

MAY 2026

UUFB NEWS

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bozeman

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

May 3, 2026 • "Singing Forth the World We Want" with Women's Voices Chorus

The Women's Voices Chorus is a non-auditioned, voice empowerment singing group that started as Montana Women's Chorus in 2000 with Judy Fjell. Lead by Betsy Wise for 15 years here in Bozeman the chorus explores the voice, empowerment and freedom. We sing for justice and freedom for all Beings. Our service on May 3 will focus on a few of our favorites and many sing alongs so that all can experience the joy and positive change of having a good song in your heart.

May 10, 2026 • "A Quiet Courage of Changing One's Mind" with Rev. Roxy Klingensmith

"The quiet courage of changing your mind lies in its humility. It requires acknowledging that your understanding was partial, that your perspective was limited, and/or that the world is more complex than the story you once told yourself. This isn't self-rejection: it's self-respect." Thom Hartmann

May 17, 2026 • "A Vision for the UUFB" with Jack Fisher

The UUFB adopted a new "Vision" statement in 2020. What are the purposes of a Vision statement? How is a Vision statement important to the UUFB? By what process was that Vision statement created? How has the UUFB done in bringing to fruition ambitions that were espoused in that Vision? How is that Vision holding up? We'll explore these questions in this service.

Jack Fisher has been a member of the UUFB for about 30 years. The UUFB has been a meaningful part of his life during all those years, and he's watched with pleasure the growth and associated changes the UUFB has undergone. Jack is an archaeologist and was a professor in the Department of Sociology & Anthropology at Montana State University for 30 years.

May 24, 2026 • "We Will Never Know it All" with Rev. Katie Michael

We will explore how embracing curiosity can help us break out of rigid patterns and live into our values. 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.

May 31, 2026 • To Be Announced

More information about this service will be announced soon.

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Sunday Services: 10:00 a.m.
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Meet our New Minister!

The search committee and the UUFB board are pleased to announce that our new minister, Reverend Charlotte Lehmann, will join us on August 1st. Our search posting in the UUA search attracted more interest this year than in previous years and we were thrilled to match with a top applicant.

Rev. Charlotte, who uses they/them pronouns, was hired on a 3-year contract to serve as the minister of UUFB. This contract has an option to call them as our settled minister. Because this is a contract ministry, Rev. Charlotte was hired by a vote of the Board, rather than a vote of the Fellowship. The search committee reviewed their application materials, met with Rev. Charlotte in virtual interviews, contacted references, and hosted them for a weekend visit in March. A recommendation to hire Rev. Charlotte was made to the board after we matched with them in the UUA process.

Meet Reverend Charlotte Lehmann.

Dear Members and Friends of the UU Fellowship of Bozeman,

I am delighted that I will be joining the UUFB community at the start of August 2026 as your Minister and serving a 3-year contract with option for future call. I was favorably impressed by the UUFB Ministerial Search Committee's commitment to the Minister Search process. They gave me a thorough introduction to the congregation and the Bozeman community and environs.

I am looking forward to getting to know you and working with UUFB in shared ministry.

Blessings upon our path together, Rev. Charlotte Lehmann



The Rev. Charlotte Lehmann is a native Minnesotan who has lived in several New England states and beyond. They earned a BA from Mount Holyoke College (Western MA) and a graduate degree in Geological Science from the University of Maine, and worked in education (outdoor ed, HS math/science, college/university settings), research, and industry across ME, MA, NY, RI, and SC. They also served as a field assistant in Antarctica's Dry Valleys.

After a healing experience in 2003, they discerned a call to ministry, spending a semester at Lancaster Theological Seminary before completing an M.Div. at Meadville Lombard Theological School. They completed internships at DuPage UU Church (Naperville, IL) and UU Congregation of Binghamton (NY), and Clinical Pastoral Education at University of Chicago Medical Center and Worcester Medical Center, while working and studying. They served as Director of Children's Religious Education at First Church in Belmont, MA (2014-16), then as Interim Minister at UU Church of Tallahassee, FL (2016-18), during which they were ordained in 2017 by First UU Church of Auburn, ME.

