

JUNE 2025

UUF B NEWS

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bozeman

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

June 1, 2025 • "Flower Communion" with Rev. Margo Rinehart

A celebration of our community and Unitarian history. Bring a flower or a few flowers to share with others in our intergenerational exchange of joy and purpose.

June 8, 2025 • "Seven Steps to Now" with Shaun Phoenix, LCPC

A transcendentalist, mystic, witch, pagan, shamanist, creative, feminist, social justice warrior, AND lifelong Unitarian Universalist, Shaun's talk is a bit of a meander in response to an invitation to share her spiritual journey.

After growing up back East, Shaun Phoenix, LCPC, discovered her home in Montana as a young woman. Both a psychotherapist and a shamanic healing practitioner, she is passionate about creating safe and sacred space in which people can discover and cultivate their own relationship with the Divine as they experience it. When not working, Shaun finds renewal in the sacred wild landscapes both near her home and farther afield, in her glorious garden, and by reading, writing, and making a joyful noise with her guitar, piano and drums (usually not all at the same time).

June 15, 2025 • "Our Father..." with Jackson Cox and Paul Stouffer

Relationships with fathers, or father figures, are complicated. What have we experienced as the children of fathers or as fathers/father figures? More importantly, what have we learned and what do these relationships continue to teach us? Jackson Cox and Paul Stouffer share their insights.

June 22, 2025 • Showing of UUA General Assembly Service - with Rev. Dr. Nicole C. Kirk

Join us for an in-person-only viewing of the GA Sunday Worship recording on June 22, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. MDT, for a powerful and communal experience—the largest annual gathering of Unitarian Universalists in worship. We will not be hosting our own livestream; instead, we will be using the official livestream provided by the UUA.

Rev. Dr. Nicole C. Kirk will lead the 2025 GA Sunday Service. She is a historian of American religious history and serves as the Rev. Dr. J. Frank and Alice Schulman Chair at Meadville Lombard Theological School. A former parish minister and current part-time Program Minister in Tulsa, Oklahoma, she is also an accomplished author and speaker. Dr. Kirk is known for her work with international UU communities and was honored in 2023 for supporting Czech Unitarianism.

June 29, 2025 • UUF B Congregational Retreat • *at Bozeman Pond*

On June 29 UUF B will have a congregational retreat at Bozeman Pond from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. There will be no regular service at the church or livestreaming. We are planning for a brunch potluck, activities and discussion groups and, of course, lots of socializing. There will be fun activities for the children. The discussion groups will focus on our hopes and plans for the future. More details will be announced soon! Hope everyone can join us!

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RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

Hi UUFB members and friends,

I'd like to begin by reassuring each of you that the Religious Exploration program is continuing with an Interim Coordinator. I'd like to introduce or reintroduce myself to you since I'll be stepping into this position. I'm Sandy Kindt and have been attending UUFB since 2016. I've actually held this interim position in the past beginning in August 2019. That was during a previous CRE transition. My background professionally is in elementary and special education primarily in the public schools but also in other settings. I also hold a Masters degree in educational leadership. Along with my involvement with UUFB, I am also active in the Bozeman Dharma Center, particularly the Bozeman Insight Community. I regularly attend meetings of the Bozeman Insight Community and am a member of their Leadership Council. I have training to teach mindfulness to children both in and beyond the classroom setting. I'm looking forward to the many facets of this position and hope to connect with more of you through my involvement as the interim CRE.



Our theme for the month of June is FREEDOM.

Each week will have a different message related to this theme.

- *June 1: Freedom & Flower Ceremony* - This is an intergenerational service and the children will not be leaving the sanctuary. The busy bags will be available in the foyer. The children will have involvement in the service.
- *June 8: Freedom & History*
- *June 15: Freedom & Pride*
- *June 22: Freedom & Summer Solstice* - The congregation will have a streaming of the General Assembly Sunday Service. There will be no singing the children out. All children will need to be brought to the RE classroom by an adult before taking your seat for the service.
- *June 29: Congregational Retreat at Bozeman Pond* - Activities will be provided for the children and intergenerational games will also occur.



May was our month to honor our commitment to Family Promise, which has been one of our social justice activities since it began.

Our second Sunday offering raised over \$1,000 for scholarships so children can attend the Family Promise Rising Stars preschool. When parents can leave their children in a safe learning environment, they can work to support their families.

We also completed a supply drive for the four kitchens that will be shared by the families who will be moving into the eight new emergency shelter spaces at the "A Journey Home" site. With your purchases and financial contributions, we were able to collect 72 items for the four kitchens - everything from crock pots and air fryers to measuring cups and cutting boards. We will also be able to donate another \$175 in extra cash.

On June 19, there will be an opportunity for a visit to the new shelter location. This will include a chance to see the kitchens that we helped set up. Comments are from 4-4:15 and tours from 4:15 at the A Journey Home location - 100 Discovery Drive in Bozeman. I hope lots of you will come to see the new Family Promise location.

Many thanks to all for your generosity, both for supporting preschool scholarships and stocking the kitchens. Someone at Family Promise once said that people experience homelessness, not when they have no money, but when they have no community. We are part of the community that believes all families should be able to have a home.

Carolyn B., UUFB Liaison to Family Promise



Montana Statewide UU Retreat

September 12-14, 2025 in Helena, MT

For more info & to register:
uufbozeman.org/mt-retreat



June Welcoming Days of Observance

LGBTQ Pride Month is celebrated each year in the month of June to honor the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in New York City. According to the Library of Congress, the last Sunday in June was initially celebrated as "Gay Pride Day," but the "day" soon grew to encompass a month-long series of events that now include pride parades, picnics, parties, workshops, symposia, and concerts. Bozeman Pride 2025 took place in the last week of May, and UUFB participated in the Pride-A-Palooza Resource Fair on Saturday, May 31.

