

OCTOBER 2025

UUF B NEWS

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bozeman

UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

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

October 5, 2025 • "Co-creating a More Just World" with Bonnie Sachatello-Sawyer

Justice has always been a part of spirituality. Walking the path of social justice can in fact be a disciplined spiritual practice bringing us now more into closer, more intimate relationships with one another and our Creator.

Bonnie Sachatello-Sawyer is the co-founder and executive director of Hopa Mountain, a position she has served in for the past 18 years. She formerly served as the director of Native Waters at Montana State University and the division head for public programs at the Museum of the Rockies. She received her Ed.D. from Montana State University in Adult and Community Education and completed her M.A. in Political Science at the University of Richmond. Her undergraduate degree in Political Science is from Vanderbilt University. In her free time, she enjoys hiking and reading.

October 12, 2025 • "Showing Compassion: One of the cornerstones of every religion, a goal for any caring individual" with Rev. Roxanne Klingensmith

Compassion is one of the cornerstones of every major religion and a goal for anyone striving to live with care and integrity. Yet true compassion can be demanding—it calls us to stretch beyond comfort, to see ourselves in others, and to act with kindness even when it is not easy. This service will explore what compassion asks of us, why it matters, and how we might cultivate it more deeply in our daily lives.

October 19, 2025 • "Gather the Spirit, Harvest the Power"

This Sunday's service is a chance for us all to commit to UUF B's future. We'll sing, share, testify, and pledge our support to the Fellowship for the year ahead. Please bring your pledge form in the provided envelop for this Commitment Sunday. There will be breakfast before the service.

October 26, 2025 • "mUUSIC Service" with Megan Makeever

Join Megan M., various musical congregants, and UU friends for a service that is filled with meaningful songs and instrumentals related to the topic of compassion!

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Sunday Services: 10:00 a.m.
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RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION



Hello Kindred Spirits!



Autumn is now in full swing and I am so excited to share with you all about what we will be doing in the RE classroom in October.

Personally, fall is my favorite season as it is the time of year in which we begin slowing down after the fun and chaos of summer.

October's theme is "Cultivating Compassion!" We will explore the different ways it shows up in how we treat each other, how we listen, how we act, and how we include everyone in our circle of care.

First, we will enact compassion through tiny actions that mean so much.



The following week is Indigenous People's Day and we will listen to compassion's call to treat everyone with dignity, with a focus on American Indian history.

Then, we will put compassion into practice by moving outside our comfort zones to respond to the needs of others.

Lastly, as Halloween approaches, we will wrap up our compassionate theme as we learn not to single anyone out for their unique differences.

Here's to another month of meaningful religious experiences and a new season of harvest and rest!



Blessings, Asherah



BOARD REPORT

Happy fall! In an effort to keep you informed, here are some important updates from the board...

The board, with support from the ministerial search committee, will be holding a town hall on October 26th. In this town hall, we will share information related to past searches (including over the past two years), explain the current contract minister search, and discuss the pros/cons of expanding our search to include non-UU ministers. We look forward to your participation and an engaging discussion. If you have questions, thoughts, or ideas related to this event, please reach out to Kaylin.

At the September 7th board meeting, we voted to establish a Ministerial Housing Task Force. This task force will investigate best practices as well as benefits and drawbacks of providing ministerial housing. In addition, the group will examine available options in the Bozeman area and compile its findings in a brief report to be delivered in the spring. Lisa B. will convene the task force and act as liaison to the board. Please contact Lisa B. if you would like to participate.

In addition, three of us (Sandra, Kaylin and Lisa) attended the Montana-wide UU retreat Sept 12-14th along with other members of our fellowship. We gained creative ideas from leaders in the UUA Pacific Western Region and built collaborations with UUs across Montana. Highlights included music from Judy Fjell and a talent show! Thanks to Mary Maifeld for being our congregation's organizer for this event and to Christy for extensive work behind the scenes.

Finally, we held a bonus board meeting on September 21st in conjunction with representatives from the Finance and Stewardship committees to discuss 2026 budget planning in preparation for this fall's pledge drive. This year, the proposed budget will have a strong focus on strengthening support for our valued staff members.

As a reminder, please contact Sandra with any questions about office administration and Christy's role, Kaylin for questions about the religious exploration program and Asherah's role, Lisa B. for questions about the music and choir program, and Rene for questions about pastoral care and Rev. Roxy.

