

JULY 2025

UUF B NEWS

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bozeman

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

July 6, 2025 • "Democracy and Patriotism, part 2" with Rev. Dr. Daniel C. Kanter (recording)

We will be showing a recording of Rev. Dr. Daniel Kanter's deeply personal and timely sermon that reflects on his immigrant grandfather's Fourth of July legacy, the meaning of patriotism, and the painful divisions facing our country today. With honesty and hope, he challenges us to reclaim grace, kindness, and courage as we work to live into America's highest ideals—justice, mercy, and unity—even amid disagreement and loss.

Rev. Dr. Daniel C. Kanter is the Senior Minister and CEO of First Unitarian Church of Dallas and author of *Faith for the Unbeliever* (2017). He has held numerous leadership roles within the Unitarian Universalist movement and broader interfaith and justice communities, including with Planned Parenthood, Faith Forward Dallas, and the UUA. A former Harvard Divinity School Fellow, he holds degrees from the University of Vermont, Starr King School for the Ministry, and SMU. Daniel lives in East Dallas with his family and enjoys cycling and time at White Rock Lake when not leading, preaching, and envisioning the future of his congregation.

July 13 2025 • "Do or do not. There is no Try." with Rev. Roxanne Klingensmith

"Do or do not. There is no try." With these famous words, Master Yoda challenges young Luke Skywalker (*Star Wars*) — and perhaps all of us. Does "trying" imply a lack of full commitment and a willingness to fail?

The Venerable Roxanne Klingensmith, originally from Minnesota, has resided in Bozeman since 1981. With a background in theology and ministry, she was ordained as a Deacon in 1999. Klingensmith is deeply involved in community organizations, focusing on social justice issues. She founded Family Promise of the Gallatin Valley and the Fresh Start Program, and serves on various boards and councils. A retired Archdeacon of the Episcopal Diocese of Montana, she continues to serve St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Big Timber. Klingensmith lives in Bozeman with her wife and has a daughter in New Zealand.

July 20, 2025 • "Hijacking Anti-Semitism" with Rabbi Ed Stafman

Anti-semitism is on the rise. But there's a battle for its definition with the term being hijacked from its meaning into a new pro-Israel anti-semitism. The controversy has led to deep division within the Jewish world, with implications for other historically oppressed groups. Rabbi Ed will speak about how the term has been hijacked, and how we might take it back.

Rabbi Ed Stafman brings a diverse background to his role. After working various jobs, he spent 25 years as a civil rights attorney before pursuing rabbinic ordination and a PhD inspired by Jewish teachings on compassion. As the rabbi in Bozeman for a decade, he developed a deep sense of shared human values. His interfaith work built skills finding commonalities among diverse people, useful in the Montana legislature, where he is serving his third term, advocating for the environment, economic justice, and compassion. Rabbi Ed is an outdoor enthusiast, community volunteer, and most recently, a new grandfather.

July Sunday Services continued on page 3...

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF BOZEMAN



uufbozeman.org
406.586.1368
Rev. Duffy Peet, Minister

Sunday Services: 10:00 a.m.
325 N. 25th Ave.
Bozeman, MT 59718-2688





MINISTER MUSINGS

REV. DUFFY PEET



A significant number of UUFb members and friends have shared their appreciation for my willingness to come out of retirement and return to the role of UUFb Minister. I am deeply touched by the gratitude that has been shared with me. It is my hope that what I have to offer is adequate to the current needs of the Fellowship during these uncertain and challenging times.

And what do I mean when I speak of uncertain and challenging times? Of course part of what I am referring to relates to UUFb's two unsuccessful searches for a new, full-time minister. The Fellowship has continuously had a minister since 2003. To be without a minister would be a significant change after 22 years of having had one. Since the COVID pandemic, a significant number of congregations have not been successful in their search for a new minister. The same is true in other religious denominations.

But the issue of the UUFb minister search is only a small part of what I am referring to when I mention uncertain and challenging times. I am also referring to what is currently occurring in our nation as well as the world. With the current political leadership in our nation's capital undermining so many institutions that our citizens and non-citizens have come to trust and depend on, it is difficult to know whether what we need to go about our daily lives will exist for much longer. On the international level, the number of nations that have strong and stable relations has diminished considerably since 2025 began. And the number of countries that are at war or threatening war with neighboring countries is very concerning. Along with what I have already mentioned, there is the instability of the global financial system.

In these uncertain and challenging times, people need to know there are others they can trust and depend on. People need to know where they are safe to be who they are and share what they think, feel and value. People need to have communities where they feel safe, supported and sustained. People need to have places where caring, consideration and compassion are shown again and again, even in the midst of difficulties. And people need to feel there is hope for the future. Religious communities have been filling people's needs in these, and many other areas, for a very long time.

