Margo Rinehart and UUFB historian Susan Backer will join the Hospitality and Membership Committee in introducing you to these topics and more! Please contact Tonya Stevens, (stevens_tonya@msn.com) with any questions.



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REVEREND REFLECTIONS

REV. MARGO RINEHART

From the time I was five years old, September was my favorite time of year. The golden laziness of summer had shifted into a time of focus and return to what was familiar. Although each school year started with a new teacher and a few new to me kids in the classroom, the familiarity of pencils, paper, notebooks, getting up at a certain time, pancakes for breakfast, and a wonderful homemade lunch in a crunchy brown bag, brought comfort and order into my life. As an adult, every September I feel that return to familiar work rituals and of cool air before sunrise. It all feels like being welcomed home: to myself, to the world, and to the glory of autumn.

Unitarian Universalism is calling to you as well this September. Our worship resources and inspirations are asking us to explore the ways that we might experience welcome. What in this list speaks to you?

- A Faith that Welcomes Change
- A Wider Welcome that Includes Us All
- The Welcomes that Invites the Wholeness of Who We Are
- Welcoming the Unwelcome
- Welcoming Grief
- Welcoming Forgiveness into Our Lives
- Welcoming the Present Moment



Our Sunday Services this month will provide you with the harvest foods of thought: returning home to the Gallatin Valley, experiencing reconciliation to yourself, and welcoming forgiveness into our lives. We think and challenge ourselves more easily when we are in community, as we can share our excitement, burdens, ideas, strength, and experiences. Let us gather together.

"We will welcome not only each person, whoever they are, whoever they are, whatever their gifts, whatever their need. Each person in this wholeness, holiness – a holiness which may in fact, in any moment, be full of holes and contradictions, full of fear and brokenness and doubts. Come in, we say, not just in the full flower of your thriving, but the unfinished, imperfect, holy wholeness of your being. Come in not only with your all-apparent accomplishments and strengths, but with those pesky vulnerabilities. These may in fact be revelations, they may be glimpses of whatever humanity we share. This house will hold them all, will hold us all." Reverend Victoria Safford

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION



Religious Exploration (RE) September: Welcome Back!

Welcome back UUFB Families! As we head into a new school year, we are looking forward to reconnecting with everyone and hearing about all your summer adventures. Hopefully, you enjoyed a fresh wave of inspiration, insights, and energy. It's been an eventful few months as a church and broader community. The world has continued to evolve, presenting us with new challenges and opportunities alike. And just as seasons change, so does the landscape of inner resources, awareness, and perspectives. Join us this fall to explore, learn, and grow together. We've never before lived through times quite like these!



September RE Classes: Theme for September Is 'Welcome'

Sunday, September 3 – Celebrate the Last Days of Summer!

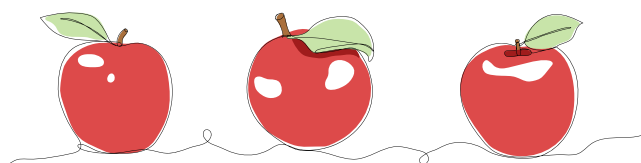
Sunday, September 10 – Water Ceremony – This will be an Intergenerational service followed by water activities outside.

Sunday, September 17 – What is UU? What do we believe? *For those interested, we will be headed to check out the Bumblewood Thicket after service. Join us! randomactsofsilliness.com/2023-bumblewood-thicket

Sunday, September 24 – Welcoming Change

Prepping for Puberty

A collaboration between Bridgercare, the Help Center, and UUFB this workshop is for youth ages 8-11 to do with their adult. Youth learn about physical, emotional, & social changes of puberty. Adults discuss how to support their kids emotionally during puberty. Register here: tickettailor.com/events/bridgercare/976339?



Interfaith Calendar Connections this month:

Rosh Hashanah – Jewish New Year – Evening of Fri, Sep 15, 2023 – Evening of Sun, Sep 17, 2023

Mabon/Autumn Equinox – Wicca – Sept. 21, 2023

Yom Kippur – Jewish Day of Atonement – Sept. 24-25, 2023

Mawlid al-Nabi – the birthday of the Prophet Muhammad – begins Sept. 26, 2023

Rumi's birthday – Sept. 30 (1207)



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. For more information, visit: uufbozeman.org/owl.

