

MARCH 2026

UUF B NEWS

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bozeman

UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

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

March 1, 2026 • "Home" with Rabbi Ed Stafman

Rabbi Ed will address the psychological and spiritual importance of the idea of "home," ranging from houses to our community and our homeland.

Rabbi Ed Stafman brings a diverse background to his role. He spent 25 years as a civil rights attorney before pursuing rabbinic ordination and a PhD inspired by teachings on Jewish spirituality. As the rabbi in Bozeman for a decade, and now Rabbi Emeritus, he developed a deep sense of shared human values. His interfaith work built skills finding commonalities among diverse people, useful in the Montana legislature, from which he recently retired after serving nearly three terms advocating for the marginalized, the environment, economic justice, and compassion. Rabbi Ed is an outdoor enthusiast, community volunteer, and most recently, a new grandfather.

March 8, 2026 • "Sit Down, Shut Up, Pay Attention" with Rev. Roxy Klingensmith

Looking to our Unitarian Universalist tradition, we can find examples of how to pay attention. It might mean following the advice of contemporary Unitarian Universalist minister, James Ishmael Ford. In a July issue of Shambhala Sun magazine, he suggested, what sounds a bit UU-- "Sit down. Shut up. Pay attention." We can do this wherever we are, in whatever situation we find ourselves. He adds that by sitting down, shutting up, and paying attention, "You never know when it will reveal what is true and what is fake."

March 15, 2026 • "The Women Who Brought You Transcendentalism" with Peg Wherry

The Transcendentalists of New England in the 1830s included women in their discussions from the beginning. This talk will consider seven of them: Ralph Waldo Emerson's aunt Mary Moody Emerson, his two wives Ellen and Lydia, his friend Margaret Fuller, and the three Peabody sisters: Elizabeth whose Boston bookshop was a sort of hub for the Transcendentalists, Mary (Mrs. Horace Mann), and Sofia (Mrs. Nathaniel Hawthorne). Some introduced early ideas that were incorporated into the philosophy, others provided material support—and a few healthy glints of irreverence as they moved on. So why haven't we heard more about them?

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RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

Hello Kindred Spirits!

As we say goodbye to February and our fond memories of the story of Bridgid on Imbolc, making valentine cards and the grand lantern parade, we reflect on what it means to embody resilience. It is the patient, determined kind of strength that can be found in the coldest of nights as we wait for the warmth to return, it is found in the laughter & support we share with our community, and most importantly, we find resiliency within ourselves.

For Women's History Month, we will explore the power of paying attention. We will learn how paying attention is much more than what we teach our children to do in school.

To start off the month of March, we will learn about the power of paying attention to our impact on others. Through our actions & attitudes, how we show up in the world affects the people around us. When we pay attention to our impact on others, we can intentionally work towards bringing good energy to others.

Then, for International Women's Day, we will dive into the power of paying attention to inequality. When it comes to societal change, oftentimes the greatest challenge is just getting people to pay attention to the suffering of others. So, we will be lifting up heroes of the feminist movements and their fight against the patriarchy.

The following week, we will find power by paying attention to the wisdom within, or rather, our conscience. When we trust ourselves and listen to our body, we can tap into our inner resources. Paying attention to when we feel like something is wrong, we can speak truth to power and stand up against the bullies in this world.

As the season changes from winter into spring, we will go outside (weather permitting) and find power and peace as we pay attention to the beautiful world around us. As it is also World Water Day, we will pay extra attention to the magic of life, erosion and weather that water brings.

Finally, we will slow down and pay attention to the present moment. Following Buddhist teachings, we will practice recentering ourselves after the chaos of the world knocks us off our balance. The present moment is all we have and when we pay attention to it, we find all that we need.

Blessings everyone, Asherah



BOARD REPORT

At the February meeting, your UUFb board had a nice discussion about progress toward our 2025-2026 goals and the important work that remains to be completed. We look forward to sharing a document with the fellowship describing our work toward these goals later in April.

We also discussed board positions that will be open for the 2026-2027 year. These positions include Vice-President (this person will assume the position of President in the 2027-2028 year) as well as Treasurer and Member-at-Large. Please reach out if you are interested in any of these positions or chat with Kaylin, Lisa B., or Barbara T. The good news is that the incredibly competent Lisa B. will be leading our board next year. Please join us!

Your board also voted in favor of allocating funds to purchase and install an upgraded wireless microphone system. This request was made by the Sunday Services Committee and the live stream operators. It will improve the audio experience for our congregants, especially for online viewers.

Finally, the board voted in favor of the finance committee conducting an internal audit of UUFb finances. This audit was suggested by the finance committee and findings from that review will be shared with the board.

In peace, Kaylin and the UUFb Board of Directors



UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES continued...

