

DECEMBER 2024

UUFb NEWS

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bozeman

UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES SUNDAY AT 10:00 A.M. MST IN PERSON & LIVE ON YOUTUBE

December 1, 2024 • "Attitudes of Gratitude" with UUFb Members

UUFb continues its tradition of a gratitude-themed service, where members and friends share their unique reflections on what they're thankful for.

December 8, 2024 • "It's Only Money (and it's not even ours)" with Kathryn Hohmann

As Unitarian Universalists, we are called to contribute to our fellowship, but we may feel unsure about how to sustain or plan our giving. We admire the generosity of big philanthropists but wisely question how much the world's richest people can be counted on to assist the poorest. What do the world's great spiritual traditions say about earning, keeping, or giving away money?

Kathryn Hohmann has wrestled with these questions and more as she worked as a fundraiser at local, state, national, and international nonprofits. After raising more than \$75 million for humanitarian, educational, environmental, and animal rescue causes, she stopped counting (while continuing to ask for even more).

December 15, 2024 • "It's Okay to Be Okay" with Rev. Katie Michael-Sanchez

With so many challenging things going on in the world, it can feel like "if we aren't outraged we aren't paying attention." But we aren't built to live in a constant state of grief and anger. It is important to find moments of joy amidst hardship.

Rev. Katie Michael-Sanchez has lived in Bozeman for almost 13 years. She is an Interfaith Minister and works as a chaplain for the Spiritual Health department at Bozeman Health, where she also serves as the co-chair of the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging committee. Katie grew up in a UU congregation in western Massachusetts and still identifies with the UU faith. She enjoys hiking and traveling, as well as crocheting and curling up to read a cozy paranormal mystery.

December 22, 2024 • "Inner & Outer Light" with Lorca Smetana

Join us as we gather our first day after Midwinter with its annual invitation to allow ourselves to feel more into slowness, stillness, and darkness. What can it be to allow these as more frequent visitors, to take refuge in their kindness and what they have to offer? What spaciousness do they invite inside us as we begin once again to move toward days of light, inside and out?

Lorca Smetana is a wayfinder of resilience -- a strategist in the development of sustainable, radiant leaders, helping design for energy, innovation, compassion, and recovery. She is a survivor of school tragedy, a joy researcher and an architect of resilience in education, business and community. Working from a regenerative farm outside of Bozeman, she is also a celebrant, artist, and author.

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UPCOMING SERVICES CONTINUED

December 24, 2024 (Tuesday) • 5:00 p.m. • "O Come, O Come, Splendor Bright: Come Within as Love to Dwell"
Join us on **Tuesday, December 24, at 5:00 p.m.** for a beautiful **Christmas Eve Service** filled with warmth, reflection, and joy. Experience the magic of the season with special music, candlelight, and a message of hope. All are welcome as we come together to celebrate the light of Christmas. ✨

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.

December 29, 2024 • "A New Years Resolution for 2025: Love Your Enemies????!!!" read by Neil Gregersen

Many faith traditions teach about having love and compassion for our enemy. Given the current political agenda how can we possibly think about loving people who have sworn to destroy many of the systems and even people we hold dear? Can we use love as fuel for our resistance? Neil Gregersen reads excerpts from a UU Minister's sermon and other UU authors in exploring these questions. We'll also have a New Year's ritual.



minister search *update*



Our Search for Our Next Minister – What happens next?

'Tis the Season! December opens the opportunity for Unitarian Universalist ministers to consider a new or different ministry or congregation. Ministers in search may consider any type of ministry: settled, interim, developmental, or contract. On December 1st we will place a profile of our fellowship in the UU ministerial search portal. UUFb will offer a 3-year contract ministry position, with the anticipation that the congregation will vote to call the minister as a settled minister in their third year with us.

Searching ministers look through congregational profiles to learn about the people and places in which they might find their next ministry. The UUFb search committee has been busy collecting the requested information for our profile. This task has been so much easier with the huge jump start we've been given by last year's search committee. We are grateful for their support.

