

MAY 2024

UUFb NEWS

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bozeman

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

May 5, 2024 • "Flower Communion" with Rev. Margo Rinehart

A celebration of our community and Unitarian history. Bring a flower or a few flowers to share with others in our intergenerational exchange of joy and purpose.

May 12, 2024 • "My Surprising Journey from Surrogacy to Motherhood" with Lisa Baker

Who do we choose to mother? Who chooses us to mother them? Lisa speaks publicly for the first time about carrying a baby for a gay male couple – and years later gaining a daughter.

May 19, 2024 • "The Gift of Pluralism" with Rev. Margo Rinehart

A service to explore pluralism in the realms of community, culture, and our personal identities. As Walt Whitman famously said, "I am large, I contain multitudes!"

May 26, 2024 • To be Announced

More information about this service will be announced soon.

We Need You!

Have you ever wondered how UUFb runs? It exists and runs because we have an ever-changing and dedicated group of folks who are as committed as you are to keep our beloved community moving forward. In a sense, we are all in the same boat.

The Board of the UUFb is the rudder for the boat. And right now, our Board needs a Vice President to help steer. If you were looking to have an impact on our world beyond your day-to-day professional or retired life, there is no better chance than this! And if you have never been in a position like this before, now is your opportunity to learn and grow with the aid of the many members who have stepped up before you. Consider this: what better way to get to know our next minister than to participate closely with that person as you serve your UUFb community?

The VP spends a year learning, then a year leading as President (with help), then a year advising as Past President. We are willing to consider creative ways to make this work for you: co-chairing is possible and/or limiting the total time required. Please reward UUFb by agreeing to serve. –Governance & Leadership Committee



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF BOZEMAN

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REVEREND REFLECTIONS

REV. MARGO RINEHART

The Spirit of Dreams

For years I have been a strong believer that dreams show us what is bubbling up from our unconscious mind. They help us process what we have experienced during the day - to make meaning from those encounters. During this time of preparing to leave my ministry at UUF� and being in my own discernment about where to go next, my dream life has been very active. Last Tuesday night, after watching the Board working with the new reality of UUF� temporarily not having a ministerial match, my dreams tell me you will all be all right.

I awoke from a dream of seven cyclists preparing for a mid-length ride. All the riders had brightly colored bicycles and shirts of different colors. The scene was turquoise, green, coral, and magenta. An outrageous display of color! And the cyclists were huddled around the UUF� picnic table discerning the best route to accomplish their objectives. There was discussion and much consideration of the elevation gain and cumulative abilities of the riders. Meanwhile, I was opening a tool bag to make sure that all needed tools were present and in good working order. I polished just a little bit of rust from one and dusted the others. They were in great shape. As I handed the tools to the cyclists, mentioning that I didn't think they would need them as their bicycles had been so well maintained, the "aha" moment came!

The cyclists have the faces of your UUF� Board. Decorated, hopeful, prepared and working in concert for the good of the whole Fellowship. They have the map, tools, wisdom, and experience to get the ride done. The dream reflects my perception of your future: bright, enlivened, and purposeful. That is not to say that cycling is not hard work. Your part is to keep them nourished and hydrated with your confidence and gratitude. Just when you think this story can't get better, it ends with a certain UUF� member riding in the parking lot on her trike and yelling over "Don't leave without me!" You've got this UUF�! Just keep pedaling even if it gets hilly. The downhill and tailwinds are on the other side.

The Door of Dreams by **Jessie Belle Rittenhouse**

**I often passed the Door of Dreams
But never stepped inside,
Though sometimes, with surprise, I saw
The door was open wide.**

**I might have gone forever by,
As I had done before,
But one day, when I passed, I saw
You standing in the door.**



What does our national Unitarian Universalist Association think of us? A report from your Interim Minister.

Over the past few months a few of you have asked questions about how the UUA views UUF� and whether that has had any impact on you making a match for a minister. Let me assure you that your Regional Representative, Sarah Schurr, always refers to you as the "wonderful congregation." When I contacted her back in 2022, she enthusiastically described your caring for one another and engagement in community work.

