

UUFB Announcements

November 17, 2024



Stewardship Season: Make Your Pledge by November 17

This is Stewardship season, the time of year when we think about how much our Fellowship means to each of us and make our individual financial commitments to our collective mission. Pledge packets have been distributed, so if you did not receive one, please contact Rachel Rockafellow, Peg Wherry or Christy, our Office Administrator. The pledge form is also on our website, so you pledge that way. It is a secure process: the online form only asks for your name, address, etc. and the amount of your pledge. You don't submit any information regarding financial institutions. The deadline for turning in completed pledge forms is **November 17**, so we have time to round up strays and get the information to budget planners in a timely manner.

UUFB Minister Search Update

After considerable discussion and deliberation, the board has concluded that UUFB is better served by a contract minister search rather than a settled minister search. There are a number of advantages for us to a contract minister search. First, UUA experience has shown that fellowships smaller than 150 members rarely succeed in the settled minister search but have greater success in a contract minister search. A contract minister search is also more flexible than a settled minister search, allowing more time for the search and consideration of ordained ministers outside of the UU faith tradition. In addition, should UUFB decide to do so, we can call our contract minister to a settled minister position after they have been in ministry at the Fellowship for two years. In this way, a contract minister search offers UUFB the best chance for a long-term ministry placement. As a result, in light of the many advantages to a contract minister search, the UUFB board has directed the search committee to transition to a contract minister search.

Food Bank Sunday – November 17

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.

Leadership Council – November 17

Leadership Council will meet on Sunday, November 17 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.

RE Youth (6-12 grade) Craft Night – November 17

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 for a creative extravaganza on Sunday, November 17th at UUFB from 5-6:30 p.m. Get ready to unleash your artistic side and craft something special. And guess what? Dinner is on us!

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 November 17-24. At other times she has phone and virtual office hours each week: Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. MST or by appointment. 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.

Midweek Refuge – Weekly on Wednesday

Find a stillness: Midweek Refuge, on Wednesdays, from noon to 2:00 p.m., 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 in other settings. You can come and go between noon and 2:00 p.m. every Wednesday.

Open House with Rev. Margo – November 19

Rev. Margo invites everyone to an open house at UUFb on Tuesday, November 19th from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. She's excited to reconnect with the community and hear what's on your mind. Whether you have questions, ideas to share, or simply want to chat, this is a great opportunity to catch up. Feel free to bring your knitting, a project, or even a snack, and relax in good company. If you can't make it during this time, additional appointments can be arranged. We hope you'll stop by to say hello!

Glass Recycling – November 24

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 Neil S. 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.

Thanksgiving Dinner at UUFb – November 28

Everyone is invited to share in a Thanksgiving Dinner at UUFb this year. Dinner will start at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 28th. Families are welcome! We have two different sign ups! Please RSVP at uufbozeman.org/thanksgiving and then sign up to help and/or bring a dish at uufbozeman.org/thanksgiving-help. Be sure to RSVP by Saturday, Nov 23 so we know how many places to set. Come share the day with us!

Step Up, Lead, and Grow with Us

Are you ready to make a meaningful impact in our community? By joining our board as Vice-President, you'll not only nurture your own personal growth but also help shape and elevate the spiritual journey of others. This role is more than a position; it's a chance to champion diverse spiritual voices, deepen community connections, and influence positive change. As Vice-President, you'll be supported in developing your leadership skills, expanding your vision, and creating lasting bonds with like-minded people. This is a rewarding opportunity to make a difference and grow within a supportive, dynamic environment. If you or someone you know would be a great fit, please reach out to Tonya Stevens from our Leadership and Governance Committee at stevens_tonya@msn.com. We'd love to talk with you about what your leadership could mean for our community.

Monthly Birthday & Anniversary Party Social Time – December 1

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.

Men's Group – December 5

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.

Just 21 days left to our Treasure Sale! – December 8 – HELP NEEDED!

This popular event is always a surprising variety of items that have been donated! You never know what will show up! Donations are accepted during the week of Dec 3-6 in the Social Hall (during office hours) and on Sat, Dec 7, from 3-5. We are accepting household items, handmade items, toys, holiday décor, art. A jewelry and collectibles table will be featured again this year. Please no clothing or electronics (unless brand new in a box). Children's assisted pre-sale will be Sunday morning from 9:20-9:45 am. Cash, check, Venmo accepted.

Please consider volunteering for this fun event—sign up at uufbozeman.org/treasure-sale or on the bulletin board in the Social Hall. Contacts for this event are Cami & Leona.

2nd Sunday Offering to the Bozeman School District (BSD) Homeless Assistance Fund – December 8

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

The Homeless Assistance Fund helps to support families (those who are in transition with their living circumstances and those who are struggling financially or otherwise at risk) with basic needs such as food and transportation. The fund is also used to support students in their educational journeys by purchasing school supplies, supplementary snacks, and warm clothing for the winter. The fund is essential to providing assistance to Bozeman's most vulnerable students and to working with families to gain stable housing.

Board Meeting – December 10

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.

Winter Solstice Peace Prayer Drum and Dance Circle – December 17

SAVE THE DATE! On December 17th, 7-9 p.m., Shaun Phoenix and Stormi Oshun are hosting their second annual Winter Solstice Peace Prayer Drum and Dance Circle. The evening will feature a SoulFree dance session with live music by Yamama!, followed by a facilitated drum circle. This event will be held at Pilgrim Congregational Church. Suggested donation is \$20. Everyone is welcome, including children who are accompanied by a participating supervisory adult.

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).