

JANUARY 2026

# UUF B NEWS

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bozeman

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

### January 4, 2026 • "Existence as Resistance" with Rev. Katie Michael

Existence as Resistance: living as our full selves in the face of toxic cultures. Rev. Katie Michael has lived in Bozeman for 14 years. She is an Interfaith Minister, Spiritual Director, and works as a chaplain at Bozeman Health, where she is on the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging committee. Katie also serves on the Board of Directors for Queer Bozeman. Katie grew up in a UU congregation in western Massachusetts and still identifies with the UU faith. She enjoys weight lifting and traveling, as well as crocheting and curling up to read a cozy paranormal mystery.

### January 11, 2026 • "On Slowing Down our Resistance—Really?..... Why? How?" with Rev. Roxy Klingensmith

"A Slower Urgency" by Bayo Akomolafe. 'Slow down' seems like the wrong thing to do when there's fire on the mountain. But here's the point: in 'hurrying up' all the time, we often lose sight of the abundance of resources that might help us meet today's most challenging crises. We rush through into the same patterns we are used to. Of course, there isn't a single way to respond to crisis; there is no universally correct way. However the call to slow down works to bring us face to face with the invisible, the hidden, the unremarked, the yet-to-be-resolved. Sometimes, what is the appropriate thing to do is not the effective thing to do.

### January 18, 2026 • "Leading with Our Hearts: Each Day Is a Blessing and an Opportunity to Walk on a Red Road" with Dr. Shane Doyle

Dr. Shane Doyle will reflect on ceremonial values and spiritual traditions from his Tribe and other nations who know the Greater Yellowstone area as their homeland. Shane will share his perspective on how ancient ways of thinking and being in the world are still relevant and significant in our modern world.

Dr. Shane Doyle (Apsaalooké) is a community and environmental advocate who hails from Crow Agency, MT. Dr. Doyle currently serves as the North America Indigenous Right Relations Director for The Nature Conservancy, as well as the executive director of Yellowstone Peoples, an Indigenous nonprofit that supports and organizes an annual Intertribal Tipi Village event in Yellowstone Park. In his role for The Nature Conservancy, Shane works across the U.S. and Canada to support Tribal Bison Restoration on Native lands, as well as the revitalization of Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Land Back to Native communities. Shane lives in Bozeman with his wife Megkian, and their 5 children; Florence, Ruby, Lilian, Blake and Quanah.

### January 25, 2026 • To Be Announced

More information about this service will be announced soon

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# RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION



Congrats everybody! You have made it through 2025! Starting off the new year, our theme is "Practicing Resistance!" Starting small, we will first look into resisting the pressure to fit in at the cost of losing ourselves. Then, we will take this to a grander scale and learn to resist the unhealthy parts of social media. After that, we will look into systemic resistance as we celebrate Martin Luther King day. We will be discussing the UU value of justice. Finally, we will conclude our theme with Buddhist wisdom and learn to resist what they call the "monkey mind." - Blessings, Asherah

## minister search *update*



Recently, the board authorized our Ministerial Search Committee to expand our search to include non-UU ministers. As such, our search team has created a job posting describing what we are looking for in a minister and how individuals outside of the UUA can apply to be a minister at our fellowship. The job posting and position description are on [our website](https://uufbozeman.org/members-friends/minister-transition) (<https://uufbozeman.org/members-friends/minister-transition>). Please feel free to share with anyone you know who might be interested! Reach out to Carolyn B. (Chair of the Search Committee) with any questions.

Importantly, our search team will still be searching for a minister within the UUA process as well. As a part of this, we have just completed our Congregational Record (CR). The CR includes answers to a series of questions about our fellowship, members, history, culture, and context. This information is available via an online portal where UU ministers can access and apply for our position. A PDF of our CR is available [on our website](https://uufbozeman.org/members-friends/minister-transition) (<https://uufbozeman.org/members-friends/minister-transition>) if you are interested in reading it over.

# PATHWAYS TO PARTICIPATION

At UUFNB, our committees keep the Fellowship thriving—from worship and social justice to caring for our building, grounds, and one another. From November to March, selected committees will be featured with a brief announcement during a Sunday service, followed by a chance to meet committee members at their table during coffee hour. Some will offer handouts, displays, or small activities to help you learn how they support our shared ministry.

Stopping by a table, saying thank you, or asking a question is a simple way to discover how UUFNB works—and to explore your own next step in getting involved. This month, look for these committees:

- January 4: Communications
- January 25: Fundraising and Stewardship



# BOARD REPORT

Greetings from the Board...