In peace,
Kaylin and the UUFB Board of Directors

Join Our Choir!



Join our choir led by Megan M! All skill levels welcome. Connect, express, and spread joy through communal singing. Practices are usually the 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)!

Humanist 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.



Candlelit Memorial Labyrinth Walk

Sun., October 26, 2025, 5:30 p.m.
Bozeman Labyrinth near the library

Featuring
The Greater Yellowstone Threshold
Singers of Bozeman

Join the Ministerial Housing Task Force

At its September meeting, the Board voted to convene a time-limited task force to investigate the possibility of providing housing to our next minister. This idea has come up many times over the years, and it has taken on added urgency as the cost of housing in Bozeman has become prohibitive, even for many professionals. Many of us believe that offering housing will enhance our chances of attracting and retaining a full-time minister.

The Ministerial Housing Task Force will begin meeting in November and is expected to submit its report in Spring 2026. Lisa B. (current VP of the Board and member of the Ministerial Search Committee) will serve as the board liaison and as an ex officio member of the task force.

The charge to the Ministerial Housing Task Force is to:

- Investigate the benefits and drawbacks of providing ministerial housing
- Investigate best practices for providing ministerial housing
- Investigate available options in the Bozeman area
- Create a report of the task force findings
- Provide recommendations to the UUFB membership and Board
- Optional: lead a town hall to present the findings of the task force
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If you care about this issue, please join us! Contact Lisa B. by October 19 if you are interested in joining the task force. (Contact our admin for Lisa's email address.)

Lisa B. on behalf of the Board of Directors



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



October 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 •10:00 service with Bonnie Sachatello-Sawyer •11:00 Monthly Birthday Party Social Time •11:00 Pick up your 2026 Pledge Packet!	6 •6:00 Women's Group	7	8	9	10 •10:00 Interfaith Ambassador's Training at Hope Lutheran	11
12 •10:00 service with Rev. Roxanne Klingensmith •2 nd Sunday Offering to Mountain Shadow Association (MSA) •11:20 New Member Orientation •11:30 Board Meeting	13	14	15 •5:30 Choir Rehearsal	16 •7:00 Men's Group	17	18
19 •9:00 Gather the Spirit Breakfast •10:00 Sunday Service: "Gather the Spirit, Harvest the Power" •Food Bank Sunday	20	21	22 •11:30 Banned Book Club •5:30 Choir Rehearsal	23 •4:30 Fork & Spoon volunteers needed	24	25
26 •10:00 mUUsic Service with Megan Makeever •Glass Recycling •11:00 Town Hall Meeting •5:30 Circle Supper & Halloween Party •5:30 Candlelit Memorial Labyrinth Walk	27	28	29	30	31	

Upcoming Events



- 10/5 Sunday Service with Bonnie Sachatello-Sawyer
- 10/5 Monthly Birthday/Anniversary Social Time
- 10/5 Pick up your 2026 Pledge Packet!
- 10/6 Women's Group
- 10/10 Interfaith Ambassador's Training at Hope Lutheran
- 10/12 Sunday Service with Rev. Roxanne Klingensmith
- 10/12 2nd Sunday offering to Mountain Shadow Association (MSA)
- 10/12 New Member Orientation
- 10/12 Board Meeting
- 10/15 Choir Rehearsal
- 10/16 Men's Group
- 10/19 Gather the Spirit Breakfast
- 10/19 Sunday Service: "Gather the Spirit, Harvest the Power"
- 10/19 Food Bank Sunday
- 10/22 Banned Book Club
- 10/22 Choir Rehearsal
- 10/23 Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed
- 10/26 mUUsic Service with Megan Makeever
- 10/26 Glass Recycling
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"Gallatin Gathering Quilt"
- From Bonnie Andes

This is a Gallatin Quilt Guild round robin quilt. Bonnie made the middle four squares and supplied all the fabric. Seven other guild members each added a border around the quilt. They traded projects every month, so Bonnie also created a border on someone else's quilt each month. At the end of the seven months, each quilter revealed her quilt to the group. It was lots of fun, and now Bonnie has an amazing quilt filled with others' wonderful ideas and skill.

Nook Design
by Susan Anderegg

Upcoming Events



Circle Supper Hosts Needed!

It's time for another round of Circle Suppers in October and early November. The first part of the process is to get a list of people who are willing to host a dinner, when they would like to have the dinner, and how many guests. Please contact Diane K. if you would like to host.



