

UUFB Announcements

September 22, 2024



Step Up to Lead: Fostering Spiritual Growth and Leadership Opportunities

A Chance to Grow: Our mission statement says that we “foster spiritual growth.” That can take many forms, including deepening spiritual awareness. It may seem like Board or committee work can’t possibly lead to *spiritual* growth. But our leaders recognize and nurture the diverse spiritualities of all who join with us, and commitment to our collective mission and covenant also leads to individual growth. We currently have a vacancy in the Vice-President/President-Elect slot on our Board. The sooner we fill this position, the more time that leader has to settle in and learn the role. Serving our community in this way can, in addition to spiritual growth, provide ways for leaders to develop new skills or awareness as well as to use one’s recognized abilities in support of the whole. If you are willing to step up, or if you can suggest someone who would be a good leader, please contact Tonya Stevens, of our Leadership and Governance Committee, right now at stevens_tonya@msn.com.

Fall Minister Schedule and Pastoral Care Updates

This fall, Rev. Margo is working primarily from Washington State but will be here in person, at UUFB October 20-27th. At other times she has phone and virtual office hours each week: Sunday through Wednesday from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. MDT. You can reach her at minister@uufbozeman.org or through the UUFB website. Voicemail can also be left at 406-586-1368 extension 1.

While Rev. Margo is in Washington, in person pastoral care is being provided by Rev. Roxy Klingensmith, who can be reached at 406.580.4748 or julianofnorwich@msn.com.

Glass Recycling – September 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! Thanks to Mattie W. for taking our glass recycling this month! Please do not leave the glass on other Sundays at the fellowship, as we have no room to store it.

Fairy Village Tour & Ice Cream Social – September 22

Attention all Fairy Fans of all ages! The Social Activities Committee invites all Friends of the Fairies to come and tour the Bumblewood Fairy Village at Glen Lake Rotary Park (304 Gallatin Park Dr, Bozeman) on Sunday, September 22nd. We will gather at 1:00 p.m. at the East Entrance to Bumblewood and walk the approximately 1/2 mile loop to view the homes and businesses of Bumblewood Fairy Village. On the way back to the East Entrance, we will stop in the Fairy Grove for an ice cream treat. Your finest fairy attire is encouraged. The East Entrance to Bumblewood is on Boylan Road. A map will be sent on the Listserv. To be sure that we have enough treats, please RSVP to dlknipfer@gmail.com.

Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed – September 26

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.

5th Sunday Offering to Minister Discretionary Fund – September 29

The Social Justice Action Committee (SJAC) has specified that this offering will go to the Minister Discretionary

Fund (MDF). Donate online (uufbozeman.org/donate) and select "Give to 5th Sunday special offering" or write a check payable to UUFB with "MDF" in the memo line.

The Minister's Discretionary Fund allows our minister to provide confidential financial assistance to fellowship and community members in times of need. Your generous donations to this fund help us extend a caring hand to those facing unexpected hardships.

Chalice Circle – October 1

The Chalice Circle group that formed last year is inviting new members to join for 2024-25. This is a lay-led group that meets at the Fellowship at **4:30-6:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month**. At each meeting, the group discusses the month's Soul Matters theme in depth. Resources from Soul Matters packets include discussion prompts, links to podcasts, readings, poetry, and more. Our first meeting **October 1** will focus on Deep Listening. Other themes this year include Repair, Presence, Story, and Inclusion. If you are interested in joining the group this fall, please contact Lisa B. to receive the materials (our Admin can provide contact information).

Men's Group – October 3

All men are invited to the UUFB Men's Group meeting on the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at UUFB. Connect with others, engage in discussions, and explore shared interests. Newcomers welcome! To join the email list, please send a message to admin@uufbozeman.org.

Monthly Birthday & Anniversary Party Social Time – October 6

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.

Board Meeting – October 8

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

Garden Party Volunteers Unite! – October 12

There will be a garden bed renewal party on Saturday, October 12th, beginning at 10 a.m. This will involve turning the soil in the front half of the front bed, amending the soil, and planting Spring flowering bulbs. Please contact Joy (4joylaclaire@gmail.com) to volunteer for this fun activity to enjoy our renewed garden next Spring.

2nd Sunday Offering to Toward Right Relationship with Native Peoples – October 13

The Social Justice Action Committee (SJAC) has specified that this offering will go to Friends Peace Teams and be designated for Toward Right Relationship with Native Peoples. Donate online (uufbozeman.org/donate) and select "Give to 2nd Sunday charitable donation" or write a check payable to UUFB with "TRR" in the memo line.

What would right relationship among Native and non-Native peoples of North America look like? How can we begin to take steps in that direction in our communities, places of interest worship, schools, and other institutions? The Toward Right Relationship with Native Peoples (TRR) program promotes education, reflection, dialogue, and action in response to these queries. The goal of the TRR program is to build relationships between Native and non-Native communities based on truth, respect, justice, and our shared humanity.

Food Bank Sunday – October 20

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 member will bring them to the food bank.

RE Youth (6-12 grade) Crop Hunger Walk – October 20

Mark your calendars for Gallatin Valley Youth Events! These events are for youth in 6th through 12th grades. In collaboration with UUFB, Hope Lutheran, and others in Bozeman once a month. These are fantastic gatherings just for youth!

Join us on Sunday, October 20, from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. MDT at the Gallatin Valley Food Bank (206 East Griffin Drive Bozeman, MT 59715) for our youth event supporting the CROP Hunger Walk! This is a great chance for us to come together, have fun, and make a real impact by raising funds to fight hunger in our community and beyond. Lace up your shoes, bring your energy, and let's walk together to support those in need!

Candlelit Memorial Labyrinth Walk – October 27

Please join us for an evening of outdoor meditation and reflection at the labyrinth by the library October 27th at 6 p.m. We invite everyone to memorialize the loss of a loved one with a special luminary. Memorial luminary kits are available at UUFB. Feel free to decorate your luminary however you would like. Bring your decorated luminary to the labyrinth walk. The labyrinth is located just off the trail between the Bozeman Public Library and Peet's Hill.

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, simply 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!

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., with performances at the last Sunday of the month. No choir during the summer months. Email meganmakeever@gmail.com to join our e-mail list!

QACCs are here for you!

Do you have any Questions, Appreciations, Comments, or Concerns (QACCS)? The Committee on Shared Ministry eagerly awaits your input! You can conveniently submit your QACCs online at uufbozeman.org/qacc. Submissions are reviewed during their monthly meetings.

Smile Ambassadors Needed: Join Our Welcome Crew!

UUFB's Hospitality/Membership Team is on the lookout for warm-hearted volunteers to help us roll out the red carpet. If you've got a knack for making newcomers feel at home and a passion for building connections, we want you! Join our Sunday morning crew and be the first smile people see when they walk through our doors. Ready to spread some joy and help our community grow? Email admin@uufbozeman.org and become part of our welcoming wave!



Adult Religious Education - Spiritual Pluralism Project Group

Our Fellowship has a Spiritual Pluralism group. The group usually 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 - The UU Humanist Group explores Humanism and its role in Unitarian Universalism. For more information and to find out when the next meeting is please contact Sara W. (contact our Office Admin at admin@uufbozeman.org for her email).

Volunteers Needed: It's Parade Time Again! – September 28

The LRE Committee is once again looking for volunteers of all ages to march in a parade. This time it'll be the Fall Festival Parade in Belgrade on Saturday, September 28th at 10 AM. Come help us spread the word about our fabulous congregation. If you're interested, contact Cami.