

JUNE 2026

UUF B NEWS

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bozeman

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

June 7, 2026 • "Understanding Immigration, Humanity, and the Complexity Behind the 'Undocumented' Narrative" with Vanessa Zamora

This presentation explores the complex realities of immigration in the United States through a human-centered lens. Rather than reducing people to labels such as "illegal" or "undocumented," the presentation examines the many reasons individuals and families migrate, including violence, economic instability, family reunification, political persecution, labor demands, environmental crises, and the pursuit of safety and opportunity.

Many individuals may be awaiting court decisions, living under temporary protections, navigating expired visas, seeking asylum, escaping dangerous conditions, or facing barriers created by one of the most complicated immigration systems in the world.

The presentation examines how fear-based rhetoric and public misunderstanding impact immigrant families and communities. It invites participants to move beyond political talking points and instead consider immigration as a deeply human experience shaped by survival, hope, sacrifice, resilience, and the universal desire for safety and dignity. The goal is not only to better understand immigration policy, but to better understand people.

June 14, 2026 • "From Stonewall to Bozeman: A Very Personal Love Story" with Rev. Roxy Klingensmith

At the heart of Unitarian Universalism is a deep and abiding love that transcends boundaries and embraces all beings. Love is the guiding force that compels us to stand in solidarity with the LGBTQ+ community, advocating for equality, justice, and dignity for all. In the spirit of love, we affirm the right of every individual to love and be loved authentically and without fear. -SophiaGBT

June 21, 2026 • General Assembly Worship Service showing with Rev. Jen Youngsun Ryu

Embrace the electrifying spirit of the year's largest UU gathering, where we come together in unity for an awe-inspiring UUA General Assembly Sunday worship celebration like no other! More information about this service will be announced soon.

June 28, 2026 • "Music Service in the Park" with Megan Makeever • Held at Bozeman Pond Park Pavilion (700 S Fowler Ave, Bozeman)

More information about this service will be announced soon. This service will be held in person only at Bozeman Pond Park Pavilion (700 S Fowler Ave, Bozeman). There will be no livestream

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RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION



Hello Kindred Spirits!

It was quite the month exploring curiosity.

We started things off by awakening our curiosity through a crazy scavenger hunt, as we followed the clues to find the key to a mysterious trunk. Then, we created our own silly board game, making up the rules as we went. This was to practice the open mindedness that curiosity requires. The following week, we explored curiosity as the mindset we need to conquer the fear of the unknown by sticking our hands into a mystery box. While there were many gross things inside, such as soapy spaghetti and canned mushrooms, in the end, the children found gold. The next week, Randy came with a can of liquid nitrogen and we explored curiosity through the lens of science. That class was rather explosive. Lastly, Jasmine wrapped up our month of curiosity by teaching the children how it can be used to resolve conflicts. All in all, it was a great month of excitement and discovery as we explored curiosity.

As spring comes to an end, we look forward to June and the coming summer. Our theme for June is "Flourishing Together." We will be diving into what it means to have and build a great community. First, we will talk about what makes a good community and why it is vital to our lives to have it. While independence and self-sufficiency are glorified in American stories, we often forget that the real secret to our species' survival is the relationships we have with each other. The following week is the week of Juneteenth, which is one of the most significant holidays on the calendar. Celebrating the emancipation proclamation, we will be talking about how a community is strengthened when we recognize suffering, fight for liberation, and celebrate freedom for everyone. The next Sunday is the longest day of the year and we will be exploring what it means to flourish together under the sun along with everything else the light of our favorite star touches. What a gift it is to be able to commune with the divine cosmos around us. Lastly, June 28th is the anniversary of the Stonewall riots. In honor of this, we will be celebrating Pride month by exploring how a healthy community embraces the diversity within and makes intentional decisions to make space for everyone.

Blessings, Asherah



**EARTH DAY AT THE FAIRGROUNDS
APRIL 25, 2026**



BOARD REPORT

Semi-Annual Meeting

This month the Board hosted our semi-annual meeting on May 3rd. It was a great turnout! At that meeting, we discussed our accomplishments over the past year and expressed our sincere thanks to all of the members and friends who volunteered on committees and task forces for UUFB.

In addition, we elected a new slate of board members! Our newly elected board members are: Lisa B. (President), Kim H. (Vice President), Dave R. (Treasurer), Joy L. (Secretary, 2nd term), and James H. (Member-at-large). Sandra O. and Kaylin G. will be continuing their terms on the board as Co-Past Presidents and May V. will be continuing her term as a Member-at-large. Our wonderful Board members who are finishing up their terms this month include Barbara T., Janine R., and Rene K. We are grateful for their leadership over the past few years.