March 22, 2026 • "Using Poetry to Pay Attention" with Dr. Jennifer Gellock

In a faith tradition that honors the free and responsible search for truth and meaning, poetry becomes a spiritual and mindfulness practice. It asks us to slow down. To listen beneath the noise. To notice what is stirring in the quiet. In this talk, Dr. Jennifer Gellock explores poetry not as a medium for performance, but as a pathway to presence. It is a way of paying attention to our inner lives, to one another, and to the sacred woven through ordinary moments. Through story and spoken word, she reflects on how poetry helps us tend to grief, celebrate joy, and remain awake to the dignity and worth of every person. Together, we'll consider what it means to pay attention as an act of love and how returning to the heart by paying attention through poetry, again and again, might be its own form of ministry.

Dr. Jennifer Gellock is a hospital chaplain at Bozeman Health, poet, speaker, founder and CEO of Inward Athlete and former college professor who guides others through the sacred landscapes of grief, joy, and the in-between. Trained in the ministry of presence, she holds space as a soul care provider in all its complexity, planting seeds of hope and light when others are in the dark. Her work weaves together poetry, somatic practices, and spiritual care to help others return to the wisdom of their heart. Through writing, speaking, and sacred witnessing, she invites others into deeper connection with themselves, others, and the divine presence of their knowing.

March 29, 2026 • "Ending Silence: Becoming an Active Bystander" with Social Justice Action Committee

In our UU principles, we covenant to affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person. Yet, when we are in a conversation and we hear a comment that harms another, we aren't always sure how to react, how to help the harmed person, and how to prevent further harm. In this service, presented by the Social Justice Action Committee, we'll explore practical ways to help us move with courage and compassion from passive witness to an active bystander, and truly express that we are a welcoming congregation to all.



March 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 •10:00 Service with with Rabbi Ed Stafman •11:00 Monthly Birthday Party Social Time	2 •6:00 Women's Group	3	4	5 •7:00 Men's Group	6	7 •9:30 Estate Planning 201 "Avoiding Probate," with Marsha Goetting
8 •Daylight Saving Time Begins •10:00 Service with Rev. Roxy Klingensmith •2 nd Sunday Offering to Thrive	9	10	11	12 •12:30 Board Meeting	13	14 •11:00 Collages and Crafting
15 •10:00 Service with Peg Wherry •Food Bank Sunday •11:00 St. Patrick's Potluck •11:45 Leadership Council	16	17	18 •3:00 Banned Book Club	19	20	21
22 •10:00 Service with Dr. Jennifer Gellock •Glass Recycling •11:15 UUFB Orientation	23	24	25	26 •4:30 Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed	27	28
29 •10:00 Service with Social Justice Action Committee •5th Sunday Offering to the Trevor Project	30	31				

Upcoming Events

- 3/1 Sunday Service with Rabbi Ed Stafman
- 3/1 Monthly Birthday/Anniversary Social Time
- 3/2 Women's Group
- 3/5 Men's Group
- 3/7 Planning 201 "Avoiding Probate," with Marsha Goetting
- 3/8 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 3/8 Sunday Service with Rev. Roxy Klingensmith
- 3/8 2nd Sunday Offering to Thrive
- 3/12 Board Meeting
- 3/14 Collages and Crafting
- 3/15 Sunday Service with Peg Wherry
- 3/15 Food Bank Sunday
- 3/15 St. Patrick's Potluck
- 3/15 Leadership Council
- 3/18 Banned Book Club
- 3/22 Sunday Service with Dr. Jennifer Gellock
- 3/22 Glass Recycling
- 3/22 UUFB Orientation
- 3/26 Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed
- 3/29 Sunday Service with Social Justice Action Committee
- 3/29 5th Sunday Offering to the Trevor Project

PATHWAYS TO PARTICIPATION

At UUFB, 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 UUFB works—and to explore your own next step in getting involved. This month, look for these committees:

- March 8: Caring Team
- March 22: Legacy Giving



“Embodying Resilience & Paying Attention Collages”

by Lynn Flaming and Robyn Lauster

Our community - All the images in these six pieces were donated to this project by our community in the form of magazines, calendars, greeting cards, and stickers. Community and connection are fundamental to resilience and people had to be paying attention to the request for the images for them to have appeared at the fellowship.

Principles - although all of the principles are represented in these works, the seventh principle, “respecting the independent web of all existence of which we are a part,” is particularly present. Both the unseen and the seen, that which we can control and that which we cannot, are all represented, depicting resilience and paying attention.

Ultimately, hope is what enables and empowers us.

Lynn created the collages and Robyn the recycled, four circle, folded greeting cards.

Making Connections, A UUFB Orientation Session



New to UUFB? Curious about UU? Considering membership now or in the future? If so, the Hospitality-Membership committee has an opportunity for you. On March 22 after the service, we will host “Making Connections, A UUFB Orientation Session”. Join us as we share our journeys to UU, talk about UU and UUFB origins, and share ways to get involved. We will meet for about an hour at the conference table in the social hall. Snacks and childcare will be provided. Anyone wearing an “Ask me about UUFB” button can answer your questions about this gathering.

