

SEPTEMBER 2025

UUF B NEWS

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bozeman

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

September 7, 2025 • "Hope in the Face of Destruction: How Art Transforms Us Even in the Darkest Times" with Christina Barbachano

From Argentina's Dirty War Years' painters clandestinely sneaking in anti-fascist imagery into street art to Ukrainian street murals in wartime, history shows that people turn to art in times of crisis. We will explore how creation becomes a spiritual act when the world feels broken, and why creating art and supporting the arts is an act of radical hope.

Christina Barbachano is a professional artist, long-time educator, and Executive Director of the Holter Museum of Art in Helena, MT. She is also an almost life-long UU and has a passion for the connection between her spiritual beliefs and creative path. She lives in Helena, MT with her close-knit family of the human and furry kind. For a short burst, Christina was a member of UUF B.

September 14, 2025 • "Longing to Belong: It Always Requires Something... But What Something?" with Rev. Roxanne Klingensmith

This Sunday we'll explore the deep human desire for belonging. What does it really take to feel connected—to one another, to community, to something larger than ourselves? We'll reflect on the 'something' that belonging always seems to require, and what that might mean for us today.

September 21, 2025 • To Be Announced with Kristin Hamburg

Kristin Hamburg began working for HRDC in 1995 in housing programs and later moved into her current role as Development Director, where she focuses on donor relations, fundraising, and educating the community about HRDC's mission. A graduate of Winona State University with a degree in Communications, Public Relations, and Marketing, she previously worked in Public Relations and Fundraising at LaRabida Children's Hospital in Chicago. Inspired by HRDC's impact on thousands of lives each year, Kristin is continually moved by the generosity of the community and the kindness of partners, donors, Board members, and volunteers. She also serves as Chair of the CASA of Gallatin County Board, Secretary of the Bozeman Policy Foundation Board, and volunteers with HRDC, especially enjoying serving Kids' Summer Lunch at MSU. In her free time, she loves being outdoors in Bozeman, often running or walking trails with her Golden Retriever, Cash.

September 28, 2025 • "Water Ceremony"

The Water Communion is a Unitarian Universalist ritual of unity, renewal, and community. Participants bring water from a meaningful place and pour it into a shared vessel, symbolizing how our diverse lives flow together. The mingled water, sometimes later used in child dedications or returned to the earth, reminds us of our interconnectedness and shared belonging.

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MINISTER MUSINGS

REV. DUFFY PEET



As I prepare to end my tenure as UUFB minister for a second time, I want to say thank you for giving me the opportunity to be your minister. I have appreciated the opportunity to be a part of this Fellowship and to offer my skills, abilities and perspectives in service to the greater good of this community. I am grateful for all of the members and friends who have made contact with me to express their disappointment and sadness regarding my leaving so soon after stepping back into the role of UUFB minister. I, too, am disappointed and feel sadness that my tenure as UUFB minister this second time has been so short.

As I depart from my position as minister, I wish for the very best for all of you and the Fellowship as a whole. With that wish in the forefront of my mind, I will follow the common practice that occurs when a minister departs or retires from a congregation when my tenure ends this month. Just as I did when I retired as UUFB's settled minister in 2022, I will refrain from active engagement with the congregation, including staff, members and friends. By stepping away from the Fellowship, I will be creating the space a new minister will need to enter the UUFB community and establish relationships without the complications that could occur if I continued to be involved in the Fellowship.

My plan is to continue my life in Bozeman for the foreseeable future so it is quite likely that you will see me at events in the community or possibly at a local store or restaurant. If you see me, I hope you will feel comfortable saying hello. I will be happy to engage in conversation with you about any topic other than the Fellowship.



thankful

WE EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO REV. DUFFY FOR SERVING AS OUR MINISTER OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS. HIS LEADERSHIP, WISDOM, AND CARE HAVE BEEN A GIFT TO OUR CONGREGATION.

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

To start off our exploration this year our theme is "Building belonging." We will learn about appreciating the diversity each person brings to the community, much like how different threads can be woven together to make a beautiful tapestry. Then we will explore building belonging by supporting and being supported by the wider web of community we have. As summer ends and autumn begins, we will learn about the Wiccan celebration of Mabon, which is the festival of harvest & sharing. Lastly, our last Sunday of September we have our water ceremony, in which we celebrate our sacred & shared faith.