When a minister is specifically interested in us, they will contact us and we will respond, inviting us both to learn more about each other. Ministerial applicants in communication with a congregation are then provided a link to a Google folder with more specific information about the position, such as a draft contract and benefits. Details about our fellowship such as recent budgets, minutes of board and annual meetings, and our bylaws are also included in the folder.

This process leads us to consider applicants (yes, more than one!) and invite those we'd like to know better to join us for a virtual interview. The contract search allows for the board, at the recommendation of the search committee, to make an offer at any time in this process. This can happen earlier than offers in settled minister searches, which are extended to candidates in April. We begin this search with optimism.

In faith,
Amanda Cater, Anna Jacobs, Jeanie Badenoch, Kaylin Greene, Lisa Baker, and Laura Mentch



REVEREND REFLECTIONS

REV. MARGO RINEHART

"This Faith" by Heide Cottam

*Let us be a faith that gathers, reaching for one another through the walls of hate other build,
Through cages of ignorance and arrogance, and through the fear that burns city streets.*

Let us be a faith that sees a vision of a better world: more compassionate, more just, more holy, and with more love.

There is a faith that binds up the broken, cauterizes wounds with the balm of peace, sings longer and louder than the trumpets of war - let us be that faith too.

Let us be the ones who do not treat lightly in this world, but light it up with our love.

Who hold up the mirror of worth and dignity. Who are the sanctuary others seek.

As our Unitarian Universalist Association President, the Reverend Dr. Sofia Betancourt, reminded us this past month, that in times of fear, Unitarian Universalist congregations are sanctuary places. Unitarian Universalist congregations across the country have reported an influx of attendees over the past few weeks. Some are newcomers and some are returning after a time of absence. Even the regulars are coming, well, more regularly. In times of great worry and fear, gathering with others helps in the process of trying to make sense of it all, searching for meaning, and finding hope. Here at UUFNB, we have been sanctuary for one another.

But let's think larger. People who are already at risk and will be increasingly targeted by the policies of the incoming administration will be some of the new people coming through our doors searching for comfort and safety. Let's not only offer radical welcome but also long-term belonging. To truly be sanctuary we educate ourselves about the realities of people and invite people in. We did this a week ago when UUFNB hosted Bienvenidos showing the webinar "We Are All America. Immigration Landscape Post Election". We provided space without a rental fee and I gave attendees a warm greeting on your behalf. Let us consider doing more for that community in the coming months. UUFNB also provided hospitality with the Thanksgiving dinner that was open to all.

It is a profound blessing to be able to offer a faith home and deep belonging in whatever ways we can. May our chalice hold flames of hope to shine brightly into the Bozeman community and the wider nation.

Minister Schedule and Pastoral Care Updates

This fall, 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 has phone and virtual office hours each week: Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. MST or by appointment. While Rev. Margo is in Washington, in person pastoral care is being provided by Rev. Roxy Klingensmith.



"The Solstice Teaches Us" by David Breeden

**The Solstices teach us that darkness comes,
that darkness goes.**

**The Solstices teach us that light comes,
that light goes.**

**The Solstices teach us, calmly, silently,
to be calm, silent. Learning.**

**The Solstices teach us as we circle the sun,
that everything flies.**

**The Solstices teach us to remember the dark,
to remember the light.**

**To remember time, the seasons, and love —
as we circle the sun.**

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

Religious Exploration (RE) December: Presence

December Schedule

- **Sunday, December 1st** - Presence & Attention: Look for the Gifts Already Given!
- **Sunday, December 8th** - Presence & Gift Giving: Look for What You Love About Them!
*** Treasure Sale and Cookie Decorating
- **Sunday, December 15th** - Presence & The Divine: Look for the Divine in Everyone!
- **Sunday, December 22nd** - Presence & Darkness: Look for the Gifts Hidden in the Darkness!
- **Sunday, December 29th** - Presence & Hope: Look for Hope Even When it Feels Hopeless!



