

MAY 2025

UUF B NEWS

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bozeman

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

May 4, 2025 • "Imagination and Why It Matters" with Jo Anne Salisbury Troxel

In this talk, there will be a discussion of how imagination is central to life and progress. It moves with us in a past, present and future. It's big, It's complicated, and this talk will give us a small way of considering its importance.

Jo Anne Salisbury Troxel is a retired English teacher, social activist, and supporter of the arts. She holds a master's degree in Philosophy and Contemporary Literature. A native Montanan, she has lived in the same house in Bozeman for 60 years. Mostly, though, she is a writer. Her book of poems, *Mean Dog Blues*, has enjoyed some success, along with her memoir about her parents, *Waiting for the Revolution*, which the Montana Historical Society has recognized as an important piece of Montana history and added to its collection. She also edited a collection of essays about Covid titled *Women Elders Speak*. She continues to write.

May 11, 2025 • "Twenty Years in Nepal: Expanding Community and Growing Toward Justice" with Pam Poon

What is it like to live in a place where you are both a minority and majority, where self-worth can be based on how you fit into a social hierarchy, where the divine is celebrated formally and informally almost every day, where joy and grief are public and and where life stages are welcomed and celebrated as a part of daily life?

Pam Poon is a somewhat-retired attorney and mediator who moved to Bozeman in 1990. She began attending services at the UUF B after 9/11 in 2001 and became a member two or three years later. Pam served on the Governance and COM committees for a couple of terms and is currently on the Legacy Giving Committee. In addition to attending weekly services, she participates in one of the Chalice Circles and a nationwide UUA meeting called "Taproot," which supports people of color in UU leadership.

May 18, 2025 • "UUF B Humanists Discuss Morality and Religion" with the UUF B Humanist Group

Members of the UUF B Humanist group will reflect on the relationship between morality and religion from a humanist perspective. Drawing on personal insight and ethical philosophy, they will explore how moral values can thrive outside traditional religious frameworks.

May 25, 2025 • "We Are All Artists" with Rev. Margo Rinehart

Come and explore how imagination will shape your vision of the next year at UUF B and learn to create your own Imaginarium. John O'Donohue teaches us "We are each an artist. Everyone, whether they like it or not, is involved in the construction of the world."

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.

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REVEREND REFLECTIONS

REV. MARGO RINEHART

"I slept and dreamt that life was joy.
I awoke and saw that life was service.
I acted and, behold, service was joy." — Rabindranath Tagore

May will be my last month with all of you, and what a bittersweet time. Our final moment together will be celebrating Flower Communion on Sunday, June 1st. As this time approaches, I've spent much time in memory, replaying the *Greatest Hits* of UUFb. Somewhat surprisingly, they have been the smaller, more intimate moments rather than the shinier, larger ones: laughter at meetings, your faces on a Sunday morning, setting up for an *Over 80s Tea*, Christy and I musing over the quirky personality of the copy machine, and our kids running around at a Wednesday evening LREC meeting. These are the everyday moments that build lasting relationships.

While sitting with and turning these heartwarming thoughts about UUFb, my 101-year-old aunt is quietly dying in hospice care. She is surrounded by her nieces and nephews and many friends from her church. Each day we gather and sort through a stack of memories of her and my uncle during their 75-year marriage. There is a long, joyful inventory of family picnics, camping trips, storytelling, blueberry picking and pies, and the tethering together of the extended families. Everyday moments of relationships.

We all live in impermanence. The best we can hope for is to take deep inside what we learn from the moments with our loved ones. How we integrate that learning and love into our hearts, souls, and the very essence of who we are is the only permanence we can create. From my aunt and uncle, I learned to nurture the interdependent web of extended family. From all of you I learned that service is joy in our Fellowship family. That everyone makes a large or small contribution to the beloved community at UUFb. Your presence is the first gift. UUFb survives and thrives because of the everyday moments of relationship, which in turn sustains and feeds your work of bringing love, justice, caring, and kindness to the wider world.

As the months and years go on, I will still be holding you in my heart, thanking you for all that you have given me and sending you love.

In deepest gratitude,
Reverend Margo

Dear Reverend Margo,

As we get ready to say goodbye, our hearts are full—grateful for the time, care, and spirit you've shared with us. Your presence has truly been a gift, filled with laughter, kindness, and a deep love for this community. You've shown us how meaningful service can be, how important it is to show up as we are, and how to support each other.

