

UUFB Announcements

October 20, 2024



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 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.

Attend a Circle Supper!

If you haven't already signed up to attend a Circle Supper, we have hosts lined up and are still looking for guests. Most of the suppers will occur on a Friday or Saturday evening in November, but there are a few that could happen on other nights. If you would like to attend a supper, please send an e-mail to Diane K at dlknipfer@gmail.com with the dates you are available, the number of people you would be bringing, and any dietary restrictions. Please respond ASAP so the guest lists can be finalized.

Lead and Grow: Embracing Leadership Opportunities

We believe that fostering spiritual growth goes hand in hand with embracing leadership. By joining the board, you can help deepen spiritual awareness and support a diversity of spiritual expressions within our community. We currently have an opening for the Vice-President position, which offers a valuable opportunity for personal and leadership development while contributing to the community. If you, or someone you know, would be a good fit, please reach out to Tonya Stevens (Leadership and Governance Committee) at stevens_tonya@msn.com.

Midweek Refuge – Weekly on Wednesday

Find a stillness: We now have enough Midweek Refuge hosts to open again on Wednesdays, from noon to 2:00 p.m. This is a time and a space for reflection and renewal. Our Midweek Refuge lets all UUFB members, friends, and visitors, as well as the greater Bozeman community sit quietly for any kind of rest and reflection. Please try it out! And since this is a space for the entire community, please invite a friend. Or announce this community resource as you have occasion to. You can come and go between noon and 2:00 p.m. every Wednesday.

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.

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. 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. If you plan to attend, please consider parking on W. Beall Street or at Kirk Park. We need assistance with setup, clean up and serving. Sign up to help at 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! Thank you to Mattie W. for being our glass recycling volunteer this month! 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 and it will be a chance to try out your Halloween costume! 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.

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 6:30 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.

Monthly Birthday & Anniversary Party Social Time – November 3

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.

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/>

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

Post-Election Community Gathering: Sharing Hopes and Concerns – November 6

UUFB will be hosting a post-election gathering time here at the Fellowship from 3:30-6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 6. Feel free to stop by and be in community and discuss your hopes and concerns. If you are coming close to the dinner hour, you might want to bring a small finger-food snack to share. Hosted by Rev. Roxy and Lynn Flaming.

Men's Group – November 7

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.

2nd Sunday Offering to the Warming Center – November 10

The Social Justice Action Committee (SJAC) has specified that this offering will go to the Warming Center. Donate online (uufbozeman.org/donate) and select "Give to 2nd Sunday charitable donation" or write a check payable to UUFB with "Warming Center" in the memo line.

The Warming Center is a public facility with heating and plumbing that offers seasonal shelter to anyone in need, including families with children, single adults, and couples. The space provides each individual or group with separate sleeping areas, and trained staff and volunteers are always on-site during operating hours.

Board Meeting – November 12

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.

Save the Date – UUFB Treasure Sale – December 8

Greetings from the Social Activities Committee! Mark your calendars for an exciting upcoming event: the UUFB Treasure Sale is back on Sunday, December 8th, 2024. More details will be shared soon. As always, we welcome volunteers, and sign-up sheets will be available shortly. Thank you! —Leona P.

Join Our Choir!

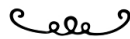
Join our choir led by Megan Makeever! All skill levels welcome. Connect, express, and spread joy through communal singing. Practices: 3rd and 4th Wednesdays of every month from 5:30-6:30 p.m., with performances at the last Sunday of the month. No choir during the summer months. Email meganmakeever@gmail.com to join our e-mail list!

We're Here to Hear Your QACCs!

Have any Questions, Appreciations, Comments, or Concerns (QACCs) to share? The Committee on Shared Ministry values your input and is eager to hear from you! You can easily submit your QACCs online at uufbozeman.org/qacc or drop them in the box with the yellow duck located in the social hall. All submissions are thoughtfully reviewed during the committee's monthly meetings.

Be a Welcoming Presence: Join Our Hospitality Team!

The UUFB Hospitality and Membership Team is seeking friendly, welcoming volunteers to help create a warm and inviting atmosphere for all who enter our doors. If you love making people feel comfortable and enjoy connecting with new faces, this is the perfect opportunity for you! As part of our Sunday morning team, you'll be the first to greet visitors, offering a smile and a helping hand. Interested in helping us foster a sense of belonging? Reach out to admin@uufbozeman.org to join the team and make a difference in our community!



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).