

JANUARY 2025

# UUFb NEWS

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bozeman

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

### January 5, 2025 • "Rewriting Our Past Stories for a Better Future" with Rev. Margo Rinehart

Explore how understanding our past stories differently can create unexpected possibilities for tomorrow. Join us for an engaging session about personal narratives, perspective shifts, and the ways we can reimagine our journeys. A thoughtful discussion about finding new meaning in old chapters.

### January 12, 2025 • To Be Announced with Rev. Margo Rinehart

More information on this service will be announced soon.

### January 19, 2025 • "Women in the Civil Rights Movement: Trailblazers and Torchbearers" with Sandra Oldendorf

Join us for a Sunday service celebrating the legacy of women in the Civil Rights Movement, highlighting their courage, leadership, and enduring impact. Through powerful stories, readings, music, and reflection, we will honor trailblazers who paved the way for justice and torchbearers who continue the fight for equality today. Together, we'll draw inspiration from their resilience and commitment to building a more just and compassionate world.

### January 26, 2025 • "The Danger of a Single Story" with Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Our lives, our cultures, are composed of many overlapping stories. Novelist Chimamanda Adichie tells the story of how she found her authentic cultural voice -- and warns that if we hear only a single story about another person or country, we risk a critical misunderstanding.

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, born in Enugu, Nigeria, in 1977, grew up on the campus of the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, where her parents held prominent academic roles. At 19, she moved to the U.S., earning degrees in Communication and Political Science from Eastern Connecticut State University, Creative Writing from Johns Hopkins, and African History from Yale. A celebrated author, her novels *Purple Hibiscus*, *Half of a Yellow Sun*, and *Americanah* have garnered international acclaim, winning major literary awards. Her influential TED talks, *The Danger of a Single Story* and *We Should All Be Feminists*, have sparked global conversations. Adichie is a recipient of numerous fellowships, honorary doctorates, and a MacArthur Fellowship, with her works translated into over 30 languages.

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Rev. Margo Rinehart, Minister  
  
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# RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

## RE Staffing Update

As I write my last newsletter as CRE for UUFB, it's a bittersweet moment. While I'm excited to have more time for rest in my weekly schedule, I already find myself feeling the loss of my weekly routine and seeing all of you each Sunday.

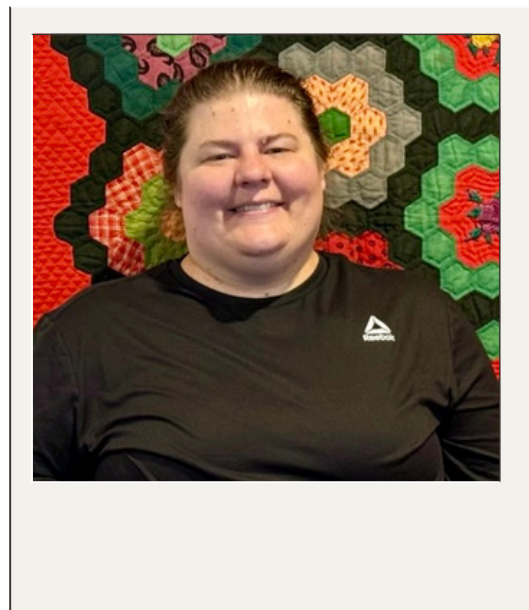
The past five years have been such a lovely (and unexpected!) journey, and I am deeply grateful for the trust you've placed in me to teach and nurture our youth. I've met so many wonderful people and created lots of fun memories along the way. I will carry all of those with me.

Though I'm stepping into this new chapter, I look forward to continuing to be a part of this community, whether attending services as a "regular congregant" or assisting in the classroom as needed. I hope to see you in the community and if you ever need to be in touch Christy can send you my personal email.

There has been progress on the hiring front and more information about a new CRE and steps moving forward will be coming from the hiring committee.

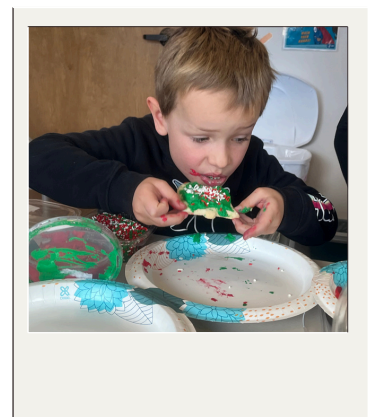
I wish you all a joyful and healthy holiday season and a bright start to the new year.

With gratitude,  
Beth



## Thank YOU!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Treasure Sale and Cookie Decorating. Our youth had so much fun buying gifts for the special people in their lives and having a sweet treat to kick-off the holiday sugar rush.