Our December meeting was primarily focused on discussing and finalizing the budget. We are incredibly grateful to the hard work of the amazing stewardship committee (Peg W., Tonya S., Janine R., Sara W., and Rose T.) as well as the generous pledges of all members and friends. Because of you, we reached our pledge goal. With the support of the finance committee, we have crafted a budget that will enable us to carry out our mission and sustain our fellowship programs in 2026. Thank you!

Relatedly, make sure to attend our annual meeting on January 11th, 2026 after the service. We will vote on the budget and we need a quorum, so your attendance is critical. If you can't make it in person, you can give your proxy form (which has been mailed to you) to another person who can attend. Don't hesitate to reach out to the board with any questions.

Wishing you a happy and hopeful 2026,  
Kaylin and the UUFB Board of Directors



## "Birthday Quilt"

**This round-robin quilt was created by 11 friends, each contributing one block using a focus fabric. Bonnie Andes also made 11 blocks for others. Everyone who participated received a quilt.**

**Our nooks this month feature art by Rose Toth**





# January 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 •10:00 Service with Rev. Katie Michael •11:00 Monthly Birthday Party Social Time	5 •5:00 Women's Group	6	7	8 •1:30 Board Meeting	9	10
11 •10:00 Service with Rev. Roxy Klingensmith •2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Offering to KGVM Radio •11:00 Annual Meeting	12	13	14	15 •7:00 Men's Group	16	17
18 •10:00 Service with Dr. Shane Doyle •Food Bank Sunday •11:15 Leadership Council	19	20	21 •3:00 Banned Book Club	22 •4:30 Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed	23	24
25 •10:00 Sunday Service •Glass Recycling •11:00 Chili Feed	26	27	28	29	30	31

## Upcoming Events

- 1/4 Sunday Service with Rev. Katie Michael
- 1/4 Monthly Birthday/Anniversary Social Time
- 1/5 Women's Group
- 1/8 Board Meeting
- 1/11 Sunday Service with Rev. Roxy Klingensmith
- 1/11 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Offering to KGVM Radio
- 1/11 Annual Meeting
- 1/15 Men's Group
- 1/18 Sunday Service with Dr. Shane Doyle
- 1/18 Food Bank Sunday
- 1/18 Leadership Council
- 1/21 Banned Book Club
- 1/22 Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed
- 1/25 Sunday Service
- 1/25 Glass Recycling
- 1/25 Chili Feed

### THE UUFb AUCTION IS BACK!

The UUFb Auction is back and coming soon! Please put a big heart on your calendars on the evening of Feb 28 to save the date. It's been years since we had an auction due to COVID and the passing of our beloved Janet L. who led previous Auctions. Our plan is to gather activities and social events to help us all fill our 2026 calendars with events with our fellow UUFbers. The auction isn't intended to replace the Treasure Sale, although we will have some special items up for auction. What might an auction submission look like? We've got many, many, many ideas on what those activities and social events could be. We will have examples ready for browsing after services in January, in the Social Hall. And, we are planning both a silent and LIVE auction with plenty of fun. Who is "we," you might be thinking? Well, that could be you, if you are interested in helping us with this important fundraiser. Please contact Carolyn W., Barbara T., or Leona P. to learn more about the auction, ask questions or to volunteer!



# Upcoming Events



## UUFb Winter Clothing Drive

SJAC will be collecting winter clothing for all ages (pre-K to adult) in January. SJAC will sort and distribute clothing to where needed to the Bozeman School Foundation, Hopa Mountain, and other worthy local organizations. Acceptable winter clothing includes winter coats, ski pants, gloves, mittens, winter hats, scarves, sweaters, thick socks (new only), and warm boots (No shirts, regular pants, undergarments, and non-wintery items). Clothes should be in good condition, clean, and without rips or stains. Please put donations in the designated boxes outside the minister's office, starting January 2nd. The collection for the clothing drive will end January 31<sup>st</sup>.



## Monthly Birthday & Anniversary Party Social Time - January 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 finger foods to this event! Sign up at [uufbozeman.org/birthday](http://uufbozeman.org/birthday).



