

UUFB Announcements

December 24, 2024



Christmas Eve Service Special Offering – December 24

Our offering on Christmas Eve will go to the Minister Discretionary Fund (MDF). Donate online (uufbozeman.org/donate) and select “Give to Minister Discretionary Fund” or write a check payable to UUFB with “MDF” in the memo line.

The Minister's Discretionary Fund allows us to provide confidential assistance to individuals and families in need within our community. Your generosity can make a real difference in someone's life. Thank you for helping us live out our values of compassion and care.

Minister Schedule and Pastoral Care Updates

Rev. Margo is working primarily from Washington State but will be in Bozeman from January 5–12. She will be on vacation from December 22–29. At other times, she offers virtual office hours on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. MST or by appointment. She can be reached via email at minister@uufbozeman.org, through the UUFB website, or by leaving a voicemail at 406-586-1368, extension 1. While Rev. Margo is in Washington, in-person pastoral care is available through Rev. Roxy Klingensmith, who can be contacted at 406-580-4748 or julianofnorwich@msn.com.

5th Sunday Offering to Hurricane Helene Relief Assistance – December 29

The Social Justice Action Committee (SJAC) has specified that this offering will go to the WAMY North Carolina Action Community for Hurricane Helene Relief Assistance. Donate online (uufbozeman.org/donate) and select “Give to 5th Sunday special offering” or make a check to UUFB & write “Helene” in the memo line.

Hurricane Helene has left a devastating path of destruction, displacing families, damaging homes, and disrupting countless lives. Communities are in urgent need of assistance to rebuild and recover. Please consider making a donation to support those affected and help provide essential supplies, shelter, and hope during this challenging time. Every contribution makes a difference.

Monthly Birthday & Anniversary Party Social Time – January 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.

2nd Sunday Offering to Transforming Hearts Collective – January 12

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

The Transforming Hearts Collective represents a vision of a world in which queer and trans people can show up fully as ourselves in all of the places we call home.

Help Needed! Soup & Bread Luncheon & Lantern Making – January 12

Join us for a Soup & Bread Luncheon and lantern making on Sunday, January 12th, after the service. We'll be

crafting lanterns for the Random Acts of Silliness Lantern Parade happening on February 22nd. **We need your help! Sign up at uufbozeman.org/soup-bread.**

Board Meeting – January 14

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

Men's Group – January 16

All men are invited to the UUFB Men's Group meeting **on January 16th** 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.

Save the Date: Annual Meeting – January 19

The annual meeting to vote on the 2025 budget will be held in person on Sunday, January 19th, after the service. Please plan to attend.

Food Bank Sunday – January 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 member will bring them to the food bank.

Glass Recycling – January 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 glass recycling 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.

Movie Night: "The Singing Revolution" – January 26

The Social Justice Action Committee will host a free showing of the documentary "The Singing Revolution," an inspiring film tracing the role of singing in the Estonian independence movement from 1987 – 1991. Estonia, which achieved independence from the Soviet Union with no bloodshed, had a "song festival" tradition dating from 1869, attracting crowds of hundreds of thousands and combined choirs of 20,000 or more on stage. In the age of *glasnost* (openness), singing became a unifying and energizing form of national resistance. Estonia is now a member of NATO and the European Union, thus a key US ally. The film will be shown at the Fellowship at 5:00 p.m. on January 26, 2025. There can be discussion afterwards for those so inclined. Handouts and light refreshments will be provided. (Beverages must be in screw-top bottles or sealable travel mugs.)

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.

Step Up, Lead, and Grow with Us

Join our board as Vice-President and make a meaningful impact! This role offers the chance to develop leadership skills, build community connections, and inspire positive change. If you or someone you know would be a great fit, contact Tonya Stevens at stevens_tonya@msn.com. Let's explore what your leadership could bring to our community.

Join Our Hospitality Team and Help Create a Warm Welcome!

Are you passionate about making people feel at home? The UUFB Hospitality and Membership Team is looking for enthusiastic, friendly volunteers to help us create a welcoming environment for everyone who walks through our doors. As a member of our Sunday morning team, you'll be the first face visitors see, greeting them with a warm smile and offering guidance to make them feel at ease. If you enjoy meeting new people and fostering a sense of connection, this is a great way to make a meaningful impact. Ready to help us build a community of belonging? Email us at admin@uufbozeman.org to learn more and get involved!



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).