

JANUARY 2024

# UUFB NEWS

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bozeman

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

### **January 7, 2024 • "The Transformative Power of Music: A Personal Journey" with Dr. Jelani Mahiri**

Dr. Jelani Mahiri will share his personal journey about the importance of music in his life, both in times of joy and in times of challenge. Part of that journey includes learning to play instruments and performing music. He will tell his story in both words and music. As we begin the new year, his presentation should inspire all of us to get in touch with our creative side.

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.

### **January 14, 2024 • "What is Beloved Community Anyway?" with Rev. Margo Rinehart**

Wisdom from the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. and others for creating a flourishing community of equity, care, love, and justice.

### **January 21, 2024 • To be announced with Rabbi Sonja K. Pilz, PhD**

Rabbi Sonja K. Pilz, PhD, earned her doctorate from the Department of Rabbinic Literature at Potsdam University in Germany and holds Rabbinic Ordination from Abraham Geiger College in Germany. Prior to becoming the spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Shalom, she worked for the Central Conference of American Rabbis as Editor of CCAR Press. She also taught Worship, Liturgy, and Ritual at HUC-JIR in New York and the School of Jewish Theology at Potsdam University, and served as a rabbinic intern, adjunct rabbi, and cantorial soloist for congregations in Germany, Switzerland, Israel, and the US. Not surprisingly, she loves to write poetry, midrashim, and prayers. Her work has been published in ERGON, Liturgy, Worship, the CCAR Journal, Ritual Well, and a number of anthologies. She lives with her husband and children in Bozeman, MT.

### **January 28, 2024 • "Liberating Love: Random Acts of Kindness and Care" with Rev. Margo Rinehart**

What if we approached the word liberating as a verb? What can we do to release love, understanding, and tolerance from where they are currently under siege?



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# REVEREND REFLECTIONS

## REV. MARGO RINEHART

### How Should We Think About Israel and Gaza?

On October 17th, the Unitarian Universalist Association issued a press release titled, "Statement on the Current Crisis," regarding the situation between Gaza and Israel. The Statement begins with: *The UUA joins the chorus of voices urging an immediate and total ceasefire, the admittance of humanitarian aid, and the restoration of power and water to Gaza to prevent the further staggering loss of human life that is inevitable under the current conditions. We support the call from the United Nations for the evacuation order to be rescinded, warning it will have 'devastating humanitarian consequences.'* We join a wide range of faith-based and humanitarian organization across the globe in condemning the government of Israel's ongoing bombardment, 'total siege,' and forced displacement through an evacuation order of more than 1.1 million residents..." The UU cites its authority, in part, as coming from the congregational delegate vote for the 2002 Action of Immediate Witness: Toward Peace & Justice in the Middle East. In the same statement, the UUA also condemns the horrific terror attacks from Hamas on Israeli civilians, and the taking of innocent hostages, stating there can never be justification for such an attack.

In a joint letter to Congress from Churches for Middle East Peace (<https://cmep.salsalabs.org/231012hillletter>), the UUA called for:

1. Ceasefire, de-escalation, and restraint by all sides.
2. All parties to abide by the laws of war, including the Geneva Conventions and customary international law.
3. Prioritizing steps to secure the immediate release of hostages and ensure international protection for civilians.

But on a personal level, what is next? How do we develop a deeper understanding of how this tragedy impacts us? And from that knowledge, speak and advocate effectively for ceasefire and ending acts that create further vengeance and prevent effective delivery of aid in the already existing humanitarian catastrophe.

In the new year, I will be offering at least one workshop on the conflict in Israel and Gaza. The time is not for intellectual debate, rather a check in to acknowledge how people are experiencing the conflict. The conversation workshops are a time to listen to different truths with love, honesty, respect, and compassion. This is one workshop but will be offered at two separate times. We will all need to manage our own discomfort. We will also have Rabbi Sonja Pilz in our pulpit in January and hopefully speakers from the Islamic Center in February.