## Upcoming Events

**Sunday, January 12th** - Soup and Bread and Lantern Making



# January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 • 7:00 Men's Group	3	4
5 • 10:00 service with Rev. Margo Rinehart • 11:00 Monthly Birthday/Anniversary Party	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 • 10:00 service with Rev. Margo Rinehart • 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday to Transforming Hearts Collective • 11:00 Soup & Bread Luncheon & Lantern Making	13	14 • 12:00 Board Meeting	15 • 5:30 Choir Rehearsal	16 • 7:00 Men's Group	17	18
19 • 10:00 service with Sandra Oldendorf • 11:00 Annual Meeting	20	21	22 • 5:30 Choir Rehearsal	23	24	25
26 • 10:00 service with Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie • Glass Recycling • Movie Night: <i>The Singing Revolution</i>	27	28	29	30	31	

## Upcoming Events

- 1/5 Sunday Service with Rev. Margo Rinehart
- 1/5 Monthly Birthday/Anniversary Party
- 1/12 Sunday Service with Rev. Margo Rinehart
- 1/12 2nd Sunday Offering to Transforming Hearts Collective
- 1/12 Soup & Bread Luncheon & Lantern Making
- 1/14 Board Meeting
- 1/15 Choir Rehearsal
- 1/16 Men's Group
- 1/19 Sunday Service with Sandra Oldendorf
- 1/19 Food Bank Sunday
- 1/19 Annual Meeting
- 1/22 Choir Rehearsal
- 1/26 Sunday Service with Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
- 1/26 Glass Recycling
- 1/26 Movie Night: *The Singing Revolution*

# minister search

## update



Greetings from the Search Committee.

Turning the page to January, we look forward to meeting ministers who, after reading our congregational profile, are interested in learning more about UUFb and our search for a contract minister.

You, too, can read our congregational profile. On our website, [uufbozeman.org](http://uufbozeman.org), open the Minister Search section in the middle of the home page. There you will find the profile and also our 2023 congregational survey.

Again, thank you to last year's search committee for the survey, a clear representation of our collective thoughts and wishes for the future. We welcome your ideas as we move forward.

Blessings for the New Year,

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



### **Growing Through Leadership: Join Our Board**

We're seeking a Vice-President/President-Elect to join our Board - a role that combines service with personal development. This leadership position aligns with our mission of fostering spiritual growth while providing opportunities to develop new skills and contribute to our community. If you or someone you know might be interested, reach out to Tonya Stevens from our Leadership and Governance Committee at [stevens\\_tonya@msn.com](mailto:stevens_tonya@msn.com).



### **Minister Schedule and Pastoral Care Updates**

Rev. Margo is working primarily from Washington State but will be in Bozeman from January 5–12. 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](mailto: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, please contact the Office Admin for her contact information.



### **Join our choir!**

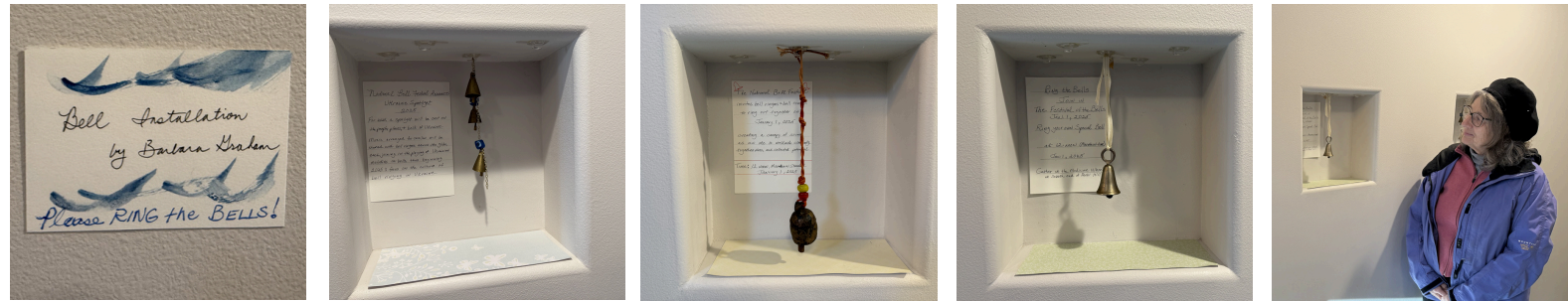
Join our choir led by Megan Makeever! All skill levels welcome. Connect, express, and spread joy through communal singing. Practices: 3rd and 4th Wednesdays of every month from 5:30-6:30 p.m., with performances at the last Sunday of the month. No choir during the summer months. Email [meganmakeever@gmail.com](mailto:meganmakeever@gmail.com)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



# Thanksgiving 2024



## Nooks by Barbara Graham



## Elves at the Treasure Sale!



## Lots of Fun at Fork & Spoon!



## “Family Quilt”

Made by a relative of Lisa Trankley, who inherited it but knows little about its maker. Likely over 100 years old!



