

OCTOBER 2023

# UUFB NEWS

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bozeman

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

**October 1, 2023 • "Creation Centered Spirituality: Inspiration from Hildegard of Bingen" • Rev. Margo Rinehart**  
Come and hear how twelfth-century Abbess, Hildegard of Bingen's messages of environmental care and natural healing are still speaking to us today.

**October 8, 2023 • "Returning to Our Ancestral Roots" • Nia To Go There, Ph.D.**  
Returning to our ancestral roots is necessary to heal our suffering-wholeness. As a storyteller, Nia will describe her first Sun Dance experience. She will elaborate on the wisdom she gleaned from the Sun Dance created by her Indigenous ancestors as a way of validating the importance of reciprocal relationships along with a profound sense of interconnectedness with our animate planet and other life-forms.

In acknowledgment of her name "To Go There" (Ketoteyin), Nia is a sojourner, intent on making visible the web of relations within which we live. Nia grew up on Turtle Mountain Reservation in North Dakota. Her tribal ancestry is Cree. She has dedicated the past 30 years to rediscovering the ancient teachings and cultural practices of her Indigenous ancestors.

**October 15, 2023 • "Stewardship: A Heritage of Unitarian Universalist Generosity" • Rev. Margo Rinehart**  
Come and follow the historical trail of UU's who lived lives of service and consider how we can be good stewards in our fellowship and in our larger community.

**October 22, 2023 • "The Search for Truth and Meaning in an Art Museum" • Christina Barbachano**  
Art Museums and UU churches have a lot in common. Art Museums are places where one might find things that lead them to finding truth and meaning in their lives, or be able to see the worth and dignity of a subject matter that they may not have been able to see or be inspired to care for our earth and home in a new way or engage them in advocacy towards a free and just world for all. One may hear music and read texts that challenge their thinking. They may even weep at an artwork that connects to them in ways they never considered. The UU principles can be explored in many ways, why not an art museum?

Christina Barbachano is an artist, educator, and now the Executive Director of the Holter Museum of Art in Helena, MT. She is a almost a life-long UU and also searches for truth and meaning in her own studio practice. She lives in Helena, MT in a household of highly creative humans who challenge her thinking and help her learn new things about herself and this beautiful world every day.

**October 29, 2023 • "Day of the Dead: A Celebration of Our Ancestors" • Rev. Margo Rinehart**  
We will create an altar that honors our dead and explore what death can teach us about living more fully. Please bring a photo or other item that reminds you of your loved one. It is also costume day for Children's Religious Exploration and they encourage you to join with your own costume creation.



### UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF BOZEMAN

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# REVEREND REFLECTIONS

## REV. MARGO RINEHART

When speaking about forgiveness this past Sunday, I used a reading from the Reverend Victoria Safford, wherein she describes part of what she has learned from Yom Kippur. In the Jewish tradition in their observance of Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement and the Days of Awe are about repentance and forgiveness. Safford describes what should be the condition of our hearts when we are considering asking to be forgiven.

*The task is not to patch things up, smooth things over, reach a compromise, or sweep mistakes and uneasy memories under the rug; the task is not to feel better. The task is ownership. The goal is truth, for its own redemptive sake. I did this. I said this to you, and it was wrong. I botched this. I betrayed you thusly. I demeaned you, whether you ever knew it or not. This is the truth in which both of us are living and I ask you to forgive me... The task is not about comfort, it is about truth, about wholeness and holiness.*

In illustrating the essential, gritty, and extremely difficult work of forgiveness and repair, I leaned into our UUA *Common Read*. Each year, the Unitarian Universalist Association chooses a book to be read in all our congregations. This is a chance for UUs all over the globe to read the same book and bring our individual perspectives into a collective experience. This year the book is *On Repentance and Repair: Making Amends in an Unapologetic World* by Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg. Rabbi Ruttenberg serves as scholar in residence at the National Council of Jewish Women. Her book uses the work of medieval Jewish philosopher Maimonides to engage us in thinking about reparation. In our current culture, we do not tolerate discomfort well and therefore, try to sweep unpleasant occurrences away and participate in superficial and insincere gestures of 'sorry' or 'get over it'. This lets the offending party off the hook and does little or nothing to validate and support the person who has been harmed. Rabbi Ruttenberg introduces the idea that forgiveness is much less important than the repair work to which the offending party is obligated. She informs us that the word that is traditionally translated as 'repentance' really means 'return' and that returning is a restoration to the person harmed and perhaps to the entire community. Her focus is not on whether forgiveness is granted but on whether the person who has done harm engages deeply in the steps of repentance and repair. The methods are applied to interpersonal relationships, random violence, abuse, Native American land rights, and our country's legacy of slavery and much more. She guides of through the five steps for repair described by Maimonides:

- Naming and owning the harm.
- Committing to change and engaging in deep transformational work.
- Making restitution and accepting consequences.
- Sincere apology that upholds the wronged party and with no expectation of forgiveness.
- Making different choices and engaging in new behavior based upon new attitudes.

In my own life, holiday planning has already begun. I will travel home at Thanksgiving and Christmas to see friends, family, and acquaintances. This book has been a source of deep thought and healing for me as I consider some of those relationships. It also helped in considering self-forgiveness. There is not a single person in our community who would not benefit from experiencing part or of all of Ruttenberg's message of hope. It was selected by the UUA to be experienced in community. Therefore, can we gather to support one another while we explore repentance, repair, and forgiveness? If anyone is willing to lead a 1-4 session book group in January or beyond, please let me know, and I will get you started. The book can also be borrowed from me upon request. In the words of Rabbi Hama Bar Hanina, "Great is repentance, for it brings healing to the world."



# RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

## Religious Exploration (RE) October: Welcome Back!

In the Unitarian Universalist (UU) tradition, we cherish the diverse and inclusive gifts of our faith. Our faith embraces a wide spectrum of beliefs and values, honoring the inherent worth and dignity of every individual. One of the greatest gifts of our faith is the freedom to explore and define our own spiritual path, guided by principles that prioritize justice, equity, and compassion. We find inspiration in the wisdom of various religious traditions, the wonders of the natural world, and the transformative power of community. Through our faith, we discover the profound gift of belonging to a loving, supportive community that encourages personal growth and social action. Our faith invites us to continually question, learn, and grow, fostering a deep sense of openness, acceptance, and interconnectedness that enriches our lives and the world around us.

This month we will explore the gifts of our faith and UU heritage. Honoring the foundation previous generations have laid for us.

### October RE Classes:

**Sunday, October 1** - The Gift of Staying Close to Our Roots

**Sunday, October 8** - The Gift of Reclaiming Our Roots

**Sunday, October 15** - The Gift of Our LGBTQ+ Roots

**Sunday, October 22** - The Gift of Rooting into Science and Reason. Wear your Halloween costume!

**Sunday, October 29** - The Gift of Honoring and Grieving Our Roots and Day of the Dead Celebration. Costumes are encouraged!



## Upcoming Events



### Prepping for Puberty - October 21

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. Held Saturday, October 21, 2023, from 9:30 a.m - 12:30 p.m. Register here: [ticketaailor.com/events/bridgercare/976339?](https://ticketaailor.com/events/bridgercare/976339?)



### UUFB Annual Fall Festival and Pumpkin Carving - October 22

Join us after service! We will have pumpkins, games, and fun fall snacks. It will be outside, so dress for the weather, but costumes are encouraged. Please RSVP with the number of pumpkin carvers in your group to [cre@uufbozeman.org](mailto:cre@uufbozeman.org). This will help us know roughly how many pumpkins to purchase. All are welcome!



### UUFB Important Dates and Holidays

- LGBTQ History Month
- Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15 - Oct. 15)
- Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- Bullying Prevention Month
- ADHD Awareness Month
- Birthday of Mohandas Gandhi - Oct. 2 (1869)
- Thurgood Marshall sworn in - first African American associate justice - U.S. Supreme Court - Oct. 2, 1967
- Ruth Bader Ginsburg joins the U.S. Supreme Court as its second woman Justice - Oct. 4, 1993