While pulling together articles, videos, and an archive of resources for us, it has been emotionally taxing at times – being witness to so much pain. The sheer numbers of wounded and dead are horrific. I'm also aware that our greater UU community does not share an identical understanding of the history of the region or the realities of the current crisis. But we all feed the pain and heartbreak over the killing, kidnappings, displacement, and violence against our human siblings – regardless of their identity. Many of us also worry about being seen as being antisemitic if we call out the actions of Israel. It is not anti-Semitic to want equal rights for all in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Gaza, and Ramallah. Rather it is our Second Principle, *Justice, equity and compassion in human relations* and our Sixth, *the goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all*.

The workshop will be offered twice: Once on Wednesday, January 24th (1-3 p.m.) and the second time on Sunday, January 28th after the Sunday morning service (11:30-1:00). Please sign up at [uufbozeman.org/conversation](http://uufbozeman.org/conversation). I also invite you to spend time with the UUA materials on Gaza, Israel, and Christian Zionism located at [tinyurl.com/uua-resources](http://tinyurl.com/uua-resources). Until we all meet again in the New Year, salaam, shalom, peace.

# RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION



**Religious Exploration (RE) January:** In January, our focus in Religious Education is "Liberating Love." Throughout the month, we will explore love as the guiding force that not only reconnects us to ourselves but also to one another. We'll explore distinctions between comforting love and liberating love, and the differences between a love that provides security and comfort vs a love that encourages us to step beyond our comfort zones.

## January RE Classes:

- **Sunday, January 7** – Love Pulls Us Back to Self
- **Sunday, January 14** – Love Pulls Us Upstream
- **Sunday, January 21** – Love Pulls Us Back to the Table
- **Sunday, January 28** – Love Pulls Us Together



## A Big Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who helped organize Cookies and Connection. It took many hands to set up, prepare food, organize crafts, display our Christmas chain, and clean up. We appreciated everyone's help and hope all enjoyed the treats, crafting, and connection.

Also, thank you to those who organized and participated in caroling for HRDC!



## Celebrating MLK Day

This month we will celebrate MLK Day by creating a community mural after service on Sunday, January 14th and 21st. More information will be coming soon!



# January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>7</b> • 10:00 service with Dr. Jelani Mahiri • 11:00 Monthly Birthday/Anniversary Party	8	<b>9</b> • 4:30 Board Meeting	10	<b>11</b> • 4:30 Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed	12	13
<b>14</b> • 10:00 service with Rev. Margo Rinehart • 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday to Family Promise • 11:00 Soup & Bread Luncheon	15	16	<b>17</b> • 7:00 Men's Group	18	<b>19</b> • 6:30 Family Game Night	20
<b>21</b> • 10:00 service with Rabbi Sonja K. Pilz, PhD • Food Bank Sunday • 11:00 Annual Meeting	22	23	<b>24</b> • 1:00 Conversation Workshop	25	26	27
<b>28</b> • 10:00 service with Rev. Margo Rinehart • Glass Recycling • 11:15 Leadership Council • 11:30 Conversation Workshop	29	30				

## Upcoming Events

- 1/7 Sunday Service with Dr. Jelani Mahiri
- 1/7 Monthly Birthday/Anniversary Party
- 1/9 Board Meeting
- 1/11 Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed
- 1/14 Sunday Service with Rev. Margo Rinehart
- 1/14 2nd Sunday to Family Promise
- 1/14 Soup & Bread Luncheon
- 1/17 Men's Group
- 1/19 Family Game Night
- 1/21 Sunday Service with Rabbi Sonja K. Pilz, PhD
- 1/21 Food Bank Sunday
- 1/21 Annual Meeting
- 1/24 Conversation Workshop
- 1/28 Sunday Service with Rev. Margo Rinehart
- 1/28 Glass Recycling
- 1/28 Leadership Council
- 1/28 Conversation Workshop

# BOARD REPORT

The Board continues to address important issues and improve our organization under the care of our Board President, Jeanne Moe, with Past President Elizabeth Rose consulting. In our December 12 meeting, we welcomed Barbara Tylka to the Board as Vice President, completing our Board leadership.

We are excited at the results of the Pledge Drive! Members and friends rose to the challenge of our Fellowship's 2024 budget needs and actually exceeded our goal. Thank you all for making this happen.

The key discussion in the December Board meeting was preparing for our Annual Meeting. With Covid under control, this will be an in-person meeting with proxies available for those unable to attend. The date for the meeting is January 21, 2024. Votes will be held on the 2024 budget and approval for UUFB to follow the UUA process for Welcoming Congregation Renewal.