RE Staffing Update and Changes

This is the same message as last month but just in case anyone missed the announcement I want to share an update regarding upcoming changes to RE Staffing. As some of you know, I've been balancing two jobs for the past few years, and over time, especially post-covid, it's become quite challenging to manage. I'm longing for more time for rest and space and lately it's been hard to find days off or evenings without commitments. In light of that, I have decided to step down as Coordinator of Religious Exploration at the end of December. Going forward, I still plan to support RE as a staff member, just with fewer Sundays. I have enjoyed watching our youth grow and explore new experiences, and I hope to continue doing that. The LRE Committee has posted the position description and are accepting applications. We love your help in spreading the word and locating our next CRE. If you have any questions or concerns, let me know. It's my intention to make this as smooth of a transition as possible.

Youth Group - Thank You! A big thank you to Warren and Diane for organizing and hosting our interfaith youth group meeting this past Sunday. Many enjoyed creating a variety of crafts and delicious taco bar! And a reminder, if you know of any middle or high school youth who might like connecting to UUFB, the interfaith youth group is meeting monthly on a Sunday evening. Contact Beth or Warren for more information.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 8th - Treasure Sale and Cookie Decorating - Join us for the annual Treasure Sale and Cookie Decorating events. In RE class, the kids will be making ornaments to sell at the treasure sale so we'd appreciate your support. And as always, join us for some cookies and sprinkles after service.

GV Youth Group Volunteers

Wrap gifts at
Christmas Shop!

Sign up at
tinyurl.com/christmas-shop-help

SATURDAY DEC 14
8:30 AM-11:30 AM

WE ARE HIRING!

**OPEN
POSITION:**

• PART-TIME
COORDINATOR OF
RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION!

Get details at uufbozeman.org/cr

December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 • 10:00 service with UUFB Members • 11:00 Monthly Birthday/Anniversary Party	2	3	4 • 12:00 Midweek Refuge	5 • 7:00 Men's Group	6	7
8 • 10:00 service with Kathryn Hohmann • 2 nd Sunday to Bozeman School Homeless Assistance Fund • 11:00 Treasure Sale	9	10 • 12:00 Board Meeting	11 • 12:00 Midweek Refuge • 5:30 Choir Rehearsal	12	13	14 • Gallatin Valley Youth Event: The Christmas Shop
15 • 10:00 service with Rev. Katie Michael-Sanchez • Food Bank Sunday	16	17 • 7:00 p.m. Winter Solstice Peace Prayer Drum and Dance Circle at Pilgrim	18 • 12:00 Midweek Refuge • 5:30 Choir Rehearsal	19	20	21
22 • 10:00 service with Lorca Smetana • Glass Recycling	23	24 • 5:00 Christmas Eve Service • Offering to Minister Discretionary Fund	25	26 • 4:30 Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed	27	28
29 • 10:00 service read by Neil Gregersen • 5 th Sunday to disaster to be identified	30	31				

Upcoming Events

- 12/1 Sunday Service with UUFB Members
- 12/1 Monthly Birthday/Anniversary Party
- 12/4 Midweek Refuge
- 12/5 Men's Group
- 12/8 Sunday Service with Kathryn Hohmann
- 12/8 2nd Sunday to Bozeman School Homeless Assistance Fund
- 12/8 Treasure Sale
- 12/10 Board Meeting
- 12/11 Midweek Refuge
- 12/11 Choir Rehearsal
- 12/15 Sunday Service with Rev. Katie Michael-Sanchez
- 12/15 Food Bank Sunday
- 12/15 Gallatin Valley Youth Event: The Christmas Shop
- 12/17 Winter Solstice Event at Pilgrim
- 12/18 Midweek Refuge
- 12/18 Choir Rehearsal
- 12/22 Sunday Service with Lorca Smetana
- 12/22 Glass Recycling
- 12/24 Christmas Eve Service with offering to Minister Discretionary Fund
- 12/26 Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed
- 12/29 Sunday Service read by Neil Gregersen
- 12/29 5th Sunday Offering to disaster to be identified

Welcoming Congregation Renewal Update

At UUFb's Annual Meeting in January 2024, our members voted to renew our commitment as a Welcoming Congregation by fulfilling the Five Practices of Welcome Renewal. We are happy to share that our congregation has fulfilled the Five Practices for the calendar year 2024:

- 1. Welcoming Congregation Approval:** UUFb became a Welcoming Congregation in 1998.
- 2. Welcoming Worship Services:** at least **two** services per year that uplift themes of LGBTQ+ welcome and inclusion. The Sunday Services Committee fulfilled this Practice with the August 4 service, "There's no right way to be _____ (insert gender identity)" and the October 6 service, "Being Queer in Montana."
- 3. Welcoming Days of Observance:** at least **six** of the twelve days of observance designated by UUA will be recognized and celebrated. These Days of Observance have been shared in our monthly newsletters and sometimes at Sunday services. UUFb also participated in the Bozeman Pride celebrations in June.
- 4. Welcoming Religious Education:** at least one webinar, movie, or other event on a welcoming theme will be offered to adults in the congregation each year. The Social Justice Action Committee organized a discussion of the book *Before We Were Trans* by Kit Heyam on November 3.
- 5. Support a Welcoming Project:** at least once per year, the congregation will make a meaningful financial contribution to an LGBTQ+ organization or campaign. SJAC designated the Second Sunday offering in February to AIDS Outreach MT.

UUFb will submit to the UUA the required form to certify our successful fulfillment of Welcome Renewal in 2024. As a collaboration between SJAC and SSC, we plan to continue the practices of Welcome Renewal in 2025 and future years. Please let Lisa B. know if you have any questions or thoughts about Welcome Renewal.

December Welcoming Days of Observance

World AIDS Day takes place on December 1 each year. Get your red ribbons and join the fight against HIV and AIDS! Since 1988, communities have stood together on World AIDS Day to show strength and solidarity against HIV stigma and to remember lives lost.

Globally, an estimated 38 million people live with the virus. More than 35 million people have died of HIV or AIDS-related illnesses over the past 40 years, making it one of the most destructive pandemics in history. Medical advances mean people with HIV can expect a long and healthy life and that we have the tools to stop HIV transmissions. But HIV continues to be highly stigmatized and misunderstood.

World AIDS Day exists to shine a light on the real experiences of people living with HIV today, while celebrating the strength, resilience and diversity of the communities most affected.

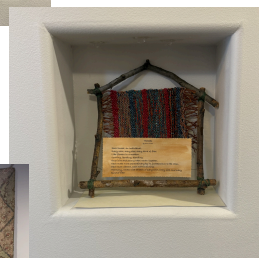
To find out more about LGBTQ+ Welcoming Days of Observance, visit uufbozeman.org/welcoming.



New front door!



Nooks in our entry



Family Quilt over 100 years old brought in by Mattie W.



UUFb TREASURE SALE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024



Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and treasures await at our holiday sale! There's an old saying that 'one person's throwaway is another's treasure chest.'

Whether it's an unused comforter set from Auntie Matilda, gently loved toys your children have outgrown, or a still-in-the-box heated entry pad, treasures come in all shapes and sizes. Join us to find something special – please note, we are not accepting clothing or electronics. Cash, check & Venmo accepted.

Donations will be accepted throughout the week of Dec 3-6 in the Social Hall (during office hours) and on Saturday, Dec 7, from 3-5 pm. If you're leaving town and would like to donate, please contact Cami or Leona.

Children's assisted pre-sale will be Sunday morning from 9:20-9:45 a.m. NO parents allowed!

Thank you to all the volunteers who have signed up to date; there's still room if you're interested —**sign up at uufbozeman.org/treasure-sale or on the bulletin board in the Social Hall.**

Winter Solstice Peace Prayer Drum and Dance Circle

Embody your prayers for Peace with dance, drum and song
 May our shared intentions, fed by music, voice and movement, ripple far and wide
 to bless our world with peace.

Tuesday, December 17, 2024
 6:30-8:30 pm

Pilgrim Congregational Church
 (2118 S. 3rd Ave., Bozeman)

6:30-7:15pm SoulFree ecstatic dance
 with live music by Yamama!