May Board Meeting

The board met on May 13th for our monthly meeting. At that meeting we discussed Sheldon's resignation as RE Co-teacher. Sheldon was a great staff member and we are thankful for his wonderful work with our UUFB children and we wish him the best. There is a plan in place to ensure that the RE classroom will have sufficient teachers (staff and volunteers) throughout the summer (thanks to our great Coordinator of Religious Exploration, Asherah B.!).

Another discussion was about the Committee on Shared Ministry (COSM). The board is actively working to reconstitute this critical committee.

Finally, the board is helping to convene a Welcome Team to support Rev. Charlotte's transition to Bozeman. Reach out to Sandra O. if you would like to be a part of that team.

-Kaylin G. on behalf of the UUFB Board



**Thank you to our 2025-2026
Board Members!**



**Thank you to our 2025-2026
Minister Search Team!**





Family Promise continues to serve unhoused families in Bozeman in many ways. Here is a quote from our Tonya S.

“There’s that saying, “What comes around, goes around.” I believe when Family Promise volunteers show their compassion and provide expertise and aid to people in temporary plight, those once homeless will, in turn, give to others in whatever ways they can in the future. A community must let all its citizens know that they are valuable regardless of their housing status. That’s the job that Family Promise of Gallatin Valley does so very well. I am humbled to be able to do my bit.”

Hope that many of us can do our part. I will continue to provide you with opportunities for volunteering through our listserv.

For more info about Family Promise Gallatin Valley go to their website familypromisegv.org.

Carolyn B.





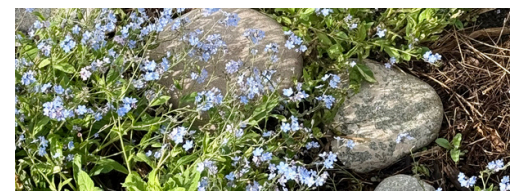
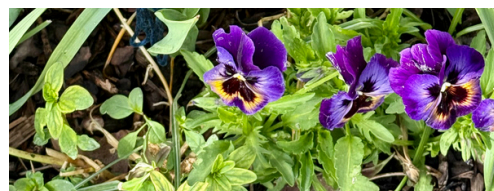
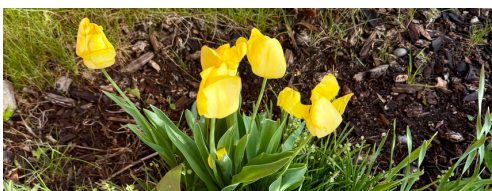
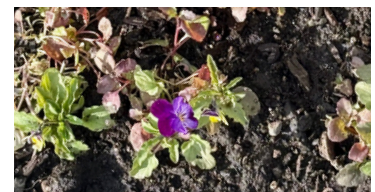
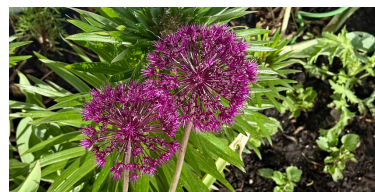
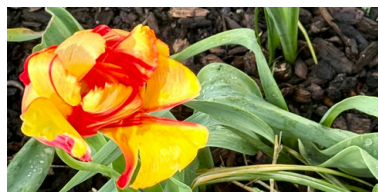
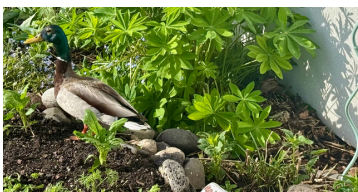
June 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 •6:30 Women's Group	2	3	4	5	6
7 •10:00 Service with Vanessa Zamora, Bienvenidos •11:00 Monthly Birthday Party Social Time	8	9	10	11	12 •6:00 Pizza & Trivia Night	13
14 •10:00 Service with Rev. Roxy Klingensmith •2 nd Sunday Offering to Queer Bozeman	15	16	17 •3:00 Banned Book Club	18 •12:30 Board Meeting	19	20
21 •10:00 Sunday Service - showing of GA Worship Service •Food Bank Sunday	22	23	24	25 •4:30 Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed	26	27
28 •10:00 Service at Bozeman Pond Park •11:00 Picnic Potluck at the Bozeman Pond!	29	30				