We discussed a draft of the 2024 budget from the Finance Committee and suggested several changes. One budget item of interest is the goal of \$5,000 for fundraising, representing gains from bake sales, book sales, auctions, and other events. Meeting this goal will depend on volunteers stepping forward and contributing their talents and time. Such activities not only provide revenue for the Fellowship, they are social interactions that help build our community, and they are a great opportunity for short-term volunteer service.

The budget will be finalized by email vote of the Board with confirmation at our January 2024 meeting. Meeting Notices will be sent in early 2024.

Other topics of Board discussion and action:

- Approved a Charge for the Communications Committee.
- Directed the Communications Committee to review the UUFB Group Email Policy and recommend revisions as needed.
- Discussed Safety Committee plans to improve our security and preparedness.
- Approved changes to minister's health insurance.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2024.

Neil Schwarzwald, UUFB Board Secretary

## *"Returning to the Land" by Dr. Nia To Go There (Cree)*

UUFB friend and valued speaker, Nia To Go There, PhD (Cree) will offer a series of four webinars that are co-sponsored by Decolonizing Quakers. We recommend registering for all four, although this is not required. Nia will recommend short readings for each program. Find the link to the first series at [friendspeaceteams.org/returning-to-the-land-module-1](https://friendspeaceteams.org/returning-to-the-land-module-1). Scroll down to register for the upcoming webinars.

- January 13, 1:30-3 p.m. MST: "Returning to the Land: Cultural Perspectives."
- January 27, 1:30-3 p.m. MST: "Returning to the Land: Seeing with a Native Eye."
- February 10, 1:30-3 p.m. MST: "Returning to the Land: Colonization."
- February 24, 1:30-3 pm MST: "Returning to the Land: Decolonization."

# TRANSITION TALK

Now that we are three-quarters of the way through the two-year interim period between settled ministers, your Transition Team has shifted into a new phase. We're now looking ahead to a smooth ending to Rev. Margo's time with us and the transition to a new settled minister. In addition to completing UUA processes for assessing both the minister and our shared ministry during this interim, we are thinking forward to how things might work with our newly settled minister.

The current Transition Team will work on putting a plan in place for that transition including when and how a new Committee on Ministry will be established and how communication will flow to Rev. X as they join our community.

We know that in a time of transition, communication within the Fellowship is important. We will be polling the congregation (members and friends) in January to gather information to help us identify the most successful channels of communication. There will be only three questions—and one of them asks for a simple demographic fact—so this should not take much time. Watch for various announcements of this poll, with a link to respond to it online.

**Talk to us!** During this Interim time, the Transition Team also functions as the Committee on Ministry, charged to “perceive concerns” that may arise and keep an eye on our shared ministry. If you want to talk with us on a Sunday, you will find us by our green name tags, so do look us up during coffee hour. The main way we hope to 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. If you put your name on your QACC, there can be follow-up, which there is not for anonymous items. Please remember that we want Questions AND Appreciations AND Comments, in addition to any Concerns.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Transition Team: Linda Clark ([lyclark@gmail.com](mailto:lyclark@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))

## *Altar for Grief, Peace, and Hope*



Given the amount of grief, loss and worry that we often experience, we are creating an altar space in the UUFb sanctuary. The space is directly left of the dias, where the silk flowers are currently displayed and just beyond where the Stewardship thermometer was standing in October and November. The altar will have a tall white candle and there will be small cards to be used to write the name of a loved one you are concerned or grieve for. Wishes for peace may also be included or any worry you are carrying that you want to lay down. Please date your card, as they will be removed every two-weeks or so to allow room for those coming after.



Family Promise did the official ribbon-cutting for their A Journey Home campus last week. The story of its acquisition is almost miraculous. A realtor hearing that the buildings might be for sale notified the Director of Family Promise who knew this site would be perfect for Family Promise expansion. She contacted the sellers who promised it would not be listed for sale if she would be able to guarantee – in three days time – that Family Promise would purchase it. The Family Promise Board met, took a deep breath and committed to the purchase. Now Family Promise had 120 days to come up with the down payment. Sources included \$1,000,000 from Gallatin Home, a fund that had been started, and was primarily funded by Bozeman bankers. Gallatin County and the City of Bozeman also chipped in. With only moments to spare, the deal was struck for a site that will include emergency housing, transition housing and work force housing.