Monthly Birthday & Anniversary Party Social Time - October 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.



Women's Group - October 6

UUFb Women's Group will meet on Monday, October 6th, at 6:00 p.m. at UUFb. Please bring a snack to share. All women are invited to attend even if you haven't come before. We'd love to have you join us.



Interfaith Ambassador's Training - October 10

GVIA Co-Moderator Rev. Valerie W of St. James Episcopal Church will facilitate "Interfaith Ambassadors," a training day led by HAVEN for clergy, lay leaders, and members of houses of worship to learn how to companion individuals experiencing domestic or intimate partner violence. Sponsored by GVIA, offered by HAVEN, and hosted by Hope Lutheran Church, the event will be held in the Fireside Room at Hope Lutheran Church, 2152 Graf St., Bozeman, on Friday, October 10, 2025 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with registration and refreshments starting at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided between the morning and afternoon sessions for those who RSVP to Rev. Valerie W.



2nd Sunday Offering to Mountain Shadow Association (MSA) - October 12

The Social Justice Action Committee (SJAC) has specified that the 2nd Sunday offering will go to the Mountain Shadow Association (MSA). Donate to this fund online (uufbozeman.org/donate) and select "Give to 2nd Sunday charitable donation" or a check to UUFb & write "MSA" in the memo.

Mountain Shadow Association (MSA) is a community-based, Native-American non-profit focused on repairing and restoring relationships between children and their parents, citizens and their community, families and their culture, individuals and their environment.



Making Connections UUFb Orientation Session - October 12

Are you new to this Fellowship? Maybe you have been here a while and would like to know more about our beliefs and practices. All the curious are invited to join the Hospitality and Membership team at our "Making Connections, UUFb Orientation Session" on Sunday, October 12, after the service at 11:20 a.m. Childcare will be provided. For about 45 minutes, join us in discussion about UU origins, UUFb activities, and your own stories. Contact anyone wearing an "Ask me about UUFb" button or one of the greeters if you have questions.



Board Meeting - October 12

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



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



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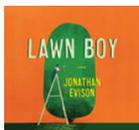
UUFB Men's Group - October 16

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 [contact our Office Admin](#).



Gather the Spirit Breakfast - October 19

You are invited to join us for Gather the Spirit, a breakfast bounty on Sunday, October 19, at 9:00 a.m. at UUFB. Breakfast will be provided—quiche, casseroles, pastries, fruit, juice, milk, coffee, and more. Childcare is available. Please RSVP by Thursday, October 16, at uufbozeman.org/breakfast. Bring yourself and your pledge form as we gather to celebrate and share our hopes for UUFB.



Banned Book Group - October 22

Join us for our next gathering at UUFB on Tuesday, October 22, from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Bring your lunch and enjoy a thoughtful discussion of *Lawn Boy* by Jonathan Evison. All are welcome—whether you've read the whole book or just want to listen in!



Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed - October 23

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.



Glass Recycling - October 26

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 glass at UUFB, we have no room to store it.



Town Hall on Ministerial Search - October 26

Join us after the service on Sunday, October 26, for a Town Hall on the ministerial search process. We'll share what the search has looked like over the past two years, the roles of the Board and search committee, challenges in attracting UU ministers to Bozeman, and the possibility of seeking non-UU applicants. This will also be a chance for members and friends to offer input and consider how we can support one another during this lay-led period.



Circle Supper and Halloween Party - October 26

Come join us at UUFB on Sunday, October 26, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. for a taco-bar potluck and Halloween party! Everyone's invited—no attendance limit—so feel free to come even if you've signed up for another. Families, kids, and costume-lovers are especially welcome (costumes optional). 🎃 RSVP at uufbozeman.org/halloween-party and sign up to bring taco ingredients!



Candlelit Memorial Labyrinth Walk - October 26

Please join us for an evening of outdoor meditation and reflection at the labyrinth by the library Sunday, October 26 at 5:30 p.m. This event will feature the Greater Yellowstone Threshold Singers of Bozeman. The labyrinth is located just off the trail between the Bozeman Public Library and Peet's Hill.





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Staff

- **Pastoral Care:** Rev. Roxanne Klingensmith
- **Office Administrator:** Christy H.
In-office hours: Tuesday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Remote hours: Tuesday-Friday, 11:00 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