We'll hold on to the everyday memories you treasured—the small but powerful connections that make this Fellowship feel like home.

Even as you step into a new chapter, your impact will stay with us. You've helped shape who we are, and we're so thankful.

Wishing you peace, joy, and plenty of love on the road ahead. We'll miss you and carry you in our hearts always.

*With love and gratitude,
Your UUFb Family*

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

Religious Exploration (RE) Update

The imagination is "a world that we try to build up and enter at the same time" (Northrop Frye, *The Educated Imagination*). And so this month, Children's RE will aim at the powers of creation and understanding. I plan for us to race monowheel motorbikes (*not in the garden!*) with tires that emit light while wearing hats that protect us from hay fever and blasting boomboxes that imitate cat meows. If you are curious to see what else we're up to, come take a look at our bulletin board in the classroom. There are new magnets in the shape of toast slices.

Religious Exploration May Schedule

- Sunday, May 4: Using Imagination to Have Fun
- Sunday, May 11: Using Imagination to Help & Find Hope
- Sunday, May 18: Using Imagination to Think Outside the Box
- Sunday, May 25: Using Imagination to Understand



1870 illustration for Jules Verne's *From the Earth to the Moon*



Thank You, Cameron!

We extend a heartfelt thanks to Cameron for serving as our Coordinator of Religious Exploration since January. His dedication, especially in organizing and cleaning the classroom and nursery, has made a lasting impact. We're grateful for all he's contributed to our community and wish him all the best in the journey ahead!

WE'RE HIRING!

Coordinator of Religious Exploration

Part-Time | 14 hours/week | \$20/hour
Flexible/Hybrid Schedule | Prof. Development Support

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bozeman



APPLY BY MAY 17, 2025

Find out more at:
uufbozeman.org/cre



This month, we will be honoring UUFb's long-time connection with Family Promise in two ways.

The Social Justice Action Committee (SJAC) has committed to a **supply drive of kitchen items** for the four kitchens that will be available to the eight families who will move into Family Promise's new emergency shelter in June. Finally, these families will have a roof over their heads, a warm place to sleep and cook, food to eat and support in moving toward independent housing.

Two families will share each kitchen, using the items that we provide. **The list of items they need and a sign-up sheet can be found at this link:** uufbozeman.org/family-promise

Family Promise's record of helping people is a good one. From the emergency shelter program, families move to transitional housing apartments and finally into Family Promise workforce housing or independent housing. 88% of those who have completed the shelter program were still in housing twelve months later.

The second way we will be supporting families is with our second Sunday offering which will go to Family Promise to provide scholarships for children so they can attend the Family Promise Rising Stars preschool/daycare. You'll hear more about that donation from the SJAC.

To quote Robin Mayer, Family Promise's Development Director, "Families don't become homeless because of a lack of money, they become homeless because of a lack of community." Let us be the community for those who need it.

Carolyn Boyd, UUFb Liaison to Family Promise, boydcar2@gmail.com

**8 NEW
EMERGENCY
SHELTER
UNITS**

**HELP STOCK 4
NEW KITCHENS**

The New Emergency Shelter will Provide:

- ★ 8 SINGLE-FAMILY ROOMS FOR SAFE & PRIVATE LIVING
- ★ 4 KITCHEN STATIONS TO HELP FAMILIES PREPARE MEALS TOGETHER
- ★ TRAUMA-INFORMED CHILDREN'S AREA FOR HEALING & PLAY
- ★ A STABLE ENVIRONMENT WHERE FAMILIES CAN BEGIN THEIR "JOURNEY HOME"

May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 •7:00 Men's Group	2	3 • 1:00 World Labyrinth Day Walk
4 •8:30 Newcomers Breakfast •10:00 service with Jo Anne Troxel •11:00 Monthly Birthday Party •11:00 Weaving Introduction	5 •6:00 Women's Group Cinco de Mayo Party!	6	7 •5:30 Choir Rehearsal	8	9	10
11 •10:00 service with Pam Poon •2 nd Sunday to Family Promise	12	13 •12:00 Board Meeting	14 •5:30 Choir Rehearsal	15	16	17
18 •10:00 service with UUFB Humanist Group •Food Bank Sunday •11:00 Annual Meeting	19 •5:45 UUFB Dinner at Fork & Spoon	20	21	22 •4:30 Fork & Spoon volunteers needed	23	24
25 •10:00 service with Rev. Rinehart •Glass Recycling	26	27	28	29	30	31
June 1 •10:00 Last service with Rev. Rinehart •11:00 Monthly Birthday Party						



Montana Statewide UU Retreat
September 12-14, 2025 in Helena, MT

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

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO OUR DEDICATED BOARD MEMBERS

We want to take a moment to extend our deepest gratitude to our incredible board members, whose time, talent, and energy keep UUFB running smoothly.