But let's think larger for a moment. Last week I was in the Interim Ministry Seminar that occurs each spring and is led by Keith Kron, Director of the Transitions Office - which is the office that handles all the matching of UU ministers to UU congregations. Many of the ministers at the seminar are currently in Search for Contract and Interim ministry positions. I put in a pitch for UUF� and let them know that the posting was happening soon, and they should keep a look out. Keith Kron followed immediately with describing what a solid congregation you are and that "they are doing a lot of good work" both in the congregation and Montana. His later comments made me realize that he actually reads all the paperwork we send him and that UUF� is appreciated at the UUA level for all it is doing for greater Montana. Even the UUA former President, Susan Fredrick Gray, knows about your legislative efforts. You've got this!

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION



Religious Exploration (RE) May: Pluralism

This month in RE we'll be talking about one of my favorite things: crayons! Why? Because crayons offer a fun way to teach about our theme this month, pluralism.

We'll imagine the world as a big box of crayons and notice each crayon is a different color. We'll spend time thinking about what qualities our pictures have when we only use one color vs many different colors. Can we say more with more colors, communicate more clearly, or enjoy the contrast between colors? Do different colors work well together? Can we appreciate every color in some way?

May RE Classes:

- **Sunday, May 5** - Flower Communion! (*Intergenerational Service - Children will stay in service)
- **Sunday, May 12** - Many Sources: We have many roots
- **Sunday, May 19** - Many People: Everyone is included
- **Sunday, May 26** - Many Views: We need each other to see the whole picture

Flower Service Participation

We are looking for youth readers for the Flower Service. Children will read a few lines as part of the skit for Story for All Ages. A parent can help if children are shy or need help reading. Email Beth at cre@uufbozeman.org if your child would like to participate.

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Earth Day Celebration and Bowling!!



May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 • 12:00 Midweek Refuge	2	3	4 • World Labyrinth Day
5 • 10:00 service with Rev. Margo Rinehart • 11:00 Monthly Birthday/Anniversary Party • 11:00 Making Connections	6	7 • 4:30 Chalice Circle	8 • 12:00 Midweek Refuge	9	10	11 • 9:30 Puberty Workshop
12 • 10:00 service with Lisa Baker • 2 nd Sunday to Planned Parenthood • 11:20 Leadership Council	13	14 • 4:30 Board Meeting	15 • 12:00 Midweek Refuge • 5:30 Choir Rehearsal • 7:00 Men's Group	16	17	18
19 • 10:00 Sunday Service • Food Bank Sunday • 11:00 Annual Meeting	20	21	22 • 12:00 Midweek Refuge • 5:30 Choir Rehearsal	23	24	25
26 • 10:00 Sunday Service • Glass Recycling	27	28	29 • 12:00 Midweek Refuge	30	31	

Upcoming Events

- 5/1 Midweek Refuge
- 5/4 World Labyrinth Day
- 5/5 Sunday Service with Rev. Margo Rinehart
- 5/5 Monthly Birthday/Anniversary Party
- 5/5 Making Connections: UUFNB Orientation
- 5/7 Chalice Circle
- 5/8 Midweek Refuge
- 5/11 Prepping for Puberty Workshop
- 5/12 Sunday Service with Lisa Baker
- 5/12 2nd Sunday Offering to Planned Parenthood
- 5/12 Leadership Council
- 5/14 Board Meeting
- 5/15 Midweek Refuge
- 5/15 Men's Group
- 5/15 Choir Rehearsal
- 5/19 Sunday Service with Rev. Margo
- 5/19 Food Bank Sunday
- 5/19 Annual Meeting
- 5/22 Midweek Refuge
- 5/22 Choir Rehearsal
- 5/26 Sunday Service
- 5/26 Glass Recycling
- 5/29 Midweek Refuge

THE UUFb HUMANIST GROUP STUDIES THE PROPOSED REVISION TO ARTICLE II OF THE UUA BY-LAWS

The UUFb Humanist Group meets approximately every two weeks. We have spent quite some time discussing, studying, pondering the UUA by-law revisions to Article II as proposed by the UUA Study Commission. Article II of the UUA by-laws contains the current Purposes, Principles and Sources of our denomination. As you probably know, the current Purposes, Principles and Sources are printed in our bulletin every Sunday.