## Women's Group: Exploring Reproductive Justice & Cultural Perspectives - January 5

Did you know that Reproductive Justice is a framework developed by 4 black women in 1994 and would you like to learn more about collectivist vs individualist cultures and why this affects healthcare access, especially reproductive healthcare? Please join us for a lively interactive and educational discussion with Emily Allison from Bridgercare and Evelyn Paz who is an English Second Language Specialist on Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 p.m. at UUFb. All are welcome whether you attended previously or not. Please bring a snack to share with others.



## Board Meeting - January 8

The UUFb Board meets at UUFb and on Zoom monthly. For January they will meet on January 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. Please let a Board member know if you are interested in attending.



## 2nd Sunday Offering to KGVM Radio - January 11

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

KGVM Radio is a 100% volunteer-powered, community-supported station that provides unique, local programming (arts, music, news, events) for the Gallatin Valley, relying solely on listener donations for its operation, offering a vital, non-commercial voice without corporate or government support, and allowing you to invest in local culture and information.



## Annual Meeting - January 11

The annual meeting to vote on the 2026 budget will be held in person on Sunday, January 11th, after the service. Please plan to attend. If you are unable to attend, please complete a proxy form and give it to your proxy, ensuring they bring your vote. Proxy forms will be mailed to you.



## UUFb Men's Group - January 15

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](#).



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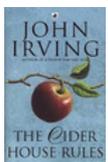
## Food Bank Sunday - January 18

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 deliver them to the food bank.



## Leadership Council - January 18

Leadership Council will meet on Sunday, January 18 at 11:20 a.m. in person and on Zoom following the service. Leadership Council is an opportunity for our fellowship leaders (including committee chairs) to share information, make connections, and find ways to expand our shared ministry. All are welcome to attend.



## Banned Book Group - January 21

The Banned Book Group will meet January 21st from 3:00 -4:30 p.m. Enjoy a thoughtful discussion of Cider House Rules by John Irving. All are welcome—whether you've read the whole book or just want to listen in!



## Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed - January 22

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](http://uufbozeman.org/fork-spoon). If you have questions, please contact Randy B.



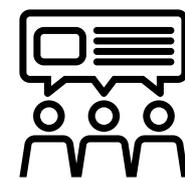
## Chili Feed: Please RSVP & Sign Up to Help! - January 25

Join us for a Chili Feed after Sunday Service on Sunday, January 25! Warm up with good food and great company. Please RSVP and sign up to help and/or bring food at [uufbozeman.org/chili](http://uufbozeman.org/chili).



## Glass Recycling - January 25

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](http://uufbozeman.org/glass-recycling)! Please do not leave glass at UUFB, we have no room to store it.



## Sunday Services Suggestions and Feedback

The Sunday Services Committee endeavors to present topics and speakers that are inspiring, informative, and stimulating—and we invite your feedback on past services and suggestions for future ones. You can share your ideas by filling out a card and placing it in the brown box in the social hall, or by completing the form at [uufbozeman.org/3sf](http://uufbozeman.org/3sf).



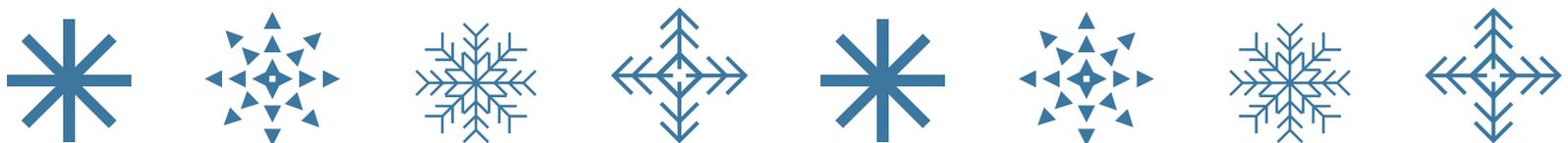
## Join our choir led by Megan M!

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 usually the last Sunday of the month. No choir during the summer months. Email Megan to join (contact Office Admin for her email address)!



## 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.





## UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP of BOZEMAN

### Staff

- **Pastoral Care:** Rev. Roxy K.
- **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.
- **Religious Exploration Co-Teacher:** Sheldon W.
- **Pianist:** Laurel Y.
- **Choir Director:** Megan M.

### Contact us!

[uufbozeman.org/about-us/contact-us](http://uufbozeman.org/about-us/contact-us)

## UUFB News & Events

### Calendar of Events

See our calendar of upcoming events at:

[uufbozeman.org/news/events-page](http://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](http://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.

## 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: Neil S., 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: Jeanne M. 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.
- Humanist Group: Sara W.
- 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