We are URGENTLY looking for volunteers, which the RE program relies upon. At this time, I do not have enough volunteers to hold a classroom for some weeks in September. If you or someone you know has been involved with UUFNB for more than six months and loves being with kids, I need your help.

Blessings, Asherah (She/her)



Volunteers needed!!

LOVE WORKING WITH KIDS?

We are looking for people who want to contribute to the sacred exploration of spirituality with our young ones. Volunteers will assist the CRE in the classroom, Sundays 9:30-11:30am

Requirements

- ✓ Be at least 18 years old
- ✓ Active with UUFNB for 6 months
- ✓ Pass a background check

INTERESTED?
Talk to Asherah B. (She/her)
or email: uufnbcle@gmail.com

THANK YOU

Thank you to Sandy K. for stepping in as our Interim CRE this summer—her energy and dedication helped keep our programs vibrant and connected.



Search Team Help Needed!

The Lifespan Religious Exploration Committee (LREC) is looking to form a Search Committee to fill a Religious Exploration co-teacher position. Since we recently hired a Coordinator of Religious Exploration, we need to now fill our second open position. If you are interested in volunteering for this short term search committee please contact Kaylin G.

BOARD REPORT

August has just flown by and it has been another busy month on the board.

At our August board meeting, we learned that Rev. Duffy Peet would be ending his contract with UUFB. The 30-day notice that he gave was allowed per his contract. We greatly appreciate the support that he gave to UUFB over the last few months and wish him rest and a peaceful return to retirement.

We also briefly discussed a few policies at our August board meeting. Two policies (the weapons policy and the objectionable behavior policy) were approved by the previous board in November 2024, but had not been communicated to the congregation. Essentially, the weapons policy states that weapons are not allowed on UUFB premises. The objectionable behavior policy outlines different categories of objectionable behavior and describes how we will respond to and track any incidents. These will be available on the UUFB website soon. We also voted to amend a third policy (Equipment Policy, formerly known as the Rental Policy) to allow UUFB equipment (e.g., tables, chairs, etc.) to be borrowed and used off-site for UUFB purposes (e.g., services at Bozeman Pond, UUFB table at Catapalooza). The previous policy (which had been approved in January 2025) stated that equipment could not be removed from the premises.

Perhaps most importantly, we held a board retreat on August 16th. Given the news of Rev. Duffy's impending departure, more than half of the retreat time was focused on how we would function without a minister, including how we will divide up ministerial responsibilities such as staff supervision. We created a plan for moving forward and supporting staff while we don't have a minister. The second part of the retreat was spent brainstorming and identifying board priorities. We decided that for the 2025-2026 year, the board priorities are to: 1) Strengthen and empower committees, 2) Pursue actions to attract a new minister, 3) Improve communication between the board and congregation and 4) Increase visibility in the Bozeman community. We look forward to all friends and members stepping up to help us achieve these goals together!

In peace, Kaylin G. (Co-President) and the UUFB Board of Directors



The big news from Family Promise is that families have begun to move into their newly developed space and using the kitchens that we helped furnish. However, these rooms are no longer called emergency shelters. When you read the new name, you will understand why Family Promise is so successful at moving families into their own homes.

Emergency Shelter → Transitional Housing

This change recognizes that the program is so much more than a safe place to sleep at night. Transitional Housing is a foundational step for families as they begin to regain independence, rebuild confidence, and work toward long-term sustainability in the community.

Transitional Housing → Bridge Housing

These are the apartments on the A Journey Home campus. The new name highlights how this program helps families "bridge the gap" between homelessness and community living. By gradually increasing rent contributions, families adjust to new budgets, strengthen financial stability, and prepare for lasting housing success.

Donations are still needed to pay the mortgage on the new buildings. You may contribute by going to the donations site on the Family Promise website familypromisegv.org.

Carolyn B., UUFB's Family Promise Liason

minister search

update



The members of the committee are now Lisa B., Kaylin G., Anna J., and Laura M. from last year's search team and Dick C. and Carolyn B. from the 2023-24 team. We have begun meeting and will prepare the materials about our congregation that will be submitted to UUA for potential candidates to see. We will continue to seek your input to update the information that was gathered in the last two years about our congregation.