# October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> •10:00 service with Rev. Margo Rinehart •11:00 Monthly Birthday/Anniversary Party •11:00 UUFB Orientation Session part 1 of 2	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>8</b> •10:00 service with Nia To Go There, Ph.D. •2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday to MSU QSA •11:00 UUFB Orientation Session part 2 of 2	9	<b>10</b> •4:30 Board Meeting	11	12	13	14
<b>15</b> •10:00 service with Rev. Margo Rinehart •Food Bank Sunday •11:00 Oktoberfest Luncheon	16	17	<b>18</b> •7:00 Men's Group	19	<b>20</b> •6:30 Family Game Night	<b>21</b> •9:30 Prepping for Puberty Workshop
<b>22</b> •10:00 service with Christina Barbachano •Glass Recycling •11:00 Fall Festival & Pumpkin Carving	23	24	25	<b>26</b> •4:30 Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed	27	28
<b>29</b> •10:00 service with Rev. Margo Rinehart •5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday to WCK •6:30 Candlelit Labyrinth Walk	30	31	<b>Nov. 1</b> •10:00 Santa's Workshop Helpers Needed	<b>Nov. 2</b>	<b>Nov. 3</b> •Crazy Days at UU Party (time TBD)	<b>Nov. 4</b>

## 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"** on October 1st and October 8th after Sunday Service.

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.



# BOARD REPORT

As the weather cools, Board activities are heating up. The Board met for our regular monthly meeting Tuesday, September 12 and held our annual retreat the following Saturday, September 16.

## Board Members

President, Jeanne Moe  
 Past President, Elizabeth Rose  
 Treasurer, Bruce DePriester  
 Secretary, Neil Schwarzwald  
 Member-At-Large, Barbara Lantz  
 Member-At-Large, Mary Maifeld



## Regular Business

**Our Whole Lives** – The Board agreed that Jeanne should sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Bridgercare to partner with our OWL sexuality education program. Bridgercare obtained a grant to deliver sexuality education, and this partnership is expected to be of great help promoting and delivering the program.

**Financial** – Ensuring the financial health of UUFB is a fundamental responsibility of the Board of Directors. Bruce DePriester presented our quarterly financial report, noting that we are on solid ground.

The Board agreed to reinvest a portion of our working funds into short-term CDs.

We also discussed membership and attendance in the context of our financials, recognizing that our financial health depends on continuing to attract people to join the UUFB community. We lost a number of members during the pandemic years, both through relocation and death, and are reassured to know that new folks continue to join.

The Board was pleased to learn that several folks have volunteered for the Stewardship committee and are ready to develop and lead our annual Pledge Drive. (Our thanks to the Transition Team for the Service Is Our Prayer initiative!) Activity is planned for mid-October, so the Board was charged with determining a 2024 budget and pledge goal.

We considered adding funding for a choir or musical director to the budget. This addition to staff was researched and approved in previous years, but was delayed by the pandemic.

**Negotiating Team** – The Settled Minister Search Committee asked that a Board member be chosen to serve on the Negotiating Team. Bruce DePriester volunteered and was approved as the Board representative of this three-person team.

## Board Retreat

**Culture** – We discussed the UUFB culture of long meetings and off-topic discussions which may discourage people from volunteering to serve on the Board or committees. The Board agreed that we will take steps to curtail such distractions and make our Board meetings shorter and more effective.



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## Board Report continued....

**Organization** – We agreed that the UUFb committee structure needs clarification. What is a committee vs a “Task Force” or “Team”? Jeanne worked with Board members to draft an organizational chart.

We agreed that the Program Council shall be renamed Leadership Council to more accurately reflect its desired function.

**Committee charges** – All committees should have Charges describing their scope. Charges, charters, or descriptions for committees are scattered in various places, and we were unable to find charges for several committees. We considered the charges/charters/descriptions currently available and discussed how they might be clarified or improved.

It was also noted that there are general charges applicable to all committees, such as developing a budget, reviewing expenditures, and writing and maintaining related policies. Neil will write a general charge applicable to all committees.

**Policies and other documents** – We need a general definition of “policy” and other document types. Policies are approved by the Board and state general objectives and requirements. Committees must have flexibility to conduct their business within the boundaries of their charges and relevant policies.