Rev. Charlotte is a member of the UU Ministers Association (UUMA), having served 7 years as Treasurer of the Chesapeake chapter, and is also a member of LREDA and AUUMM.

In their free time, they enjoy travel (New Zealand, Peru, Northern Europe, British Isles), outdoor activities like gardening and hiking, arts and history events, and reading books from Little Free Libraries.

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION



Hello Kindred Spirits!

As April passes, we look back on the lessons we learned in the RE room. Our theme was “Embracing Possibilities,” and we spent the month exploring the different ways to manifest the world we long to see. As you have noticed, the flowers around the UUFB have begun blooming, which provided an excellent symbol for our theme. For Easter, Lisa and Warren took our kids on a flower tour. The following week we embraced the possibility of new growth as we got our hands dirty planting flowers with Joy. Then, we embraced the possibility that our planet can heal to celebrate Earth Day. Lastly, we explored what it would look like to embrace the possibilities within.

Are you curious as to what our theme is going to be for May? Let's see if you can figure it out. Our first week, we will spend searching for and discovering things that we do not know. Then, we will spend the following weeks exploring different questions. One week we will ask, “How does that work?” as we get inquisitive and use science to learn about how the world works. Another week, we will ask, “Is there another way?” Oftentimes, when we get stuck, one of the most valuable tools is creativity and inventing a new way to do things. Then, we will ask, “What’s going on with them?” When we experience someone in our lives who is being difficult, instead of judging them, we can instead compassionately learn about what is going on in their world. Lastly, we will ask, “What’s going on with me?” In a similar way, as our mindsets, behaviors and choices are shaped by the lives we experience, we can sit with ourselves and learn to understand who we are and how to take care of that person. Have you figured out the theme yet? Curiosity overcomes the fear of the unknown. It's the seed of knowledge, the mother of discovery and the instigator of exploration. Curiosity cultivates compassion and opens up doors to new worlds. So, this May, let's get curious.

Blessings, Asherah



April 2026 hiking group

BOARD REPORT

Greetings from the Board! April was a fun month for the board for several reasons.

First, we voted to hire Rev. Charlotte Lehmann, who will be joining as UUFB's minister in August. This exciting information was shared during the service on April 5th and additional details were provided as part of the Town Hall after that service. Rev. Charlotte, who uses they/them pronouns, was hired on a 3-year contract to serve as the minister of UUFB. This contract has an option to call them as our settled minister. Because this is a contract ministry, Rev. Charlotte was hired by a vote of the Board, based on the recommendation of the search committee which reviewed information about them and hosted them for a weekend visit. Mutual discernment about whether to call Rev. Charlotte to be our settled minister will occur during the second year of our time together, and the congregation could vote in the third year to call Rev. Charlotte as our settled minister.

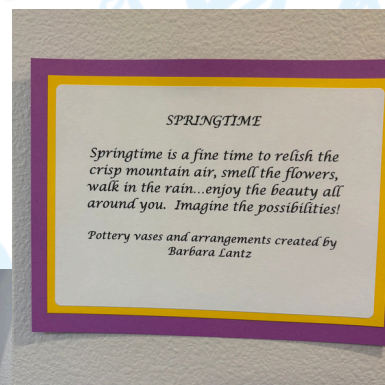
Second, we voted in favor of an updated Gift Acceptance Policy that was drafted by the Legacy Giving Committee. This policy provides a clear process for accepting financial and other donations that come to UUFB outside of stewardship. This document has been posted under the policies section of UUFB's website (<https://uufbozeman.org/members-friends/policies/>).

Third, our board prepared for our semi-annual meeting (May 3rd). At that meeting, the congregation will vote on the slate of new board members. We are enthused that we have excellent candidates and we are looking forward to next year!

Inspiration Niches

If you have not yet had an opportunity to head down the hallway where the niches are located, this month is a real treat.