7:30-8:30pm Facilitated Drum Circle



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\$20/person suggested contribution

Everyone welcome regardless of ability to pay.
 All proceeds will be split between
 Many Hands Light Work and the
 United Religions Initiative.

Children are welcome if accompanied by a participating, supervising adult.
 Bring your own drum/percussion instrument (limited loaners available)

drum your prayers - dance your prayers - chant your prayers - sweat your prayers

For more information: 406-548-4698 or shaunloves2drum@gmail.com



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 S. Let's explore what your leadership could bring to our community.

Midweek Refuge

A time and space for reflection and renewal.

Find a stillness: Midweek Refuge, on Wednesdays, from noon to 2:00 p.m. (through 12/18), 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. You can come and go between noon and 2:00 p.m. Due to low participation, December 18, will be the last Midweek Refuge. If you have comments or concerns, please contact Linda C., Lynn F., Neil S., or Peg W.



During this time of giving, when we look forward to gatherings with friends and families in our warm homes, please consider making a financial donation to Family Promise.

You may have seen a recent article on the editorial page of the *Chronicle* written by the President of HRDC, the Executive Director of Haven and the Executive Director of Family Promise. These three agencies are working together on a regional strategy to end homelessness in Gallatin County.

One of the goals is shelter and transitional housing expansion. A place in an emergency shelter is better than living in a car, but then being able to move into a transitional home is the biggest step toward dignity and independence. The three agencies need \$750,000 to keep up with current shelter needs but need much more to meet the goal of developing transitional housing for 78 families, 150 individuals, and 50 youth. This will need to be a community-wide investment.

Here is the link to the complete article from the November 22 *Chronicle* tinyurl.com/gv-housing.

If you would like to donate to Family Promise during this holiday season, you can go to this link familypromisegv.org/donate.

—Carolyn Boyd, UUFb Family Promise Liaison

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!



DISCOVER UUFb'S LIBRARIES: A TREASURE TROVE FOR BOOK LOVERS



Do you realize that UUFb has 3 libraries? Yes, 3!

Technically, we have 2 libraries and a used bookstore. While we were Church of the Subaru, we held a monthly book sale started by Marv Backer and carted books back and forth to our meeting places. When we moved into our current building and remodeled, the permanent Used Bookstore came into being!

We have a **Lending Library** across from the office near the soundboard cabinet. That library has been built over the years by suggestions and donations from our ministers, members, and reading groups. You are welcome to borrow a book, fill out the card and place the card in the box (yes, old school), enjoy the book, and return it when you have finished reading.

Our **Used Bookstore** is located in the hallway where you pick up your nametags. These books are all donated and can be purchased for a \$2 donation. We have quite a mix of genres! If you'd like to donate books (and we do rely on donations), feel free to place books on the shelves in their proper category. If you prefer to drop off a bag/box of books, you can place them under the coffee table in the social hall and drop me a note.

Our **Little Free Library** on the street (decorated by Rose Toth and built by Dick Corbin) is another option for books. It is also open to the public. Excess books from our used bookstore stock this library, and people quite often 'take a book and drop a book.'

My goal is to refresh the **Used Bookstore** and **Little Free Library** every two weeks. If you have any questions or would like to help with any of these endeavors, please let me know. Many thanks to all our readers who have kept the Used Bookstore thriving over the years.

Keep on reading, Leona P.



Upcoming Events



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.



2nd Sunday Offering to the Bozeman School 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 to this fund by giving online (uufbozeman.org/donate) and selecting "Give to 2nd Sunday charitable donation" or mail in a check made out to UUFB and write "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.



Food Bank Sunday - December 15

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 UUFB member will bring them to the food bank.



Glass Recycling - December 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! We need a glass recycling volunteer! Sign up at uufbozeman.org/glass-recycling. Please do not leave the glass at the fellowship, as we have no room to store it.