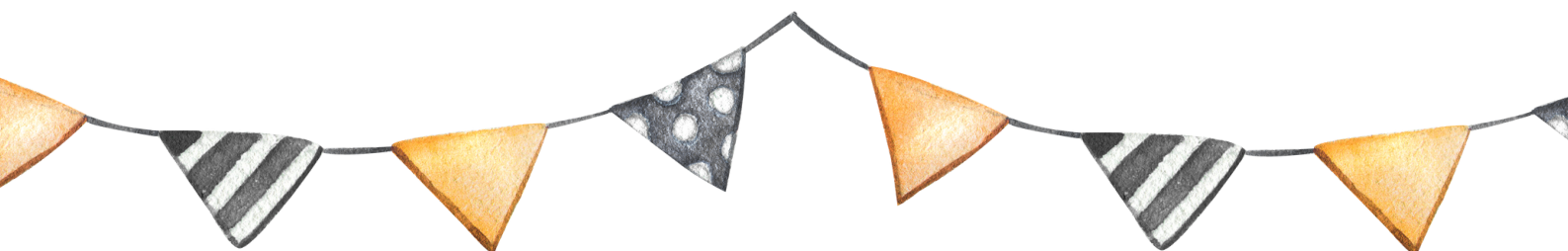
**Liaisons** – Board members volunteered to act as liaisons to each committee; see the chart below. Elizabeth will develop a definition of the role of liaison. In the next few weeks Liaisons will contact their assigned committees and discuss the liaison role, committee charge, committee description (if applicable), and specific committee activities.

Building & Grounds	Barb
Caring	Mary
Committee on Ministry/Transition Team	Jeanne
Communications	Neil
Finance	Bruce
Fundraising	Not assigned
Governance & Leadership	Elizabeth
Hospitality & Membership	Jeanne
Lifespan Religious Exploration	Jeanne
Personnel	Not assigned
Safety	Neil
Social Activities	Mary
Social Justice Action	Barb
Sunday Services	Elizabeth



Our next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10, 4:30–6 PM. All meetings are open to members and friends. 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

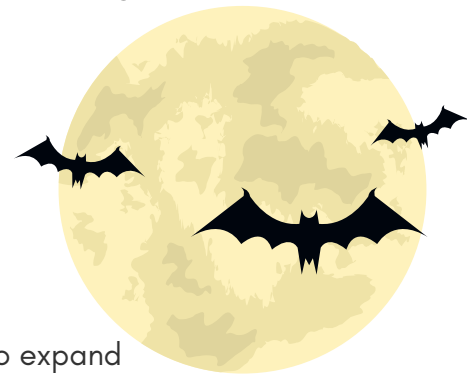


# Moving Forward - The Settled Minister Search

We KNOW you've completed the Congregational Survey! If not here's the link:

<https://forms.gle/jSIEfG5KuctXCA2h9>. Or you can get a paper copy at the fellowship. Our deadline is creeping up, October 8, so *please* don't put it off!

Members of the Search Team are there every Sunday to help you with questions as well as to provide you with access to a computer or hard copy.



Now we would love to gather with you in small discussion groups, also known as "Cottage Meetings," to bounce ideas around, building on results of the survey, to expand and collaborate with one another on these questions:

1. What do you think we are struggling with that we may need some help with?
2. What strengths does our congregation have that the new minister can help us grow and build upon to be even stronger?
3. What are the important qualities and characteristics you would like to see in our new minister? Why?

We'll be offering these opportunities to join a group, with a sign-up coming out soon:

- Saturday, Oct. 14 - 10:30 a.m., Susan Backer's home
- Thursday, Oct. 19 - 2:00 p.m., Lisa Trankley's home
- Thursday, Oct. 19 - 6:30 p.m., ZOOM gathering with Carolyn Boyd
- Sunday, Oct. 29 - 11:30 a.m., after Service

We are looking forward to gathering with you! Your Search Team,

Susan Backer, Carolyn Boyd, Dick Corbin, Cami Armijo-Grover, Lisa Trankley



Families are now living in the buildings on the Journey Home campus on Discovery Drive, thanks to the hard work of the staff and many volunteers who turned these spaces into homes for families. I know that Mary M., Larry C. and Laurel Y. and I all helped. Anybody else? I'd love to hear your story.

At this time, the ways we can help are to do a little more work on the buildings and to make contributions of either money or needed items. I will continue to post these on the listserv as I receive them. The dinners that we provided in the past are on hold now. I am waiting to hear if they will resume. Serenity Juedeman is the new Volunteer and Program Director, so will be our contact.

If you would like to receive the weekly email from Family Promise, go to the website ([familypromisegv.org](http://familypromisegv.org)) and scroll down on the first page until you see "Join the Family". This week's edition featured the story of a family that was living in tents at Hyalite. Family Promise's Prevention Specialist was able to help them find a home by helping with their search, providing money for a security deposit, and asking the rental company to hold the apartment until the family secured the funds they needed. With the family's efforts, Family Promise's help, and the rental company's understanding this family of five is no longer homeless.