President Barbara Tylka

keeps us focused and on track with her remarkable organization and ability to get things done.

Secretary Joy LaClaire

not only captures every detail in our board minutes but also lends her talents to managing our beautiful garden and live-streaming our services.

Treasurer Janine Roberts

is a true whiz with the books and always steps in to help wherever needed.

Past President Jeanne Moe

continues to be a steady presence, offering support, guidance, and a deep well of institutional knowledge that helps us stay rooted and move forward with confidence.

Member-at-Large Barb Lantz

is our go-to person for building projects and is always ready with sound advice and a helping hand.

Member-at-Large Rene Keating

brings warmth and care to everything she does, and her skill in organizing social activities is a true asset!

Thank you all for your tireless commitment and the heart you bring to your work. We appreciate you!



Upcoming Events

- 5/1 Men's Group
- 5/3 World Labyrinth Day Walk
- 5/4 Newcomers Breakfast
- 5/4 Sunday Service with Jo Anne Troxel
- 5/4 Monthly Birthday/Anniversary Party
- 5/4 Weaving Introduction
- 5/5 Women's Group Cinco de Mayo Party!
- 5/7 Choir Rehearsal
- 5/11 Sunday Service with Pam Poon
- 5/11 2nd Sunday to Family Promise
- 5/13 Board Meeting
- 5/14 Choir Rehearsal
- 5/18 Sunday Service with UUFB Humanist Group
- 5/18 Food Bank Sunday
- 5/18 Annual Meeting
- 5/19 UUFB Dinner at Fork & Spoon
- 5/22 Fork & Spoon volunteers needed
- 5/25 Sunday Service with Rev. Margo
- 5/25 Glass Recycling
- 6/1 Last Service with Rev. Margo
- 6/1 A Sweet Farewell for Rev. Margo



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.

Minister Schedule and Pastoral Care Updates

Rev. Margo is working primarily from Washington State but will be in Bozeman the end of May. At other times, she offers virtual office hours on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10-2 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.



Join Us!



On June 1, 2025, UUFB will hold a **Welcoming Ceremony** for new members during our regular Sunday Service.

How might you decide about joining this Fellowship? For those who find themselves aligned with our vision and our values, perhaps a preview of some of the welcome ceremonial words will help with your decision:

Representative for UUFB (Minister, Board President, or Hospitality Chair):

"New Members, we are so glad to have you here with us and we are glad that you have chosen this community of fellow seekers to travel with you on your life journeys.

- Will you accept our gifts of fellowship, discovery, and service?
- Will you offer us your unique presence and gifts?
- Will you add your name to the long history of Unitarian Universalist men and women who spread hope with our living faith?
- Will you engage with us as we seek to create a community, and a world dedicated to love and justice?"

New Members: "We will."

Representative for UUFB:

- "Congregation, will you welcome these new members with the warmth and comfort of your fellowship?
- Will you seek to add your strengths and talents to the new gifts they bring to us?
- Will you share our triumphs and struggles as our community grows and changes?"

Congregation: "We will."

There's more to the ceremony than this, but you get the drift - those are the main ideas. If you find yourself comfortable with speaking such words to the congregation, we invite you to become an official member of UUFB. Together, we can share our joys and concerns. Together, we can face the challenges of this world. Together, we thrive.

If you would like to join and be included in the Welcoming Ceremony, please contact Tonya Stevens (stevens_tonya@msn.com), or Carolyn Boyd (boydcar2@gmail.com).

Tonya Stevens, Hospitality and Membership Team



Midnight Rhythm Quilt

Made by Bonnie Andes

This was one of 41 quilts Bonnie made during the 2 years of Covid!

Bowling fun at MSU!



Upcoming Events



Men's Group - May 1

All men are invited to join the UUFBo Men's Group for their monthly meeting on the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at UUFBo. This is a great opportunity to connect with other men in the community, engage in meaningful discussions, and explore topics of shared interest. Whether you're a long-time member or new to the group, your presence and participation are valued. If you would like to be added to the Men's Group email list, please send a message to admin@uufbozeman.org.