Today, even as UUFb is experiencing its own uncertainty and challenges, we need to remember what the big picture purpose of our Fellowship is. When our concerns, fears or anxieties begin to intensify, we need to allow ourselves to be held, emotionally, spiritually and sometimes even physically, in the arms of our religious community. We need to consider what is causing us emotional upset or distress and how we might both depend upon and build upon our shared community to find relief, comfort and hope. We need to remember that none of us can, by ourselves alone, adequately cope with, let alone thrive, during the uncertain and challenging times we are living in. We are all in this together. When we recognize this, we can bring our strengths, abilities, dreams and determination together to face the uncertainties, challenges and difficulties that lie ahead. We are an amazing community with over 65 years of history, strong values and incredible skills, strength and stamina. We are being called to join together in living into the final lines of our UUFb Vision Statement. "We of the UUFb...Will move forward into an uncertain future with grace and humility, fostering compassion and love, claiming our prophetic heritage, and making our Fellowship, larger community and world, a safer and better place."

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION



Hi UUFb Members and Friends,

Before I share our theme for July I'd like to inform you that there will be no RE class on July 6th. There will be activity bags available and a Story for All Ages during the service.

Our theme for the 2 summer months of July and August is a "Can Do Summer!" The program's aim is to instill in our children the "can do spirit" and the ability to face challenges that occur in life with an open mind and flexibility. The anchor of each of our sessions is in our UU practices of curiosity and imagination, two skills that are key to feeling empowered and excited to try and make new things. Some of the options we might engage in are: Paper Airplanes, Bubbles, Toothpick Architecture, Obstacle Courses and Junk Sculptures. Along with these we will be engaging in Cooperative Games, Adventure Games and Initiative Problems. Each of our weeks during the summer will help to develop an individual as well as a community "can do spirit".

I feel like this theme is also a great reminder for the congregation as a whole as we navigate transitions. As an educator, I'm reminded of the Growth Mindset Framework. This passion for stretching yourself and sticking to it, even (or especially) when it's not going well, is the hallmark of the growth mindset. Operating in this space – just outside of your comfort zone – is the key to improving your performance. It's also the critical element to deliberate practice. In a TED talk, Carol Dweck describes "two ways to think about a problem that's slightly too hard for you to solve. People approach these problems with the two mindsets... Are you not smart enough to solve it or have you just not solved it yet. How we word things affects confidence, the words 'yet' or 'not yet,' "gives kids greater confidence, and gives them a path into the future that creates greater persistence." Here's a short article to read on Growth Mindset:

<https://www.boisestate.edu/student-life/5-1-2-things-about-growth-mindset-from-dr-tromp/>

May your summer be filled with whatever nourishes you and the gift of wonder,
Sandy Kindt, Interim CRE



UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES *continued...*

July 27, 2025 • Sunday Summer mUUSIC Service at the Pond with Megan Makeever

Join Megan M., Carolyn W., and various musical congregants for a service on Sunday, July 27 at Bozeman Pond that is filled with meaningful songs and instrumentals related to the topics of summer, nature, or UU principles! Please bring a folding chair to sit on! This service will be in person only, there will be no livestream.

Megan is looking for a few folks to share a song or an instrumental piece. Songs can either be short selections that are taught to the congregation OR pieces that are shared in more of a "performance" style. Please aim for pieces that relate to summer, nature, or UU principles in some way. **E-mail Megan M. by JULY 10TH with your possible musical selection** (contact Office Admin for Megan's email) and whether or not you need to be accompanied by guitar or piano.



Family Promise

of Gallatin Valley

We were successful in getting all the items that Family Promise requested for the kitchens at the new emergency shelter spaces. When some of us visited the new spaces, it was fun to see toasters and coffee pots that we had donated on the kitchen counters. Here is our thank you from Family Promise. "Family Promise of Gallatin Valley is deeply grateful to Bozeman's Unitarian Universalist Fellowship for hosting a donation drive to help stock the kitchens of our new emergency shelter with air fryers, coffee makers, silverware, and so much more! Their generosity provides dignity, stability, and a sense of care to families in crisis. A dignified and welcoming kitchen offers more than meals; it's the warmth of home, the start of healing, and a place where hope is nourished."

We also raised \$1,022 from our Second Sunday offering which Family Promise will use for scholarships to their preschool/day care program, Rising Stars. The scholarship program supports free and sliding scale enrollment so families can afford quality day care while they work.