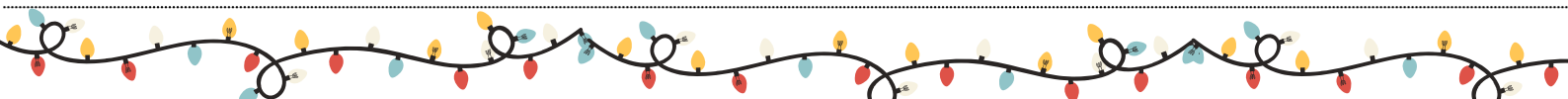
Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed - December 26

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 disaster to be identified - December 29

The Social Justice Action Committee (SJAC) has specified that this offering will go to a disaster to be identified. Once SJAC chooses a recipient for the offering, the funds will be sent to the charity. Donate online (uufbozeman.org/donate) and select "Give to 5th Sunday special offering" or make a check to UUFB & write "5th Sunday" in the memo line.





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Staff

- **Minister:** Rev. Margo Rinehart
- **Office Administrator:** Christy Huddleston
In office hours: Tuesday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - noon
Work from home hours: Tuesday-Friday, noon - 2:30 p.m.
- **Coordinator of Religious Exploration:** Beth Witte
- **Childcare Lead:** Christine Wilcox
- **Pianist:** Laurel Yost
- **Choir Director:** Megan Makeever

Contact us!

uufbozeman.org/about-us/contact-us

UUFB News & Events

Calendar of Events

See our calendar of upcoming events at:
uufbozeman.org/news/events-page.

Friday E-News

Our weekly emails include details about upcoming events, announcements, and Sunday services. To join, please visit uufbozeman.org/news/e-news.

Email Discussion List

An email discussion list (listserv) has been established in order to communicate announcements and events of interest to the UUFB. To subscribe, send an email to our Office Administrator requesting to join.

Newsletter

The UUFB Newsletter is published monthly. The deadline to submit articles is the third Thursday of the month. Announcements & news for the Sunday Service bulletin and Friday e-news are due in by 9 a.m. every Tuesday. Articles, announcements & news can be submitted to our Office Administrator.



Submit a QACC!

Do you have Questions, Appreciations, Comments, or Concerns (QACCs)? The Transitions Team welcomes it all! To submit your QACC look for the box with the yellow rubber duck on top in the social hall or submit online at uufbozeman.org/qacc. The Committee on Shared Ministry reviews submissions at their monthly meetings.

2024-2025 Board Members

- President: Barbara Tylka
- Vice President: OPEN
- Past President: Jeanne Moe
- Secretary: Joy LaClaire
- Treasurer: Janine Roberts
- Member-at-Large: Barbara Lantz
- Member-at-Large: Rene Keating

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- Building & Grounds Committee: Tonya Stevens, Contact
- Building Coordinator: Tonya Stevens, Contact
- Caring Committee, Meals, Rides: Mary Maifeld, Contact
- Communications Committee: Peg Wherry, Contact
- Finance Committee: Bruce DePriester, Chair
- Fundraising: Leona Poritz, Contact
- Governance/Leadership: Tonya Stevens, Contact
- Hospitality/Membership: Tonya Stevens, Chair
- Interfaith *Our Whole Lives*: Beth Witte, Contact
- Interior Design: Diane Knipfer & Jan Young, Contacts
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- Legacy Giving: Peg Wherry, Contact
- Lifespan Religious Exploration: Warren Knipfer, Contact
- Leadership Council: Barbara Tylka, Contact
- Safety Task Force: Neil Schwarzwalder, Contact
- Social Activities: Diane Knipfer, Contact
- Social Justice Action Committee: Randy Babbitt, Contact
- Stewardship: Peg Wherry, Contact
- Sunday Services Committee: Lisa Trankley, Contact

Contact Points

- Book Sales/Little Library: Leona Poritz
- Family Promise Task Force: Carolyn Boyd
- Food Bank: Susan Anderegg, Norm Eggert, Sandy Kindt
- Fork & Spoon: Randy Babbitt
- Hiking Group: Dick Corbin
- Historian: Susan Backer
- Kitchen/Bath Supplier: Suzy Sterling
- Men's Group: Warren Knipfer
- UUFB Choir: Megan Makeever
- Women's Group: Open
- Youth Group: Beth Witte

Spiritual Pluralism Group Leader

- UU Humanist Group: Sara Williams, Contact