Upcoming Events

- 6/1, 6:30 p.m. Women's Group
- 6/7, 10 a.m. Sunday Service with Vanessa Zamora, Bienvenidos
- 6/7, Monthly Birthday/Anniversary Social Time
- 6/12, 6 p.m. Trivia & Pizza Night!
- 6/14, 10 a.m. Sunday Service with Rev. Roxy Klingensmith
- 6/14, 2nd Sunday Offering to Queer Bozeman
- 6/17, 3 p.m. Banned Book Club
- 6/18, 12:30 p.m. Board Meeting
- 6/21 Food Bank Sunday
- 6/21, 10 a.m. Sunday Service - showing of General Assembly Worship Service
- 6/25, 4:30 p.m. Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed
- 6/28, 10 a.m. Sunday Service at Bozeman Pond
- 6/28, 11 a.m. Picnic Potluck at Bozeman Pond



Upcoming Events

Women's Group - June 1

All women are invited to the June 1st Women's Group. We will gather at UUFB at 6:30 p.m. for an evening of conversation and food. Please bring a snack to share.

Monthly Birthday & Anniversary Party Social Time - June 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 a finger food to share! Sign up at uufbozeman.org/birthday.

Pizza & Trivia Night - June 12

You're invited to a fun-filled Pizza & Trivia Night on Friday, June 12 at 6:00 p.m.! We'll gather in teams for a friendly trivia showdown, with plenty of chances to win some great prizes. This is an all-ages event—some questions might even require the wisdom of a kid, or the life experience of someone with a few gray hairs (both are highly valued!). To make sure we have just the right amount of pizza (and please indicate if you need gluten-free), please RSVP uufbozeman.org/trivia.

2nd Sunday Offering to Queer Bozeman - June 14

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

Queer Bozeman is a Queer- and Trans-led organization that builds community and connection for 2SLGBTQIA+ people and allies in Bozeman and the Gallatin Valley through inclusive events, safe programs, and local resources. Your offering will support the 2027 Pride in the Parks celebration in Bozeman.

Banned Book Group - June 17

The Banned Book Group will meet on the date listed above from 3:00-4:30 p.m. They will be discussing the book *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky. All are welcome—whether you've read the whole book or just want to listen in!

Board Meeting - June 18

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

Food Bank Sunday - June 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 deliver them to the food bank.

Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed - June 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.

Service in the Park - June 28

The June 28th Sunday Service will be held in person only at Bozeman Pond Park Pavilion. There will be no livestream. Remember to bring a chair and stay afterward for the Picnic Potluck in the Park!

Glass Recycling for June - Canceled

Because the June 28th service will be held outdoors at Bozeman Pond Park, glass recycling for June is cancelled.



Upcoming Events



Picnic Potluck in the Park – June 28

Join us after Sunday service for a joyful picnic potluck in the park on Sunday, June 28! Our service will be held at Bozeman Pond, and afterward, we'll gather to share food, conversation, and community outdoors. Everyone is invited to stay and celebrate together. Please sign up to help and to bring food at: uufbozeman.org/picnic. Kindly remember to bring your own plates, silverware, napkins, beverages, and chair. We hope to see you there for a relaxed and festive summer gathering!



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.



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, simply 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 Makeever! All skill levels welcome. Connect, express, and spread joy through communal singing. Practices are usually the 3rd and 4th Wednesdays of each month (except June, July, and August) from 5:30–6:30 p.m., with performances on the last Sunday of the month. The choir takes a break during the summer. Email admin@uufbozeman.org to join our email list!



UU Humanist Group

The UU Humanist Group explores Humanism and its role in Unitarian Universalism. For more information and to find out when the next meeting is please contact Sara W.



Joy L. is seeking volunteers to help weed the garden beds on the west side of the parking lot. If 4 or 5 people volunteer a couple of times a month for 15 minutes or so to weed a small, designated segment, we can keep up with the grass eternally encroaching from our neighbors' lawn. To volunteer, email admin@uufbozeman.org.

Please do not plant bulbs or anything else in our gardens without checking with Joy first. Space is very limited and needs to be used carefully.



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Staff

- **Pastoral Care:** Rev. Roxy K.
- **Minister (starting Aug. 2026):** Rev. Charlotte L.
- **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 Sub Co-Teacher:** Jasmine A.
- **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.

2026-2027 Board Members

- President: Lisa B.
- Vice President: Kim H.
- Past Presidents: Kaylin G. and Sandra O.
- Secretary: Joy L.
- Treasurer: Dave R.
- Member-at-Large: May V.
- Member-at-Large: James H.

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: Kim H., Contact
- Legacy Giving: Pam P., Contact
- Lifespan Religious Exploration: Warren K., 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: 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