# Legacy Giving



## New Year's Resolution?

The transition from one year to the next is a natural time to pause and reflect on what changes we might make in the year ahead. This kind of looking ahead might naturally lead you to think about your financial plans for yourself and your family. Those plans may include providing for a gift to UUFb in your charitable giving or estate planning, also known as a Legacy Gift.

Such gifts honor your commitment to the Fellowship by carrying that commitment into the future. By strengthening UUFb's financial health, legacy gifts ensure our Fellowship will be vibrant for generations to come and will continue our mission as a liberal religious presence in the Gallatin Valley. Your bequest carries your values forward, including your commitment to UUFb.

Look for the Legacy Giving brochure in the rack next to our nametags. If you have questions, please contact a member of the Legacy Giving Committee or our minister to discuss how you can meet your goals for making a legacy gift to UUFb. This conversation would not obligate you to make a gift and it will remain confidential. If you have already included a legacy gift in your estate planning, please complete a Legacy Gift Form so UUFb can thank you. Your gift can remain anonymous for purposes of recognition, but it will be helpful for UUFb to know of your plans.

We wish you a great year in 2025 and look forward to talking with you as your plans develop.

UUFb Legacy Giving Committee

Pam Poon [pgracep@gmail.com](mailto:pgracep@gmail.com), David Rockafellow [dave.rockafellow@gmail.com](mailto:dave.rockafellow@gmail.com), Peg Wherry [pegwherry@bresnan.net](mailto:pegwherry@bresnan.net)



## Calling All Lay Leaders! February 9

Veteran, rookie and wanna-be lay leaders: we'll gather February 9 after the service for a review of setup, putting together the script, working with guest speakers, and what's generally expected - and not expected - of lay leaders. We'll also discuss how you can use your creativity to help create the content of the services (encouraged but optional!). In our efforts to continually improve the quality of our services we have made several changes that we hope will be welcomed. We'd love to see anyone who is interested in learning about lay leading but is not sure whether they're ready. There will be snacks! For more information, please contact Lisa T. at [lisa.trankley@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.trankley@gmail.com).

# Upcoming Events



## 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](http://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 to this fund by giving online ([uufbozeman.org/donate](http://uufbozeman.org/donate)) and selecting "Give to 2nd Sunday charitable donation" or mail in a check made out to UUFB and write "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](http://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](mailto: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 UUFB 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. A volunteer in our parking lot will accept clean glass in boxes or bags to recycle. If you wish to offer a small payment, feel free! We need a glass recycling volunteer! Thank you to Mattie W. for being our glass recycle volunteer! Please do not leave the glass at the fellowship, 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 seal-able travel mugs.)





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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:** Open
- **Childcare Lead:** Christine Wilcox
- **Pianist:** Laurel Yost
- **Choir Director:** Megan Makeever

### Contact us!

[uufbozeman.org/about-us/contact-us](http://uufbozeman.org/about-us/contact-us)

### UUFB News & Events

#### Calendar of Events

See our calendar of upcoming events at:  
[uufbozeman.org/news/events-page](http://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](http://uufbozeman.org/news/e-news).

#### Email Discussion List

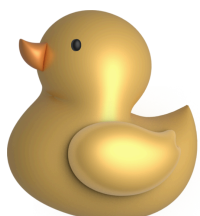
An email discussion list (listserv) has been established in order to communicate announcements and events of interest to the UUFB. To subscribe, send an email to our Office Administrator requesting to join.

#### 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](http://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

### Committees/Task Force Leaders

- 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*: Open
- Interior Design: Diane Knipfer & Jan Young, Contacts
- Investment Committee: Paul Stouffer, Chair
- Leadership Council: Barbara Tylka, Contact
- Legacy Giving: Peg Wherry, Contact
- Lifespan Religious Exploration: Warren Knipfer, Contact
- Minister Search: Amanda Cater, Contact
- Safety Task Force: Neil Schwarzwald, 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
- Chalice Circle: Lisa Baker
- 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: Open

### Spiritual Pluralism Group Leader

- UU Humanist Group: Sara Williams, Contact