Carolyn Boyd, UUFB Liaison to Family Promise



# TRANSITION TALK

The “Service Is Our Prayer” project brought a couple dozen people to sign up for 50 different volunteer roles. Thank you ALL! This brings stability and energy to the life of our Fellowship community. The link to sign up is still on our website, under Members/Friends ([uufbozeman.org/service-is-our-prayer](http://uufbozeman.org/service-is-our-prayer)) so you can still use the sign up to find ways for you to fit in, but we are scaling back our promotion of it for a while. One bit of comment we have heard is that people really appreciated the “Service Is Our Prayer” moments during Sunday services. So an extra thank-you goes to those who shared their own motivations and experiences.

This month the Board and the Transition Team have been completing the 12-month evaluation of interim ministry (not the minister) requested by the UUA Transitions Team. We hope to submit that document by the end of September. (Rev. Margo’s first year ended on July 31, 2023.) We have also provided information to the Ministerial Search Committee as they respond to questions in the Congregational Record.

Our next project will be to follow up on all the input gathered from those who attended the May 7 “Workshop to Shape the Future.” A number of the items brought up in those break-out sessions have already been addressed, we think, so we will be looking for what to report and what to attend to in the next several months.

During the Interim time, the Transition Team also functions as the Committee on Ministry (COM), charged 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](http://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.

Feel free to let us hear from you!

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



# GIVE THANKS TOGETHER JOIN OUR THANKSGIVING HOSTING INITIATIVE



Thanksgiving is quickly approaching, and we need your help! We're on the lookout for gracious hosts who have room for one more cherished guest at their Thanksgiving table. Additionally, if you're interested in hosting a Thanksgiving dinner and extending an invitation to your UUFB friends, we'd love to hear from you. Please take a moment to complete the forms available at the following links:

## **Be a Welcoming Host for One More at Your Thanksgiving Dinner:**

[uufb.breezechms.com/form/thanksgiving-table](https://uufb.breezechms.com/form/thanksgiving-table)

## **Host a Memorable Thanksgiving Dinner for UUFB Friends:**

[uufb.breezechms.com/form/host-thanksgiving](https://uufb.breezechms.com/form/host-thanksgiving)

Your generosity will truly make this Thanksgiving a special and heartwarming occasion for all involved. Thank you for considering this opportunity!

*Soul Matters*



CHALICE CIRCLE

## **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](https://uufbozeman.org/chalice-circles) or let Rev. Margo know about your interest.

## **Upcoming Events**

- 10/1 Sunday Service with Rev. Margo Rinehart
- 10/1 Monthly Birthday/Anniversary Party
- 10/1 UUFB Orientation, part 1 of 2
- 10/5 Faith Over Fear Training
- 10/8 Sunday Service with Nia To Go There, Ph.D.
- 10/8 2nd Sunday to MSU Queer Straight Alliance (QSA)
- 10/8 UUFB Orientation, part 2 of 2
- 10/10 Board Meeting
- 10/15 Sunday Service with Rev. Margo Rinehart
- 10/15 Food Bank Sunday
- 10/15 Oktoberfest Luncheon
- 10/18 Men's Group
- 10/20 Family Game Night
- 10/21 Packathon for Haiti
- 10/21 Prepping for Puberty Workshop
- 10/22 Sunday Service with Christina Barbachano
- 10/22 Glass Recycling
- 10/22 Fall Festival & Pumpkin Carving
- 10/26 Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed
- 10/29 Sunday Service with Rev. Margo Rinehart
- 10/29 5th Sunday to World Central Kitchen (WCK)
- 10/29 Candlelit Labyrinth Walk
- 11/1 Santa's Workshop Volunteers Needed
- 11/3 Crazy Days at UU Party
- 11/23 Thanksgiving Dinner Hosts Needed



STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

# Celebrating Our Community through Giving

Kick off - October 15th - Please pick up your packets  
Celebration - November 3rd - Crazy Days at UU Party

## SEPTEMBER





# Upcoming Events



## Monthly Birthday/Anniversary Party Social Time - October 1

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](https://uufbozeman.org/birthday).