After much study and discussion, the regular attendees to our humanist group are opposed to the UUA Article II by-law revision. That being said, we do think that it is so important that everyone take the time to study these proposed revisions and to investigate both sides of this issue. The proposed revisions will be voted on at General Assembly (GA) this coming June. A 2/3 vote from delegates is required for passage. If the revisions pass, the current Purposes, Principles and Sources, as we know them, will no longer be in the UUA by-laws.

To assist in your exploration of this issue, here are a few web addresses that might be helpful:

- uua.org article 2
- save7principles.org
- fifthprincipleproject.org

After the UUFb Annual Meeting May 19th, time will be made available for folks to discuss the issues surrounding the proposed revisions to Article II of the UUA by-laws.

UUFb Humanist Group: David Andes, Duncan Chambers, Bruce DePriester, Norm Eggert, Sandra Oldendorf, Neil Schwarzwaldner, Jo Anne Troxel, Mattie Whitehouse, Sara Williams, Dick Young

Save THE Date

Save the date for Rev. Margo's last service! It will be a potluck at Bozeman Pond on Sunday, June 23 with special guest Judy Fjell!

SETTLED MINISTER SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The second round of the Settled Minister Search has been completed, and it was not successful. That ends the work of this committee, and our UUFb Board must make the decision on how to move ahead. The possibilities are searching for either an Interim or a Contract Minister. This is usually completed by a small Task Force of the Board.

We have truly appreciated all of the help and support we've gotten from all of you in this almost year long process. Now - we all need to support the Board.

The Search Committee: Susan Backer, Carolyn Boyd, Dick Corbin, Cami Armijo-Grover, Lisa Trankley



May Welcoming
Day of Observance

May 17 marks the annual observance of the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT). The theme for this year's IDAHOBIT is "No one left behind: equality, freedom and justice for all." From the organizers: "The world has just celebrated the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights ... and yet, we know that "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights" represents a promise not yet fulfilled – for LGBTIQ people across the world, and for everyone experiencing the suffocating impact on their lives of diverse layers of inequalities. This year's IDAHOBIT theme is a call for unity: only through solidarity for each other will we create a world without injustice, where no one is left behind."

BOARD REPORT

Minister Search

The Board interacted extensively with the Settled Minister Search Committee in April. We were all disappointed that we did not find a successful minister candidate under the UUA process. With the conclusion of that process, responsibility for finding a minister has shifted back to the Board. While Search Committee members continue to provide consulting to the Board, the committee was officially disbanded.

None of this reflects badly on UUFB as a congregation, but more clearly points to our location and the rarity of UU ministers in our part of the country. The Board continues to have confidence that we will find a suitable minister, but we are pursuing different options.

In a special meeting April 23, the Board considered two main options: finding a contract minister or finding another interim minister. The UUA can provide assistance in locating a contract minister, but the process is less well defined, and the shortage of UU ministers in our area would still be an issue. We could also seek a contract minister outside of the UUA, even one who is of another faith tradition.

The Board is still open to the contract minister option, but decided that our best prospect is to again pursue an interim minister. We took the work prepared by the Search Committee and reposted this as our record in the UUA interim minister search process, which is now under way. The ratio of the number of interim minister candidates to the number of searching congregations is favorable, so this process seems likely to produce suitable candidates.

The Board created a four-person task force consisting of Jeanne Moe, Mary Maifeld, Barbara Tylka, and Neil Schwarzwaldner to review candidates and report back to the rest of the Board. We will see the results of this search by early June.