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

June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 •10:00 Last service with Rev. Rinehart •11:00 Farewell Party for Rev. Rinehart	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 •10:00 service with Shaun Phoenix, LCPC • Offering to the Countship	9	10 •12:00 Board Meeting	11	12	13	14
15 •10:00 service with Jackson Cox and Paul Stouffer •Food Bank Sunday	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 •10:00 showing of GA service •Glass Recycling	23	24	25	26 •4:30 Fork & Spoon volunteers needed	27	28
29 •10:00 Retreat at Bozeman Pond • Offering saved for future disaster	30				30	31

Upcoming Events

- 6/1 Sunday Service with Rev. Rinehart
- 6/1 Farewell Party for Rev. Rinehart
- 6/8 Sunday Service with Shaun Phoenix, LCPC
- 6/8 2nd Sunday offering to the Countship
- 6/10 Board Meeting
- 6/15 Sunday Service with UUFB Members
- 6/15 Food Bank Sunday
- 6/22 Showing of GA Sunday Service
- 6/22 Glass Recycling
- 6/26 Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed
- 6/29 Congregational Retreat at Bozeman Pond
- 6/29 5th Sunday offering saved for future disaster

Spiritual Pluralism Project Group

Our Fellowship has a Spiritual Pluralism group that 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 - This group explores Humanism and its role in Unitarian Universalism and usually meets monthly. If you are interested in attending, please contact Sara W.



Upcoming Events



Farewell Party for Rev. Margo and Birthday/Anniversary Party Social Time - June 1

Join us after the service on June 1 as we bid farewell to our beloved Minister, Rev. Margo Rinehart. At the same time, we'll be celebrating our June birthdays and anniversaries! Don't miss this special time of connection, gratitude, and celebration.



2nd Sunday Offering to the Countship - June 8

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

The Imperial Sovereign Court of the State of Montana (ISCSM), a.k.a. "The Countship," works to educate and advocate for the LGBTQIA and Allied community, while promoting social tolerance through the production and inaction of drag performance. The ISCSM works to eliminate the historical oppression of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and Asexual (LGBTQIA) individuals through expansion of the boundaries of sex, gender, and sexual orientation by creating a safe and welcoming environment through the production of events which explore multiple gender expressions in a fun and educational atmosphere.



Board Meeting - June 10

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.



Food Bank Sunday - June 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 member will bring them to the food bank.



Glass Recycling - June 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! Thanks to Mattie W. for being our glass recycling volunteer this month! Please do not leave the glass at the fellowship, we have no room to store it.



Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed - June 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 Saved for Future Disaster Relief - June 29

The Social Justice Action Committee (SJAC) has designated that the 5th Sunday offering will be set aside for future disaster relief. Once SJAC selects a recipient for the offering, the funds will be sent to the charity. Donate to this fund online (uufbozeman.org/donate) and select "Give to 5th Sunday special offering" or mail a check made out to UUFB & write "5th Sunday" in the memo line. Mail contributions to UUFB, 325 N. 25th Ave., Bozeman, MT 59718.



Join the UUFB Hiking Group

Would you like to be a part of our UUFB Hiking Group e-mail list? It's a great way to stay updated on our upcoming hikes and connect with fellow nature enthusiasts. If you're interested, reach out to Dick C. or email our Office Admin at admin@uufbozeman.org, and we'll make sure you're added to the list. Whether you're a seasoned hiker or just looking to enjoy the outdoors in good company, we welcome you to join us on our moderate hikes with a comfortable pace and fantastic camaraderie!



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Staff

- **Minister:** OPEN
- **Office Administrator:** Christy H.
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:** Sandy K.
- **Childcare Lead:** Christine W.
- **Pianist:** Laurel Y.
- **Choir Director:** Megan M.

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.

2025-2026 Board Members

- Presidents: Kaylin G. and Sandra O.
- Vice President: Lisa B.
- Past President: Barbara T.
- Secretary: Joy L.
- Treasurer: Janine R.
- Member-at-Large: May V.
- Member-at-Large: Rene K.

Committees/Task Force Leaders

- Building & Grounds Committee: Tonya S., Contact
- Building Coordinator: Tonya S., Contact
- Caring Committee, Meals, Rides: Mary M., Contact
- Communications Committee: Peg W., Contact
- Finance Committee: Bruce D., Chair
- Fundraising: Leona P., Contact
- Governance/Leadership: Tonya S., Contact
- Hospitality/Membership: Tonya S., Chair
- Interfaith *Our Whole Lives*: Sandy K., CRE
- Interior Design: Diane K. & Jan Y., Contacts
- Investment Committee: Paul S., Chair
- Leadership Council: Lisa B., Contact
- Legacy Giving: Peg W., Contact
- Lifespan Religious Exploration: Warren K., Contact
- Minister Search: Amanda C., Contact
- Safety Task Force: Neil S., Contact
- Social Activities: Diane K., Contact
- Social Justice Action Committee: Randy B., Contact
- Stewardship: Peg W., Contact
- Sunday Services Committee: Lisa T., Contact

Contact Points

- Book Sales/Little Library: Leona P.
- Chalice Circles: Lisa B., Rachel R.
- Family Promise Task Force: Carolyn B.
- Food Bank: Susan A., Norm E., Sandy K.
- Fork & Spoon: Randy B.
- Hiking Group: Dick C.
- Historian: Susan B.
- Kitchen/Bath Supplier: Suzy S.
- Men's Group: Warren K.
- UUFB Choir: Megan M.
- Women's Group: Open
- Youth Group: Sandy K., CRE

Spiritual Pluralism Group Leader

- UU Humanist Group: Sara W., Contact