September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 • 10:00 service with Rev. Margo Rinehart • 11:00 Monthly Birthday/Anniversary Party	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 • 10:00 service with Rev. Margo Rinehart • 2 nd Sunday to MT Interfaith Power & Light	11	12 • 4:30 Board Meeting	13	14	15 • 6:30 Family Game Night	16
17 • 10:00 service with Rose Toth • 10:00 Food Bank Sunday • 11:20 Program Council	18	19	20 • 7:00 Men's Group	21	22	23
24 • 10:00 service with Rev. Margo Rinehart • 11:00 Glass Recycling	25	26	27	28 • 4:30 Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed	29	30

September 2023 Events

- 9/3 Sunday Service with Rev. Margo Rinehart
- 9/3 Monthly Birthday/Anniversary Party
- 9/10 Sunday Service with Rev. Margo Rinehart
- 9/10 2nd Sunday to Montana Interfaith Power & Light
- 9/12 Board Meeting
- 9/15 Family Game Night
- 9/17 Sunday Service with Rose Toth
- 9/17 Food Bank Sunday
- 9/17 Program Council
- 9/20 Men's Group
- 9/24 Sunday Service with Rev. Margo Rinehart
- 9/24 Glass Recycling
- 9/26 Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed

BOARD REPORT

Service Is Our Prayer – The Transition Team developed a plan to promote volunteering which includes short presentations at Sunday services from members and friends on volunteering. There are many volunteer opportunities available, some with minimal time commitment, and several committees are shorthanded. And the Board has two openings which we need to fill – a permanent Treasurer and a Vice President.

The Board identified speakers to present their personal motivations and rewards for volunteering and the value they see in their contributions. The presentations conclude with the Sep 3 service, but your opportunities to serve continue. Sign up at uufbozeman.org/service-is-our-prayer.

Minister Search – As we follow the process for selecting our settled minister, the Board will need to make a few related decisions. In August, the Board approved Carolyn Boyd as the Search Committee chair, confirming the selection made by the committee members. We've also been asked to select one member of the three-person Negotiating Team to develop a plan for minister compensation and other contract details. This selection will be made in September.

Building Rental – As most of us know, churches and other organizations with tax-exempt status are not allowed to engage in partisan political activity. We can, and do, engage in issue-oriented political expression, but we must stay away from direct campaigning and related partisan activities. UUFB has policies to ensure that we remain on the right side of this rule.

In keeping with this requirement, the Board agreed upon a rental contract with Bozeman Tenants Union clarifying that they may may not use our building for partisan activities.

Solar Panels – A program presented by Interfaith Power & Light would provide solar panels for churches at low or no cost. Although we all support using renewables, obstructions to the south of our building and other considerations leads the Board to not pursue this opportunity at this time.

Sunday Services Guidelines – The Board reviewed draft guidelines for Sunday services that Rev. Margo is developing with the Sunday Services Committee. The guidelines will document current practices and include background information for guest speakers. The Board also suggested to Sunday Services Committee that slides be added to service videos on YouTube to better identify who we are and promote UUFB, invite people to join us in-person or online, and provide a disclaimer.

Board Retreat – The Board will hold its annual retreat September 16 to develop Board and congregational goals for the coming year, and agree how we will work together to achieve these goals.

If you have questions or comments about the issues above or any Fellowship matters, please contact me or another Board member.

Neil Schwarzwald, UUFB Board Secretary





Water Ceremony Sunday Service – September 10

Our Water Communion Ceremony during the regular service on Sunday, September 10th is a special time of welcome to the Gallatin Valley. Perhaps you are returning after summer travels or maybe you are new to the area. Bring a small amount of water from a place this summer where you felt longing, belonging, or experienced beauty. (You can also bring water symbolic of these places.) We will mix the waters together in an act of love, sharing, and strength. This is a very family friendly service and there will be an interactive water expo directly following.