Tonya Stevens had displayed a sweet Easter theme with daffodils and duckies in place of an Earth Day theme because of illness. A few weeks later, with creative inspiration, Barb Lantz and Lynn Flaming created a "Springtime" theme with beautiful Japanese inked quotes (from an old calendar) and sweet flower arrangements. Stop by and fill your heart and eyes with the beauty of the Earth....through our friends' creations.





About the Weavings

1 - Weaver: Warren Knipfer

This table runner is unusual as the threads that run vertically in this picture are made from Plarn. Plarn is made from plastic grocery shopping bags. It took about a dozen plastic bags to make the strips of plastic which are used in this runner. The colored threads are cotton. It is my small contribution to not having every plastic bag go to the land fill.

2 - Weaver: Warren Knipfer

This rug is made from Linen and wool. It is a color investigation. The colors harmonize with the colors of the room. The width of each band is chosen by the weaver as the weaving progresses. This end finish is what is called a woven fringe.

3 - Mountains, Flowers, and Water - Weaver: Amanda Cater

This piece is hand dyed and hand woven. It was inspired by a hike in Hyalite.

4 - Krokbragd Sampler - Weaver: Kim Curren

Woven with 100% Brassard wool yarn from Quebec. Krokbragd is a traditional Norwegian tapestry weaving technique used mainly for blankets and rugs.

5 - Weaver: Carolyn Widman

This is a Rio Chama style wool rug I made at a class at Tierra Wools in Chama, NM. All of the yarn was harvested from lamb flocks consisting of both Rambouillet and threatened Navajo-Churro breeds. It was also locally dyed. I finished the rug with jasper beads.

6 - Weaver: Barbara Tylka

In 2024, I travelled to Cusco, Peru to study weaving under Maximo Laura, an internationally celebrated weaver. Sr. Laura, declared a National Living Treasure of Peru in 2010, generously shared his innovative techniques with the class. In March of this year, I returned to Peru—Lima, this time—to take a more advanced class, learning to use those techniques to make tapestries. Sr. Laura designed original tapestries for each of the fourteen members of the class.

May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 •10:00 Service with Women's Voices Chorus •11:00 UUFNB Annual Meeting •11:00 Monthly Birthday Party Social Time	4 •6:30 Women's Group	5	6 •5:30 Choir Rehearsal	7 •7:00 Men's Group	8	9
10 •10:00 Service with Rev. Roxy Klingensmith •2 nd Sunday Offering to Haven •11:30 Making Sense of Inclusive Pronouns Workshop - part 1 of 2	11	12	13 •12:30 Board Meeting •5:30 Choir Rehearsal	14	15	16
17 •10:00 Sunday Service with Jack Fisher •Food Bank Sunday	18	19	20 •3:00 Banned Book Club	21	22	23
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31 •10:00 Sunday Service •5 th Sunday Saved for Future Disaster •11:15 Leadership Council						

Upcoming Events

- 5/3, 10 a.m. Sunday Service with Women's Voices Chorus
- 5/3, 11 a.m. UUFNB Annual Meeting
- 5/3 Monthly Birthday/Anniversary Social Time
- 5/4, 6:30 p.m. Women's Group
- 5/6, 5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 5/7, 7 p.m. Men's Group
- 5/10, 10 a.m. Sunday Service with Rev. Roxy Klingensmith
- 5/10 2nd Sunday Offering to Haven
- 5/10, 11:30 a.m. Making Sense of Inclusive Pronouns Workshop - part 1 of 2
- 5/13, 12:30 p.m. Board Meeting
- 5/13, 5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 5/17 Food Bank Sunday
- 5/17, 10 a.m. Sunday Service with Jack Fisher
- 5/20, 3 p.m. Banned Book Club
- 5/24, 10 a.m. Sunday Service with Rev. Katie Michael
- 5/24 Glass Recycling
- 5/24, 11:30 a.m. Making Sense of Inclusive Pronouns Workshop - part 2 of 2
- 5/28, 4:30 p.m. Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed
- 5/31, 10 a.m. Sunday Service
- 5/31 5th Sunday saved for future disaster
- 5/31, 11:15 a.m. Leadership Council

Upcoming Events

ANNUAL MEETING

UUFb Annual Meeting - May 3

The UUFb Annual Meeting will be held after service to vote on the slate of 2026-2027 Board candidates. This meeting will be held in person only, so please try to attend! If you are unable to, please give your filled out proxy form to a member who plans to attend the meeting.