Hospitality and Membership Committee
Tonya, Darla, James, Jeanine, Rachel and Carolyn



“The Last Drop” by Barbara Tylka

Governments and Corporations prize gold, oil, coal, rare earth metals, but pay little attention to the most valuable resource, water. We pollute it, we waste it, we sell it. What will happen, though, when we are down to our last drop?

“Fragmentations” by Barbara Tylka

The Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem is fragmented with manmade structures - roads, farms and ranches, towns and cities - having a major impact on the native fauna of this area. Megafauna can't migrate. The noise and light that roads bring interfere with denning for canids, badgers, wolverines; vehicles churn up stream beds, ruining trout habitat. In this quilt, the reds and oranges represent these manmade structures. It is not possible to move from one corner to another without crossing some of these fabrics.



“Connections” by Barbara Tylka

This quilt represents the interconnectedness of the animate and the inanimate world. Water - the basis of all life on earth - is represented by “river”. The green fabric represents the fauna. The red and orange is a reminder that, though we often associate fire with destruction, it is also necessary for rebirth. Finally, the two silhouettes symbolize what we often perceive as opposites: male v female, left v right. They both, however, are also a part of all that is this earth.



Upcoming Events



Monthly Birthday & Anniversary Party Social Time - March 1

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.



Women's Group - March 2

Women's Group will meet Monday, March 2nd at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall at UUFB. This will be a snacks and finger-food event, so feel free to bring something to share or just bring yourself. All who identify as women are invited to attend this time of sharing and joy. Discussion will center around the topics of Resilience and Paying Attention.



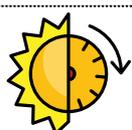
UUFB Men's Group - March 5

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](#).



Estate Planning 201 "Avoiding Probate," with Marsha Goetting - March 7

The Legacy Giving Committee is sponsoring the second of two workshops on estate planning by Marsha Goetting, MSU Extension Service 9:30 a.m., Saturday, March 7, 2026 at UUFB. This interactive and engaging two-hour presentation will explain how to avoid probate of your estate in Montana. Snacks and drinks will be served, and childcare will be provided. There is no charge to participate, but we ask you to register (especially for childcare) so our preparations will be adequate. Please register (also help is needed for set up and clean up!) at uufbozeman.org/probate by March 4.



Daylight Saving Time Begins - March 8

Daylight Saving Time begins on March 8th—don't forget to spring forward and set your clocks one hour ahead before heading to bed on Saturday night.



2nd Sunday Offering to Thrive - March 8

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

Thrive is a community-based organization founded in 1986 that serves more than 6,000 parents, children, and community members each year through four signature programs. Using proven, evidence-based practices and strong community partnerships, Thrive provides mentoring, education, and support to help children and families succeed.



Board Meeting - March 12

The UUFB Board meets at 12:30 p.m. the date listed above. Please let a Board member know if you are interested in attending.



Collages and Crafting - March 14

Lynn F. is hosting a creative play shop at UUFB on Saturday, March 14, from 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m., featuring collage-making and crafting. All are welcome! Inspired by vision boards, Soul Collage, and Creativity Matters, this play shop has grown in true UU fashion. Feel free to invite others!

Upcoming Events



Food Bank Sunday - March 15

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.



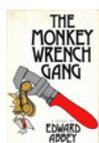
St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage Potluck - March 15

With St. Patrick's Day coming up soon, UUFB will be celebrating with a Corned Beef and Cabbage Potluck on Sunday, March 15th, after the Service. It's the time of year when everyone can be a bit Irish – whether you descend from Irish stock or not! We need folks to sign up to help with set-up and clean-up, along with those who can bring food for the dinner, so please sign up at uufbozeman.org/stpatrick and don't forget to wear a bit of green that day!



Leadership Council - March 15

Leadership Council will meet on Sunday, March 15 at 11:45 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 - March 18

The Banned Book Group will meet March 18th from 3:00 -4:30 p.m. Enjoy a thoughtful discussion of *The Monkey Wrench Gang* by Edward Abbey. All are welcome—whether you've read the whole book or just want to listen in!



Glass Recycling - March 22

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.



Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed - March 26

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.



5th Offering to the Trevor Project - March 29

The Social Justice Action Committee (SJAC) has specified that this offering will Thrive. Donate online (uufbozeman.org/donate) and select "Give to 5th Sunday special offering" or write a check payable to UUFB with "Trevor" in the memo line.

The Trevor Project is an American nonprofit organization founded in 1998. Focused on suicide prevention efforts for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning youth, they offer a toll-free telephone number where confidential assistance is provided by trained counselors.



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.



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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.
- **Religious Exploration Sub Co-Teacher:** Jasmine A.
- **Pianist:** Laurel Y.
- **Choir Director:** Megan M.

Contact us!

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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.

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., Chair

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