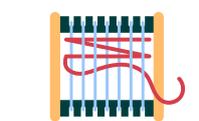
Newcomers Breakfast - May 4

The UUFBo Hospitality and Membership Committee warmly invites you to the Newcomers Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. in the UUFBo Social Hall. Whether you're new to our Fellowship or have been attending for a while and want to learn more about our beliefs and practices, this gathering is for you! We will have an engaging hour of discussion about your spiritual journey to Unitarian Universalism, UU origins, and the many activities at UUFBo. All who are curious are welcome. For questions, contact Tonya S. We hope to see you there!



Monthly Birthday/Anniversary Party Social Time - May 4

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.



Weaving Introduction - May 4

Have you ever wondered what weaving is or how it works? Join Warren K., Carolyn W., Barbara T., and Kim C. after church on Sunday, May 4th. We'll share a bit about our crafts and then lead a fellowship weaving project to begin creating a wall hanging for our church. Materials will be provided. Come and join the fun!



Women's Group Cinco de Mayo Celebration! - May 5

Since the first Monday of the month lands on May 5th, we're embracing the very convenient excuse of Cinco de Mayo to come together for a festive evening celebrating Mexican-American culture! While this isn't exactly a potluck, we're counting on each of you to sign up for an assigned dish to help make the evening delicious and fun. Join us on Monday, May 5th at 6:00 p.m. at UUFBo. Please sign up at uufbozeman.org/womens-group. Gracias, and we can't wait to celebrate with you!



2nd Sunday Offering to Family Promise - May 11

The Social Justice Action Committee (SJAC) has specified that this offering will go to Family Promise of Gallatin Valley in support of their Early Learning Center scholarship program. Donate online (uufbozeman.org/donate) and select "Give to 2nd Sunday charitable donation" or write a check payable to UUFBo with "Family Promise" in the memo line.

Family Promise of Gallatin Valley in Montana is a non-profit organization whose mission is to empower families experiencing housing insecurities to secure a safe, affordable home, a livelihood, and the chance to build a better future for their children. Family Promise serves families of all compositions through 6 emergency shelter units, 10 transitional housing units, and 14 scattered workforce housing units (and 8-14 emergency shelter units on campus in June of 2025). Their Family Resource Center provides a family-friendly place where guests have access to multiple essential resources. Family Promise's Rising Stars Early Learning Center provides developmentally appropriate childcare and early learning opportunities for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. The center offers scholarships based on income and expenses with the goal of providing childcare for every family in our community. More information is at familypromisegv.org.

Upcoming Events



Board Meeting – May 13

The UUF� Board meets at UUF� 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 – May 18

Non-perishable food donations and toiletries for the Gallatin Valley Food Bank will be collected at this UUF� service. Please bring your items and a member will bring them to the food bank.



UUF� Annual Meeting – May 18

The UUF� Annual Meeting will be held after service to vote on the slate of 2025–2026 Board candidates. This meeting will be held in person only, so please try to attend! If you are unable to, please give your filled out proxy form to a member who plans to attend the meeting.



UUF� Dinner at Fork & Spoon – May 19

Join us for our monthly dinner at Fork & Spoon! We're aiming to meet at 5:45 p.m., which should help us beat the rush from the nearby Streamline bus that arrives around 6:00. Fork & Spoon serves dinner between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m., so feel free to come whenever works best for you. Located at 206 E. Griffin Dr., Fork & Spoon is a pay-what-you-can restaurant operated by HRDC, with a suggested donation of \$12.50 and a menu full of delicious options. Good food for a good cause—we hope to see you there!



Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed – May 22

2–3 Volunteers from UUF� 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.



Glass Recycling – May 25

On the 4th Sunday of each month, UUF� 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 Mattie W. 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.



Flower Communion and Rev. Margo's Last Day! – June 1

Join us for our Flower Communion service on Sunday, June 1, as we celebrate Rev. Margo's final day with us. Bring a flower—or a few—to share in our intergenerational exchange of joy and purpose. After the service, stay for cake, memories, and gratitude as we send Rev. Margo off with love.



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!



Join the UUF� Hiking Group

Would you like to be a part of our UUF� 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!



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP of BOZEMAN

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:** Cameron Paterson
- **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

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*: Cameron Paterson, CRE
- 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 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
- 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: Cameron Paterson, CRE

Spiritual Pluralism Group Leader

- UU Humanist Group: Sara Williams, Contact