Monthly Birthday & Anniversary Party Social Time - May 3

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.



Women's Group - May 4

The UUFb Women's Group will meet on Monday, May 4th at 6:30 p.m. All members and friends of UUFb who identify as women are invited to attend. Please bring a snack to share.



UUFb Men's Group - May 7

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.



2nd Sunday Offering to Haven - May 10

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

Haven provides confidential support, legal advocacy, counseling, and a safe place to stay for anyone and everyone impacted by domestic violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, and stalking.



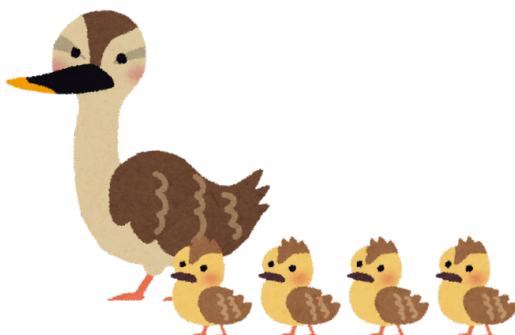
Making Sense of Inclusive Pronouns Workshops - May 10 & May 24

As PRIDE month approaches, the Social Justice Action Committee (SJAC) is offering a workshop, "Making Sense of Inclusive Pronouns," for the fellowship. Facilitated by Rev. Katie Michael, Cami Armijo-Grover, and Maris Fessenden this 2-part workshop is designed to open discussion on gender and the use of pronouns. The workshop will be held in the sanctuary after service on May 10th and May 24th from 11:30-12:45. Refreshments will be served. In our effort to bring this discussion to the fellowship before PRIDE month in June, we appreciate that these dates are on Mother's Day and Memorial Day weekend. If there is interest, the sessions will be repeated in July.



Board Meeting - May 13

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.



Upcoming Events



Food Bank Sunday - May 17

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.



Banned Book Group - May 20

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



Glass Recycling - May 24

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 - May 28

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 Sunday Offering saved for future disaster relief- May 31

The Social Justice Action Committee (SJAC) has specified that the 5th Sunday offering will be saved for future disaster relief. Once SJAC chooses a recipient for the offering, the funds will be sent to the charity. Donate online (uufbozeman.org/donate) and select "Give to 5th Sunday special offering" or write a check payable to UUFB with "5th Sunday" in the memo line.

Leadership Council

Leadership Council - May 31

Leadership Council will meet on Sunday, May 31st 11:15 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.



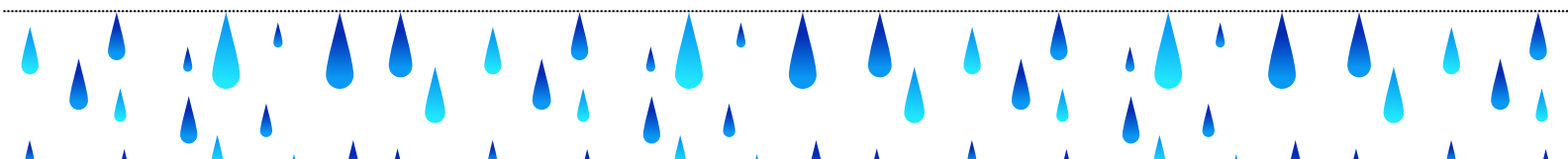
Sunday Services Suggestions and Feedback

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!





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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 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