## Faith Over Fear - October 5

The Gallatin Valley Interfaith Association invites you to a Faith Over Fear training with the Shoulder to Shoulder Campaign. Grounding ourselves in our shared ideals and values, we will consider experiences of inclusion and exclusion in Montana and our nation, learn about Islamophobia and consider the role of people of faith in messaging strategies for change. Specifically, we will learn about and practice strategies for being good allies in our Muslim, Jewish, LGBTQ, and non-white neighbors. While the training and celebratory dinner are FREE, you must RSVP to gain access. It will be held Thursday, October 5th from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Bozeman. Register at [montanasynod.org/nrit.html](https://montanasynod.org/nrit.html). As this website offers numerous classes, scroll down until you see "Faith Over Fear."



Queer Straight  
ALLIANCE

## 2nd Sunday Offering to MSU Queer Straight Alliance - October 8

The Social Justice Action Committee (SJAC) has specified that the 2nd Sunday offering will go to MSU Queer Straight Alliance (QSA). Donate to this fund online ([uufbozeman.org/donate](https://uufbozeman.org/donate)) and select "Give to 2nd Sunday charitable donation" or mail a check made out to UUFB & write "QSA" in the memo line. The Montana State University Queer Straight Alliance is the longest standing student run organization, providing support and programming for LGBTQ+ Students for over 40 years.



## UUFB Board Meeting - October 10

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.



## Food Bank Sunday - October 15

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.



## Oktoberfest Luncheon - October 15

Join us for an Oktoberfest luncheon after service on Sunday, October 15th. This is a great social time to enjoy with members & friends. We need volunteers for this event! Please sign up to help with set up, clean up, and to bring food. Sign up at [uufbozeman.org/oktoberfest](https://uufbozeman.org/oktoberfest).



## Men's Group - October 18

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 - October 20

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.



# Upcoming Events

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## Gallatin Valley Packathon for Haiti – October 21

Future Forward for Haiti is organizing an interfaith Gallatin Valley Packathon for Haiti to collect 50,000 lunches for children in a school in Bois Negresse, Haiti. The packathon will be held on October 21st at Hope Lutheran Church in Bozeman. If you would like to help pack lunches, visit [tinyurl.com/packathon](https://tinyurl.com/packathon) and select your packing session time.



## Glass Recycling – October 22

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.



## Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed – October 26

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, contact Randy B.



## 5th Sunday Offering to World Central Kitchen – October 29

The Social Justice Action Committee (SJAC) has specified that the 5th Sunday offering will go to World Central Kitchen (WCK). Donate to this fund online ([uufbozeman.org/donate](https://uufbozeman.org/donate)) and select "Give to 5th Sunday special offering" or mail a check made out to UUFB & write "WCK" in the memo line. WCK is first to the frontlines, providing meals in response to humanitarian, climate, and community crises.



## Candlelit Labyrinth Walk – October 29

Please join us for an evening of outdoor meditation and reflection at the labyrinth by the library. We invite everyone to memorialize the loss of a loved one with a special luminaria. Luminarias will be provided by the Social Activities Committee and be available for pickup at UUFB or Rene's home mid-October. Feel free to decorate your luminary however you would like. Bring your decorated luminary to the labyrinth walk on Sunday, October 29th at 6:30 p.m. The labyrinth is located just off the trail between the Bozeman Public Library and Peet's Hill.



## Santa's Workshop Volunteers – November 1

Help make special holiday gifts for UUFB's homebound friends! We need 8 volunteers that are good with a needle or a glue gun, and 2 to help with a light lunch after the craft. This event will be held at UUFB on Wednesday, November 1st at 10 a.m. Sign up to help at [uufbozeman.org/santas-workshop](https://uufbozeman.org/santas-workshop)

## UUFB Annual Reports

Did you know the UUFB annual reports are available on our website?

[uufbozeman.org/annual-reports](https://uufbozeman.org/annual-reports)



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### Staff

- **Minister:** Rev. Margo Rinehart  
Office Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Thursday 12:00 – 4:00 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](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.

### 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](http://uufbozeman.org/qacc). The Transitions Team reviews submissions at their monthly meetings.

### 2023-2024 Board Members

- President: Jeanne Moe
- Vice President: Open
- Past President: Elizabeth Rose
- Secretary: Neil Schwarzwald
- 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
- Leadership Council: Jeanne Moe, Contact
- Safety Task Force: Neil Schwarzwald, Contact
- 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

