

# UUFB Announcements

September 29, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:julianofnorwich@msn.com).

## **5th Sunday Offering to Haitian Community Support Center in Springfield, OH – September 29**

The fifth Sunday offering is collected for an emergency or crisis, meaning that it is time sensitive. Recent developments in Ohio, which look a lot like a crisis, have prompted the Social Justice Action Committee (SJAC) to decide that our offering (cash and undesignated checks) on the fifth Sunday, September 29, to be given to Haitian Community Support Center in Springfield, Ohio, or to a similar organization in that community. SJAC feels that the entire community of Springfield deserves our care and support, and we are glad to have this way to put our values into practice. Donate online ([uufbozeman.org/donate](https://uufbozeman.org/donate)) and select “Give to 5th Sunday special offering” or write a check payable to UUFB with “5<sup>th</sup> Sunday” in the memo line.

## **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](mailto: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](https://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](http://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.

### **Making Connections UUFB Orientation Session – October 20**

Are you new to this Fellowship? Maybe you have been here awhile and 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, UUFB Orientation Session” on Sunday, October 20th, about 15 minutes after the service ends. Childcare will be provided for those interested. For about 45 minutes, Rev. Margo and others will join us in discussion about UU origins, UUFB activities, and your own stories. Please contact Tonya Stevens of the Hospitality and Membership team at (406) 209-7592 or [stevens\\_tonya@msn.com](mailto:stevens_tonya@msn.com) with your RSVP.

### **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! Adults are also encouraged to 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! Please contact Warren, if you would like to donate to this event.

### **Open Houses with Rev. Margo – October 22 & 24**

Rev. Margo will be in town from October 20th to 27th and warmly invites everyone to an open house at UUFB. She's looking forward to reconnecting in person and has planned a couple of opportunities for everyone to gather. During her stay in Bozeman, she will be serving coffee or tea at the Fellowship on the following days. These open house sessions are perfect for dropping by, sharing your thoughts, exchanging ideas, asking questions, or simply enjoying some relaxing time with your knitting, painting, or lunch on October 22 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and October 24 from 3 to 5:30 p.m. Additional times are available by appointment.

### **Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed – October 24**

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](https://uufbozeman.org/fork-spoon). If you have questions, please contact Randy B.

### **Memorial Service for Janet Lewis – Reception Help Needed – October 25/26**

The Memorial Service for Janet Lewis will be held at UUFB on Saturday, October 26, 2024 at 2 p.m. Following the service, refreshments will be available. We need assistance with setup, clean up and serving. Sign up to help at <https://uufbozeman.org/janet>.

### **Glass Recycling – October 27**

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

### **Soup & Bread Luncheon and Pumpkin Decorating! – October 27**

This year, RE will have pumpkin decorating after service in conjunction with the Soup and Bread event. We will supply mini pumpkins, paints, googly eyes, and other fun supplies. We just need your wild imagination and laughter. All are welcome to participate!

Also stick around for our Soup & Bread Luncheon! This is a wonderful opportunity to socialize with members and friends. We need your help to make this event a success—sign up to bring soup or bread, and to assist with set-up and clean-up at [uufbozeman.org/soup-bread](https://uufbozeman.org/soup-bread).

### **Candlelit Memorial Labyrinth Walk – October 27**

Please join us for an evening of outdoor meditation and reflection at the labyrinth by the library October 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 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.

### **Book Discussion - November 3**

As part of our congregation's commitment to Welcome Renewal, SJAC is sponsoring a discussion of the UUA-recommended book ***Before We Were Trans* by Kit Heyam**. This book discussion will be held Sunday November 3, 11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at UUFB. The book "illuminates the stories of people across the globe, from antiquity to the present, whose experiences of gender have defied binary categories." The author (who is nonbinary) is an academic historian, and the book elevates the conversation about transgender issues while being highly readable. Even if you don't read the whole book, read the Introduction and a couple of chapters and come prepared to share your thoughts.

Lisa B will lead the discussion. Light snacks will be served, and feel free to bring your lunch. *Before We Were Trans* is available in hardcover, Kindle, and a just-released paperback version:

<https://www.uuabookstore.org/Before-We-Were-Trans-P20157.aspx>

<https://www.amazon.com/Before-We-Were-Trans-History/dp/1541605403/>

Rev. Margo (who is a fan of the book) is also making a copy available in the UUFB library.

So we can plan refreshments and provide any follow-up information, please sign up for this event at <https://uufbozeman.org/book>

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:admin@uufbozeman.org) for her email).