Per guidance from the Board, we are seeking a contract minister – a person who would be hired for a three-year contract with the possibility of being called as our settled minister after the second year. Our committee will vet candidates and then present one that we think would be the best fit for UUFb to the Board, which has the final decision on hiring.

One thing we will be updating is the slide show of our activities and members. If you have photos that might work, please send them to Christy admin@uufbozeman.org.

We also know from Rev. Margo that the size of a congregation is an important factor when potential ministers look at possible settings. Our membership increased last year, but we would look more attractive if it were still larger. If you have thought about joining, this would be a good time to do it. For more information you can contact Tonya S., chair of the Membership Committee or talk to any committee member. They are the ones wearing the "Ask me about UUFb" buttons .

What's this? Legacy

This stamp is on nametags of those who have included UUFb as a recipient in their estate plans—through a bequest in a will, or as a beneficiary of a life insurance or retirement account, or in some other way. This stamp indicates they are members of the Legacy Circle, the group of members who have made those arrangements. (Some Legacy donors wish to be anonymous and do not have this on their name tags.)

We are all grateful to those who have made such far-reaching commitments to the Fellowship.



At least, these are the donors we know about. If you have provided for UUFb in your will or other documents but have not completed UUFb's "Donor Intent Form," we hope you will do that soon. (Contact one of us, or Christy.) If we have your intention on file, we can be sure that a message coming from your executor or insurance company (or whoever) is not a scam, and we can respond more promptly.

You may not think you have an estate, but everyone does. Your estate is whatever you own (minus whatever you owe) when you pass. You may not think your estate needs planning, but if you die without making your own plan, the state of Montana will make those decisions. Estate plans don't have to be complicated—it takes very little time to identify or change a beneficiary designation, for instance. And the planning you do now will make life much simpler for those who will be winding up your affairs.

If you want to know more, please contact one of us.

Pam P. (pgracep@gmail.com), Dave R. (dave.rockafellow@gmail.com), Peg W. (pegwherry@gmail.com)



MONTANA UU RETREAT

Montana Statewide UU Retreat

September 12-14, 2025 in Helena, MT

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

September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 •7:00 Women's Group	2	3	4 •7:00 Men's Group	5	6 •6:00 Enchanted Evening in Bumblewood Thicket
7 •10:00 service with Christina Barbachano •11:00 Monthly Birthday Party Social Time •11:00 Sandwich Sunday! •11:45 Board Meeting	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 •10:00 service with Rev. Roxanne Klingensmith •2 nd Sunday Offering to ACLU of MT	15	16	17 •5:30 Choir Rehearsal	18	19	20
21 •10:00 service with Kristin Hamburg •Food Bank Sunday •11:15 Leadership Council	22	23	24 •5:30 Choir Rehearsal	25 •4:30 Fork & Spoon volunteers needed	26	27
28 •10:00 Water Ceremony •Glass Recycling •Book & Bake Sale	29	30	31			

Upcoming Events

- 9/1 Women's Group
- 9/4 Men's Group
- 9/6 Enchanted Evening in Bumblewood Thicket
- 9/7 Sunday Service with Christina Barbachano
- 9/7 Monthly Birthday/Anniversary Social Time
- 9/7 Sandwich Sunday
- 9/7 Board Meeting
- 9/14 Sunday Service with Rev. Roxanne Klingensmith
- 9/14 2nd Sunday offering to American Civil Liberties Union of Montana (ACLU)
- 9/12-9/14 MT UU Statewide Retreat in Helena
- 9/17 Choir Rehearsal
- 9/21 Sunday Service with Kristin Hamburg
- 9/21 Food Bank Sunday
- 9/21 Leadership Council
- 9/24 Choir Rehearsal
- 9/25 Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed
- 9/28 Water Ceremony Sunday Service
- 9/28 Glass Recycling
- 9/28 Book & Bake Sale

Upcoming Events



UUFB Women's Group - September 1

UUFB Women's Group will meet at 7:00 p.m. on September 1. We know the Labor Day holiday may make it harder for some to attend, so we're keeping it simple this month with light snacks and beverages. Tea, coffee, and a few treats will be provided, and you're welcome to bring something to share if you'd like. Our conversation will center on the September Soul Matters theme: Building Belonging. Please RSVP at uufbozeman.org/womensgroup.