Other Business

- The Board approved a policy for Memorial Gifts. This policy specifies that any monetary gifts from memorial services will be invested in the Endowment Fund unless a different use is specified.
- Mary Maifeld volunteered to work with other UU congregations in Montana/Wyoming for a shared retreat this summer. Mary would welcome assistance from anyone who wishes to be a part of the planning process.
- Following the Fellowship Meeting on May 19, there will be a discussion of changes proposed to the 7 Principles and other UUA Bylaws. These changes will be voted on in the General Assembly June 20-23. It is important that our congregation consider the changes and let our 3 delegates know our views.



A collaboration between Bridgercare and the Help Center and hosted by UUFB, this workshop is for youth ages 8-12 to do with their trusted adult(s). Youth learn about physical, emotional & social changes of puberty, while adults discuss how to support their kids during puberty. Held Saturday, May 11, 2024 from 9:30 a.m - 12:30 p.m. To register visit: tickettailor.com/events/bridgercare/1201648?

Join Our Choir!

Join our choir led by Megan Makeever! All skill levels welcome. Connect, express, and spread joy through communal singing. Practices: 3rd and 4th Wednesdays of every month from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Email meganmakeever@gmail.com to join our mailing list!





Family Promise makes a difference.

We often think of Family Promise as providing shelter for families, which it does. But it also has staff that works to keep families from becoming homeless. Using rental payment assistance, landlord mediation, and transportation and utility support, Family Promise works with families to avoid the trauma of losing their housing. In 2023, 90 families were able to escape homelessness through these efforts.

Another Family Promise program is the Rising Stars Early Learning Center which is located at the Family Promise headquarters on Tschache Avenue. Anyone who has ever worked while having small children knows how critical good daycare is to being able to keep a job. Colorful classrooms, trained teachers, and a solid curriculum help kids learn while their parents work. In 2023, 107 children attended Rising Stars. Children from three weeks of age to kindergarten age can attend. No child is turned away. Most of the children attending are covered by some sort of scholarship. Last year \$156,888 in scholarships were awarded.

The diversionary program helps prevent homelessness and the Rising Stars day care helps families move from emergency shelter, to transactional housing and eventually to housing of their own. Paired with emergency shelter and transitional housing, Family Promise made a difference for 303 families (797 individuals) last year. The goal is to be able to serve 500 families by 2025.

This can only happen with support of the community. You can help by:

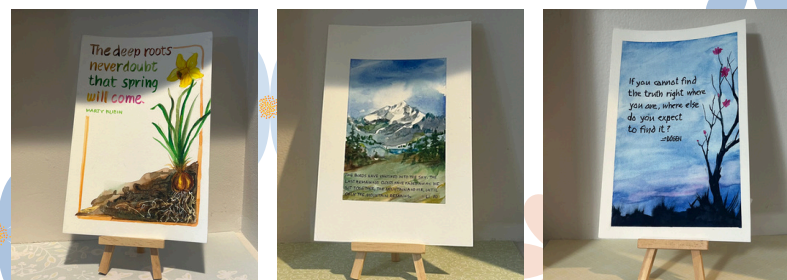
- making a financial donation at familypromisegv.org/donate
- providing personal hygiene, and cleaning supplies by dropping them in the bin in the social hall
- volunteering for tasks as they arise

Keep watching the listserv for ways you can help!

-Carolyn Boyd, UUFB Family Promise Coordinator



Thank you to Lynn Flaming for sharing the Amish handmade quilt!



Thank you to Rose Toth for providing the beautiful art in our entry!

Your Legacy, Our Future

In late April a year ago, we held a “Growing Forward Together” event at the Legacy Giving Committee explained how legacy gifts benefit the Fellowship in the future. Legacy gifts, sometimes called “planned gifts,” are gifts made after your death, according to your instructions. Gifts like these let you provide for UUFBozeman’s future while making sound financial plans for yourself and your family. A legacy gift carries your commitment to the Fellowship into the future.



A legacy gift begins with your intention to include UUFBozeman in your will or as a beneficiary on an insurance policy or retirement account. Once you decide to carry your commitment to UUFBozeman into the future with such a gift, you fill out a Donor Intent Form so that we can follow up with your family or representative when the time comes. Several people who attended last year’s event have completed Donor Intent Forms that are now on file.