From Katie Sivani Gelfand

“We reunite in this sanctuary to share the flow of our hearts with one another. We gather together in ritual to celebrate fountains of joy, to hold each other through storms of grief, to guide one another through rapids of transformation, and to rest together on ponds of stillness. Together, we honor the spirit of water, its many forms, and its life-giving essence.”

SETTLED MINISTER SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Ministerial Search Committee has been meeting weekly since early August following our July “retreat” with a UUA Transitions minister. We have been moving forward on the documents required by the UUA in a settled ministers search. We have been coordinating dates and times for gathering information from you not only in a congregational survey, but also in ideas and dates for a workshop, cottage meetings and focus groups. We hope you will plan to attend as many as you can. We need this participation and feedback from you – it is essential in order to put forth the wishes and hopes for the future of the UUFB! Please feel free to contact any member of the committee with your thoughts and concerns as we move forward in this important work!

Susan Backer, Carolyn Boyd, Dick Corbin, Cami Armijo Grover

Settled Minister Search Survey Coming Soon!

The Ministerial search team will be sending out a survey to members and friends soon, asking for your input on desires, needs and thoughts about the traits you want to see in a new minister, it is critically important to get input from all of you so that we can represent you and your desires well as we go through the process of the search. Look for the survey the week of Sept. 4.

TRANSITION TALK

The main focus of the Transition Team in the past couple of months has been the “Service is Our Prayer” project, getting members and friends engaged so we can start this fall with lots of volunteers signed up for particular tasks and enough members on our committees. The label “Service Is Our Prayer” comes from the covenant we say together every Sunday. We can now report solid response, from 22 people ranging in age from seven to . . . we’re too polite to ask. Many of these members and friends (including three of our children/youth) have signed up for more than one activity or project.

Eight of our members have spoken briefly during Sunday services in the past two months, sharing their motivation for being involved in the life of our beloved community and encouraging others to do so as well. Given the response, we are suspending this public part of the project but we are keeping open the “Service Is Our Prayer” webpage, which lists opportunities for involvement, with links to descriptions and a simple way to indicate you are interested. There is a prominent square “button” on our home page, or you can follow this link: uufbozeman.org/service-is-our-prayer. So if you’ve been meaning to log on and step up for a task, you can still do so. If you have questions, contact Diane Knipfer or Peg Wherry (info below). If you are involved in a committee or a project that needs volunteers, Diane can help you add listings to the webpage.

There is other Transition work to do as well. We are now at the point of completing the one-year review of our interim ministry. Note that this addresses interim *ministry*—not just the *minister*. There is a role for the congregation as well as the minister in this time of transition.

The Transition Team also functions as the Committee on Ministry (COM) to “perceive concerns brought to or recognized by the committee.” The main way we hear from you is through the QACC Box. (QACC stands for Questions, Appreciation, Comments, or Concerns.) The wooden QACC box has a slot to insert cards and a yellow rubber ducky on top. It’s usually in the Social Hall near the windows or on the credenza outside Rev. Margo’s office. There is also an online QACC form at uufbozeman.org/qacc. We review all submissions at our meetings. Please remember that we want Questions AND Appreciations AND Comments, in addition to any Concerns.

Do stay in touch!

Transition Team: Linda Clark (lyclark@gmail.com), Diane Knipfer (dlknipfer@gmail.com), David Rockafellow (dave.rockafellow@gmail.com), Peg Wherry (pegwherry@bresnan.net), Rev. Margo Rinehart, ex officio (minister@uufbozeman.org)



Join the UUFB Hiking Group!

The 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.

Spiritual Pluralism Project Group

Our Fellowship has a Spiritual Pluralism group that has 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.





As you may know, Family Promise recently bought three buildings from the Bozeman Bible College to provide additional housing for unhoused families. That is BIG News, but even BIGGER NEWS is that because of the work of volunteers (like Mary and Larry) who pulled up carpet, laid flooring, painted and moved in furniture, families are now moving into these spaces.

Each Friday, Family Promise sends a one-page email which features family success stories, gives updates on Family Promise activities, and lists volunteer possibilities and ways to donate. It is heartwarming and informative. To get on the mailing list go to the Family Promise website (familypromisegv.org) and sign up under "Join the Family".