There is still emergency housing for four families at Roxie's House – the Episcopal Church rectory where we took meals for families. All other emergency housing is at A Journey Home where families live in one or two bedrooms with a shared kitchen. When families are ready to leave emergency housing they move into larger apartments that include more living space and their own kitchen. They are allowed to stay in transition housing for two years while they save money for a home of their own. There are also two workforce housing apartments that provide affordable housing for people who are not able to afford the high rents in Bozeman. Right now these two spaces are occupied by Family Promise case workers who were planning to leave Bozeman because of housing, but now can stay and be on-site with the families.

There is still some remodeling to be done, but when it is finished, the three buildings of A Journey Home will be able to serve 100 families annually. There is a mortgage that must be paid so all donations are welcome. Go to the Family Promise website for info about how to donate.

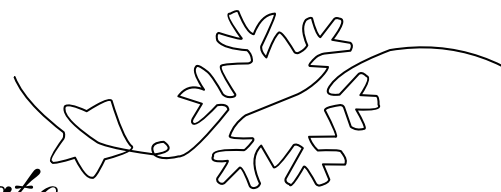
The nearest bus stop to A Journey Home, which is located off Stucky Lane in south Bozeman, is at the MSU campus. Although there is some discussion with Streamline for a closer stop, at this time vehicle donations are especially appreciated so that families will not need to use volunteers to get them where they need to go. If you have a vehicle you no longer need, call Family Promise (406-582-7388) for information about how to make that donation.

Family Promise's vision is to end homelessness in the Gallatin Valley, one family at a time. They are doing it with our help and the help of many others. Every child should have a home.



## *2024 Pledge Goal Update*

The Stewardship team is excited to announce that we have actually exceeded this year's pledge goal. As you can see by our pledge meter, a total of \$231,558 from 97 pledges is a little more than 1% over our goal. This may be only the second time that our pledge goal has been exceeded. This is what we can do when we come together to celebrate our community. It takes all of us to be that community—to show up, to care, to offer a hand, to do our part. We need one another and we give of ourselves to one another. We hope this generous celebration of our community will carry over to sharing our time and talents as well as our treasure in the coming year. **Thank you for ALL your commitment.** May this Fellowship be worth of all our gifts!



# We Need Your Helping Hand.

## **Ignite Fun and Connection - Lead Our Social Activities Team!**

Are you the maestro of merriment, the captain of camaraderie? Our Social Activities team, the heartbeat of our fellowship, orchestrates delightful events like potlucks, soup and bread luncheons, labyrinth walks, and beyond. Now, we're on the lookout for a vibrant new leader to chair this dynamic team - could it be you? If you're passionate about creating memorable moments and fostering a sense of togetherness, we want to hear from you! Email [admin@uufbozeman.org](mailto:admin@uufbozeman.org) to express your interest!

## **Join the Hospitality/Membership Team - Infuse Warmth into Fellowship Moments!**

Are you someone who finds joy in lending a helping hand and connecting with new faces? The Hospitality/Membership Team, the lively soul of our community, is on the lookout for passionate individuals to join their ranks! Picture yourself as part of this dynamic group, greeting attendees during our uplifting Sunday services and extending a heartfelt welcome to newcomers at the Fellowship. If you're ready to infuse warmth into every fellowship moment, we invite you to be a part of our vibrant team. Express your interest by reaching out to [admin@uufbozeman.org](mailto:admin@uufbozeman.org). Let's create a fellowship filled with connection and kindness together!



## **Pacific Western Regional Assembly: April 19-20, 2024**

Join the 2024 Pacific Western Regional Assembly, uniting UU congregations and communities. Whether virtually or in Denver, connect with fellow UUs, featuring a keynote with Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt and Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson. Explore workshops, gatherings, and a Transitions Update. Registration for Regional Assembly opens January 4, 2024, at [pwruua.org](http://pwruua.org).



# Upcoming Events



## Minister Out-of-Office

Rev. Margo will be out of the office on holiday and vacation through January 1st. She will be working remotely on study leave from January 2nd -11th, in Washington State. Study Leave is concentrated work time. Rev. Margo will be available by email, phone, and text during her Study Leave but it may take longer for her to return your communications.