The new shelter spaces will hopefully be open by the end of July. There are still some items needed, so if you didn't donate to the kitchens and would like to help, you can go to this Amazon link.
<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3D8WKTBHXWNOM>



Carolyn B., UUFB's Family Promise liason



Thanks to Sandra O. for bringing in the beautiful quilt!



Thanks to Cathy C. for our new nook display!





July 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 •10:00 service with Rev. Dr. Daniel C. Kanter (recording) • Monthly Birthday Party Social Time	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 •10:00 service with Rev. Roxanne Klingensmith • 2 nd Sunday Offering to MAAP •11:30 Board Meeting	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 •10:00 service with Rabbi Ed Stafman •Food Bank Sunday •11:15 Leadership Council	21	22	23	24 •4:30 Fork & Spoon volunteers needed	25	26
27 •10:00 Music Service at Bozeman Pond	28	29	30	31		

Upcoming Events

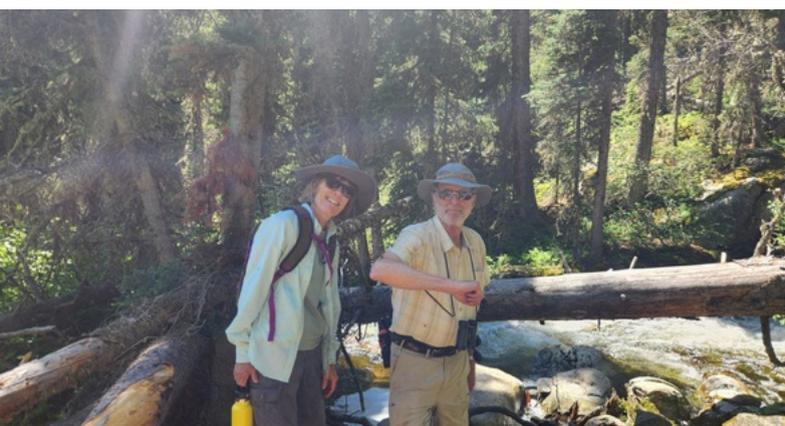
- 7/6 Sunday Service with Rev. Dr. Daniel C. Kanter (recording)
- 7/6 Monthly Birthday Party Social Time
- 7/13 Sunday Service with Rev. Roxanne Klingensmith
- 7/13 2nd Sunday offering to Montana Abortion Access Program (MAAP)
- 7/13 Board Meeting
- 7/20 Sunday Service with Rabbi Ed Stafman
- 7/20 Food Bank Sunday
- 7/20 Leadership Council
- 7/24 Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed
- 7/27 Sunday Summer mUUSIC Service at Bozeman Pond with Megan Makeever



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



Monthly Birthday/Anniversary Party Social Time - July 6

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.



Montana Abortion
Access Program

2nd Sunday Offering to Montana Abortion Access Program (MAAP) - July 13

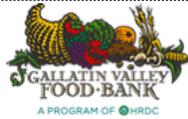
The Social Justice Action Committee (SJAC) has specified that this offering will go to the Montana Abortion Access Program (MAAP). Donate online (uufbozeman.org/donate) and select "Give to 2nd Sunday charitable donation" or write a check payable to UUFB with "MAAP" in the memo line.

The Montana Abortion Access Program (MAAP) protects and fosters reproductive autonomy by providing access to abortion care through financial, logistical, and emotional support. They envision a world where everyone has the freedom, autonomy, and holistic support to make the decisions that are best for their lives, families, and community.



Board Meeting - July 13

The UUFB Board meets at UUFB and on Zoom monthly on the second Sunday of the month at 11:30 a.m. Please let a Board member or Rev. Duffy know if you are interested in attending.



Food Bank Sunday - July 20

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.



Leadership Council - July 20

Leadership Council will meet on Sunday, July 20 at 11:20 a.m. in person and on Zoom following the service. Leadership Council is an opportunity for our fellowship leaders (committee chairs, board members, and our minister) to share information, make connections, and find ways to expand our shared ministry. All are welcome to attend.



Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed - July 24

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.



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!



Join Our Choir!

Join our choir led by Megan M! All skill levels welcome. Connect, express, and spread joy through communal singing. Practices: 3rd and 4th Wednesdays of the month (*except June, July, and August*) from 5:30-6:30 p.m., with performances at the last Sunday of the month. No choir during the summer months. Email Megan to join (contact Office Admin for her email address)!



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

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



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP of BOZEMAN

Staff

- **Minister:** Rev. Duffy Peet
- **Pastoral Care:** Rev. Roxanne Klingensmith
- **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.
- **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