Keep watching for additional volunteer opportunities on the list-serv.

Carolyn Boyd, UUFB Liaison to Family Promise



Soul Matters



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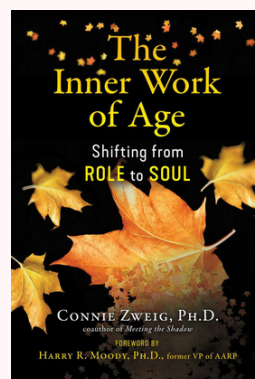
Chalice Circles

Sign Up Now!

Monthly facilitated Chalice Circle groups will provide time to discuss each month's Soul Matters theme in depth. There will be resources for your journey such as discussion prompts, links to podcasts, poetry and more. We hope to offer both a daytime and evening group. Once sign-ups have totaled at least eight participants, a Doodle Poll will be sent to find a mutually agreeable time and day of each month. September will start off with the theme of The Journey of Welcoming Yourself. Other themes this year include heritage, generosity, transformation, and renewal, and more. Sign up at uufbozeman.org/chalice-circles or let Rev. Margo know about your interest.

The Inner Work of Age Book Group

This will be a twice-monthly gathering to discuss the deep work in the book, *The Inner Work of Age: Shifting from Role to Soul*, by psychotherapist, Connie Zweig, Ph.D. In Zweig's words, "With extended longevity comes the opportunity for extended personal growth and spiritual development. You now have the chance to become an Elder, to leave behind past roles, shift from work in the outer world to inner work with the soul and become authentically who you are. This book is a guide to help get past the inner obstacles and embrace the hidden spiritual gifts of age." There will be self-reflection homework between group meeting times. Jungian psychology frames the discussions and Buddhist thought is integrated as well. The anticipated group time is late September into January with lesser meetings in November and December. Facilitated by Rev. Margo and other UUFB members. Sign-up by contacting Rev. Margo (minister@uufbozeman.org).



AUGUST PHOTOS - CATAPALOOZA, SERVICE AT BOZEMAN POND, HIKING GROUP, WOMEN'S GROUP ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Upcoming Events



Monthly Birthday/Anniversary Party Social Time - September 3

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. Cupcakes are needed each month for these fun events! Please sign up at uufbozeman.org/birthday.



2nd Sunday Offering to Montana Interfaith Power & Light - September 10

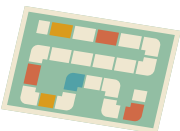
The Social Justice Action Committee (SJAC) has specified that the 2nd Sunday offering will go to Montana Interfaith Power & Light. Donate to this fund online (uufbozeman.org/donate) and select "Give to 2nd Sunday charitable donation" or mail a check made out to UUFB & write "MTIPL" in the memo line.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

Climate change is one of the principal threats facing humanity today, leading every major religion to establish a mandate to care for Creation and the web of life on Earth — life that people of faith and conscience are called to protect. As a national organization with chapters in almost every state, Interfaith Power & Light (IPL) was founded on the understanding that, as people of faith, we are blessed with this interconnected web of life and have a moral responsibility to be good stewards and preserve it for future generations.



UUFB Board Meeting - September 12

The UUFB Board meets at UUFB and on Zoom monthly on the second Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. If you are interested in attending a Board meeting, please let a Board member or Rev. Margo know.



Family Game Night - September 15

Do you enjoy board games or card games? Family Game Night is held the third Friday of each month at 6:30p.m. at UUFB! 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 - September 17

Non-perishable food donations and toiletries for the Gallatin Valley Food Bank will be collected at this UUFB service. Please bring your items and a UUFB member will bring them to the food bank.



Program Council - September 17

Program Council will meet at 11:20 a.m. at UUFB and on Zoom. All committees, task forces, and working groups should send a representative to this meeting. Questions? Contact Jeanne M.



Men's Group - September 20

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.



Glass Recycling - September 24

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.



Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed - September 28

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, contact Randy B.



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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: Susan Backer, 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: Jeanne Moe, Contact
- 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, Contact

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

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.