UUFB Men's Group - September 4

All men are invited to join the UUFB Men's Group for their monthly meeting 7 p.m. at UUFB. 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 to stay informed about upcoming gatherings, please send a message to the Office Admin.



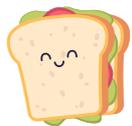
Enchanted Evening in Bumblewood Thicket - September 6

Join us for a magical night at Bumblewood Thicket! On Saturday, Sept. 6, we'll meet between 5:30-6:00 p.m. at Glen Lake Rotary Park (Bozeman Beach) at the East entrance (Boylan Rd., end of the golf course - plenty of street parking). Enjoy whimsical music, dance, and storytelling along the trail, featuring our own Megan MaKeever, Montana Ballet Company, Heather Buck, Heidi Krutchkoff, and the Celtic Collective. After touring the Thicket, we'll gather in the nearby grove for ice cream and fruit bars—bring a chair if you'd like to sit while eating. RSVP at uufbozeman.org/bumblewood so we know how many treats to bring!



Monthly Birthday & Anniversary Party Social Time - September 7

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.



Help Make Our Sandwich Sunday a Success - September 7

Join us after the service on Sunday, September 7th for Sandwich Sunday! The Social Activities Committee will provide sliced meat and cheese, butter, condiments, sparkling water, coffee, and tea, but we need your help with additional items and with set-up and clean-up. Please RSVP and sign up to bring an item or help at uufbozeman.org/sandwich. Your contributions will make this a delicious, fun, and community-building meal.



Board Meeting - September 7

The UUFB Board meets at UUFB and on Zoom monthly at 11:45 a.m. Please let a Board member know if you are interested in attending.



Food Bank Sunday - September 21

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.



Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed - September 25

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.



Upcoming Events



2nd Sunday Offering to ACLU of Montana - September 14

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

The ACLU is the nation's leading civil rights and civil liberties organization, working for over a century to protect and expand freedom, fairness, and equality for all. Through advocacy in courts, legislatures, and communities, and supported by over a million members and thousands of volunteers, the ACLU defends basic rights nationwide. The ACLU of Montana, founded in 1972, is part of this powerful network, amplifying the impact of its work across the state.



Glass Recycling - September 28

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 on other Sundays at the fellowship, as we have no room to store it.



Preparing for Our Fall Water Service

It is customary here at UUFB to hold a water service each fall. For that service, people are asked to bring water which has special meaning to them. Everyone is encouraged to be thinking about the water service during the coming months and to take something to put water in while you are out in nature or in your travels.



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)!



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!



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.





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Staff

- **Pastoral Care:** Rev. Roxanne Klingensmith
- **Office Administrator:** Christy H.
Office hours: Tuesday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Out of the office on Monday
- **Coordinator of Religious Exploration:** Asherah B.
- **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

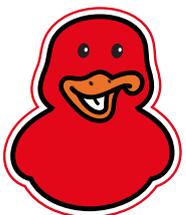
Our weekly emails include details about upcoming events, announcements, and Sunday services. To join, please visit uufbozeman.org/news/e-news.

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: Open
- Governance/Leadership: Tonya S., Contact
- Hospitality/Membership: Tonya S., Chair
- Interfaith *Our Whole Lives*: Asherah B., CRE
- Interior Design: Barbara L., Contact
- Investment Committee: Paul S., Chair
- Leadership Council: Lisa B., Contact
- Legacy Giving: Pam P., Contact
- Lifespan Religious Exploration: Warren K., Contact
- Minister Search: Carolyn B., Contact
- Safety Task Force: Neil S., Contact
- Social Activities: Diane K., Contact
- Social Justice Action Committee: Randy B., Contact
- Stewardship: Open
- Sunday Services Committee: Lisa T., Contact

Contact Points

- Book Sales/Little Library: Leona P.
- 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.
- Soul Matters Groups: Lynn F., Leona P., Rachel R.
- UUFB Choir: Megan M.
- Women's Group: Diane K., Contact
- Youth Group: Asherah B., CRE

Spiritual Pluralism Group Leader

- UU Humanist Group: Sara W., Contact