## Monthly Birthday/Anniversary Party Social Time - January 7

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



## Conversation Workshop - Sign Up Now! Held January 24 or 28

Rev. Margo is offering a workshop on the conflict in Israel and Gaza. The time is not for intellectual debate, rather a check in to acknowledge how people are experiencing the conflict. The conversation workshops are a time to listen to different truths with love, honesty, respect, and compassion. The workshop will be offered twice: Once on Wednesday, January 24th (1-3 p.m.) and the second time on Sunday, January 28th after the Sunday morning service (11:30-1:00). Please sign up at [uufbozeman.org/conversation](https://uufbozeman.org/conversation). Rev. Margo also invites you to view the UUA materials on Gaza, Israel, and Christian Zionism located at [tinyurl.com/uua-resources](https://tinyurl.com/uua-resources).



## UUFB Board Meeting - January 9

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.



## 2nd Sunday Offering to Family Promise - January 14

The Social Justice Action Committee (SJAC) has specified that the offering will go to Family Promise of Gallatin Valley. You can donate to this fund by giving online ([uufbozeman.org/donate](https://uufbozeman.org/donate)) and selecting "Give to 2nd Sunday charitable donation" or you can make out a check made to UUFB with "Family Promise" in the memo line.

Family Promise of Gallatin Valley in Montana is a non-profit organization working with our community to develop comprehensive, holistic solutions for families facing homelessness. They provide prevention services before families reach crisis, shelter, and case management when they become homeless, and stabilization programs once they have secured housing to ensure they remain independent.



## Soup & Bread Luncheon Help Needed - January 14

Join us for a Soup & Bread Luncheon after service on Sunday, January 14th. This is a great social time to enjoy with members & friends. We need help with this event! Please sign up to bring soup or bread for the luncheon and to help with set-up & clean up at [uufbozeman.org/soup-bread](https://uufbozeman.org/soup-bread).



## Men's Group - January 17

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 Men's Group email list, please send a message to the Office Admin.



# Upcoming Events

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## Family Game Night – January 19

Do you enjoy board games or card games? Family Game Night is held the third Friday of each month at 6:30 p.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 – January 21

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.

## Annual Meeting – January 21

Our January Annual Meeting will take place on January 21, 2024. Votes will be held on the 2024 budget and approval for UUFB to follow the UUA process for Welcoming Congregation Renewal. Please plan to attend. Meeting Notices will be sent in early 2024 with details and proxy forms for those who cannot attend in person.

## Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed – January 11

2-3 Volunteers from UUFB are needed at Fork & Spoon from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Please sign up at least a week before the scheduled date by filling out the form located at [uufbozeman.org/fork-spoon](http://uufbozeman.org/fork-spoon). If you have questions, please contact Randy B.

## Glass Recycling – January 28

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! **We need a volunteer! Sign up at [uufbozeman.org/glass-recycling](http://uufbozeman.org/glass-recycling)**. Please do not leave the glass on other Sundays at the fellowship, as we have no room to store it.

## Leadership Council (formerly known as Program Council) – January 28

Leadership Council will meet on Sunday, January 28th at 11:15 a.m. in person and on Zoom following the service. Leadership Council is an opportunity for our fellowship leaders (committee chairs, board members, and our minister) to share information, make connections, and find ways to expand our shared ministry. All are welcome to attend.

## Communications Poll Coming Soon

The Transition team will be polling the congregation (members and friends) in January to gather information to help us identify the most successful channels for internal communication within UUFB. There will be only three questions—and one of them asks for a simple demographic fact—so it should not take much time. Watch for additional announcements and an emailed link to the survey.

## 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.



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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!

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### 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: Barbara Tylka
- 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: Peg Wherry, Contact
- Finance Committee: Bruce DePriester, Chair
- Fundraising: Leona Poritz, Contact
- Governance/Leadership: Susan Backer, Contact
- Hospitality/Membership: Tonya Stevens, Chair
- 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: Open
- 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: Warren Knipfer
- Women's Group: Open
- Youth Group: Beth Witte

### Spiritual Pluralism Group Leader

- UU Humanist Group: Sara Williams, Contact