Legacy giving is quite different from our annual Stewardship campaign every fall, when we ask members and friends to identify what they can contribute to our annual operating fund. That’s for the day-to-day life of the Fellowship in the following year. A legacy gift, however, is for the future, however long that might be.

There will soon be Legacy Giving information in the “Donate” section of the UUFBozeman.org website. The information can appear complicated, and everyone’s situation is different. If you have been thinking about this yourself, please contact one of our Legacy Giving stewards:

Pam Poon (pgracep@gmail.com), David Rockafellow (dave.rockafellow@gmail.com), Peg Wherry (pegwherry@bresnan.net)

Chalice Circle

The Worship and Small Group theme for the month of May is *The Gift of Pluralism*. The UUA’s Soul Matters curriculum group invites us to consider pluralism as applying to our identities, politics and communities. Here are a few starters:

Author Gareth Gwyn invites us to focus on our shared humanity: “Once we reckon with the paradox of how the perceived other is both distinct and a direct reflection of us, then we see ourselves in that mirror. We see everyone and everything as reflecting an aspect of ourselves that we get to reclaim. Those we might have judged become guideposts to our own liberation. Our triggers become welcomed signs that we have rejected something inside us. The idea that you are either with us or against us is a limiting lens that perpetuates humanity’s suffering. The recognition that you are us, that everyone is us, allows our self-love to humanize others into belonging.”

Unitarian Universalist, Connie Simon asks us: “When I started attending a UU church, I was excited by the promise of worship that would draw from the arts, science, nature, literature and a multitude of voices. Indeed, some of the voices that UUs hear in worship each week belong to Thoreau, Emerson, Ballou, and others. Their words are beautiful, but they come from a culture and experience that’s foreign to me. When do I get to hear voices from my culture?”

You can discuss pluralism at the Chalice Circle on Tue., May 7th and hear more about pluralism in Rev. Margo’s sermon on May 19th. To attend the Chalice Circle, please contact Rev. Margo first (minister@uufbozeman.org).

Soul Matters



CHALICE CIRCLE

TRANSITION TALK



Midweek Refuge has been in place since the end of January. Our building has been open from noon to 2:00 p.m. every Wednesday, for everyone. One person who attended recently said, on the way out, "I really needed this today," reminding us how valuable our refuge is. However, with summer approaching and our minister situation uncertain, we have decided to continue this project through May and then discontinue it until fall. Thus, if you have been hoping to take advantage of this opportunity for quiet reflection, you need to stop by on a Wednesday in May. Even during this summer hiatus, Refuge could be offered in a time of crisis. We will be considering how to promote this in the community, but one of the best ways to "advertise" is word of mouth, which happens when each of us shares information with our friends and neighbors. So if you ever have an opening to mention that our Refuge is for anyone in the community, please talk it up.

We have been working on **two assessments for the UUA** with June deadlines. One is for Rev. Margo's progress to full ministerial fellowship (sort of like tenure for university faculty) and the other is to assess our shared ministry during this interim period. (The Board also has input in these processes.) We have almost completed the former and will be focusing on the latter in a work session in early May.

We are also continuing work on possible revisions to the charge to our standing **Committee on Ministry (COM)** and policies governing the COM in the future. We hope to wrap this up in late May.

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 to keep an eye on our shared ministry. We do that best by hearing from UUFb members and friends. On a Sunday during coffee hour, you will know us by our green name tags.

Another major way you can reach us 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. If you put your name on your QACC, there can be follow-up, which cannot happen with anonymous items. Please remember that we want Questions AND Appreciations AND Comments, in addition to Concerns.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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)

*Midweek
Refuge*
A time and space for reflection and renewal.

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Upcoming Events

World Labyrinth Day - May 4

Every year on the first Saturday in May thousands of people around the globe participate in World Labyrinth Day as a moving meditation for world peace and celebration of the labyrinth experience. Many "Walk as One at 1" local time to create a rolling wave of peaceful energy passing from one time zone to the next. Labyrinth facilitator Amy Zarndt will be on hand at the Bozeman labyrinth located near the library just off the Pete's Hill Trail.

Bring a Flower to Service - May 5

Our Flower Communion service is Sunday, May 5th. Bring a flower to share with fellow members of the UUF� community, whether it's carefully cultivated by a florist, lovingly nurtured in a garden, or spontaneously sprung by the roadside.

Monthly Birthday/Anniversary Party Social Time - May 5

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.

Making Connections: UUF� Orientation Session - May 5

Are you new to this Fellowship? Maybe you have been here awhile, and you would like to know more about our beliefs and practices. All of the curious are invited to join the Hospitality and Membership team at our "Making Connections: UUF� Orientation Session" on Sunday, May 5th about 10 minutes after the service ends. Childcare will be provided. For about 45 minutes, Rev. Margo and others will join in discussion about UU origins, UUF� activities, and your own stories. Please contact Tonya Stevens (stevens_tonya@msn.com) of the Hospitality and Membership team with any questions.

2nd Sunday Offering to Planned Parenthood - May 12

The Social Justice Action Committee (SJAC) has specified that the offering will go to Planned Parenthood. Donate to this fund by giving online (uufbozeman.org/donate) and selecting "Give to 2nd Sunday charitable donation" or mail in a check made out to UUF� and write "parenthood" in the memo line.

At Planned Parenthood our mission is to ensure all people have access to the care and resources they need to make informed decisions about their bodies, their lives, and their futures. Founded in 1916, Planned Parenthood is a trusted health care provider, educator, and passionate advocate here in the U.S. as well as a strong partner to health and rights organizations around the world. Each year, Planned Parenthood delivers vital sexual and reproductive health care, sex education, and information to millions of people.

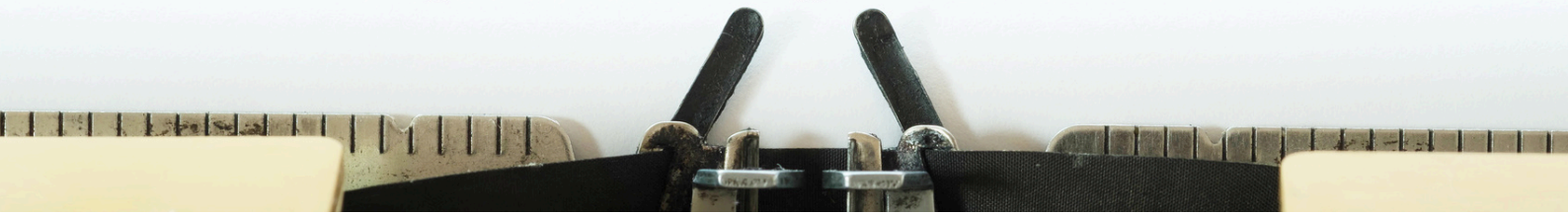
Leadership Council - May 12

Leadership Council will meet on Sunday, May 12 at 11:20 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.

Board Meeting - May 14

The UUF� Board meets at UUF� 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.

Upcoming Events



Men's Group - May 15

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.



Food Bank Sunday - May 19

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 - May 19

The UUFB Annual Meeting will be held after service to vote on the slate of 2024-2025 Board candidates. This meeting will be held in person only, so please try to attend!



Glass Recycling - May 26

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.** Please do not leave the glass on other Sundays at the fellowship, as we have no room to store it.



Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed - June 13

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. If you have questions, please contact Randy B.



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.

Join the UUFB Hiking Group!

Would you like to be a part of our UUFB Hiking Group e-mail list? It's a great way to stay updated on our upcoming hikes and connect with fellow nature enthusiasts. If you're interested, reach out to Dick C. or email our Office Admin at admin@uufbozeman.org, and we'll make sure you're added to the list. Whether you're a seasoned hiker or just looking to enjoy the outdoors in good company, we welcome you to join us on our moderate hikes with a comfortable pace and fantastic camaraderie!





UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP of BOZEMAN

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
- **Choir Director:** Megan Makeever

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.

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.



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