

AUGUST 2026

UUFB NEWS

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bozeman

UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

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

August 2, 2026 • "These are the Words" with Rabbi Sonja K. Pilz, PhD

Rabbi Sonja's talk is going to explore the immense power of words in our spiritual lives: Between lies and the pursuit of truth, the connecting and divisive potential of speech, the creative and destructive.

Rabbi Sonja K. Pilz, PhD, earned her doctorate from the department of Rabbinic Literature at Potsdam University in Germany and holds Rabbinic Ordination from Abraham Geiger College in Germany. Prior to becoming the spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Shalom, she worked for the Central Conference of American Rabbis as Editor of CCAR Press. She also taught Worship, Liturgy, and Ritual at HUC-JIR in New York and the School of Jewish Theology at Potsdam University, and served as a rabbinic intern, adjunct rabbi, and cantorial soloist for congregations in Germany, Switzerland, Israel, and the US. Not surprisingly, she loves to write poetry, midrashim, and prayers. Her work has been published in ERGON, Liturgy, Worship, the CCAR Journal, Ritual Well, and a number of anthologies.

August 9, 2026 • "When a Farewell is not a Farewell" with Rev. Roxy Klingensmith

There are some mornings when words come easily. And then there are mornings like this. Today marks the end of my time serving as your Pastoral Care Clergy on staff. AND while that reality is bittersweet, I have discovered that the word farewell just doesn't fit. Because the true farewell suggests that what we have shared is over. It suggests that relationships WE have built simply are coming to an end. But I don't believe that is how it works. Rev. Roxy

August 16, 2026 • "Mnisóta Makhóche: Where the Water Reflects the Sky" with Rev. Charlotte Lehmann

In January, faith leaders from across many traditions and from across the country gathered for learning and action the day before ICE Out of MN held its protest. This worship service lifts up our interdependence as demonstrated by participating in current resistance movement(s). Through the sermon, Rev. Charlotte shares why they went, what they learned, and how it matters to all of us.

August 23, 2026 • "For the Bounty of the Earth" • 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 - near the mall). There will be no livestream.

August 30, 2026 • To Be Determined with Rev. Charlotte Lehmann

More information about this service will be announced soon.

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Rev. Charlotte Lehmann, Minister

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



Hello Kindred Spirits!

We have been having quite the time in our classroom this summer.

While we didn't have class the first week of July, we made up for it the following week with a water balloon fight. It was a great way to cool off.

The following week, Warren K. & Linda C. showed the children how to make flowers out of coffee filters and then decorated Reverend Charlotte's Welcome Wagon with them.

Wrapping up July, we enjoyed our service at the park by turning our eyes to the earth beneath us. We started off playing bingo, but for foraging. While the children quickly found most of the items on their cards, we continued to use our foraging eyes to collect plants and created a nature mandala. This class was a great opportunity to learn about how to respect nature and only harvest what is found in abundance, leaving enough for others and for nature to do its thing.

Moving into August, we are continuing our silly summer! We will continue to explore the importance of all things weird and whimsical.

Lastly, we have big news in the RE program, we have a new assistant teacher!

Jasmine A. loves sharing spiritual experiences with others, especially kids. Her own spirituality was forged at Loyola Marymount University, a Jesuit school that emphasized being "men and women for others." She went on to earn a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing/English and a Master's Degree in World Cultures. Jasmine has taught every age group from preschool to college. She's currently a teacher at Cottonwood Day School, for special education and students on the autism spectrum. She also works as a freelance journalist and essayist, and will have a book of poems, "Emergence" published in 2027. Yellowstone National Park and its wildlife are her site of greatest spiritual communion.



Welcome Jasmine!

We are very grateful to have her join the team. If you see her around, please say hello!

Blessings to all, Asherah



BOARD REPORT

Your Board has been busy over the past month!

After hearing from congregants about the challenges posed by multiple chemical sensitivities, the Board adopted a new low-scent policy for our building, described in a separate article in this newsletter. This is a complex issue that involves balancing different dimensions of accessibility and welcome. The Board will continue listening, learning, and considering how best to support our community.

We also have two updates on building improvements. First, the Board approved a replacement television and wireless microphone system for the sanctuary, which was recommended by the Sunday Services Committee. The new electronics will be installed in August.

Second, our Building & Grounds Committee has begun exploring possible improvements to our HVAC system. Our goals include reducing the spread of viruses such as COVID and flu, improving indoor air quality during wildfire smoke, better accommodating people with fragrance sensitivities, and—as everyone will appreciate after our recent record-breaking temperatures—cooling the building during the summer. Because improvements of this scale could cost tens of thousands of dollars, the B&G Committee will carefully evaluate the available options, costs, and priorities before bringing any recommendations to the Board.

Rev. Charlotte begins as our full-time minister on August 1, following a year without a minister. The Board looks forward to working with Rev. Charlotte and building our shared ministry together. We also extend our thanks to Rev. Roxy for her expert and compassionate pastoral care and delightful presence in the pulpit over the past two years.

Our longtime pianist, Laurel Yost, is retiring in August, and we warmly thank her for her many years of musical contributions. With Laurel's retirement, the Board has begun a conversation about the future of our music program. We are excited to think more broadly about the role music can play in our services and look forward to shaping this vision with Rev. Charlotte. In the meantime, we will enjoy offerings from a number of musicians this fall.

As always, thank you for your patience, engagement, and trust as we do this work together.

Lisa B., on behalf of the Board



August is National Make a Will Month
You know you need to do it!

UUFB's Legacy Giving Committee has information resources if you have questions. So ask us.

The Legacy Giving Committee - Jeanie B., Pam P., Dave R., Peg W.

Low-Scent Policy

Dear UUFB Members and Friends,

The Board has voted to adopt a new low-scent policy for UUFB. The purpose of this policy is to help make our Fellowship accessible to people with multiple chemical sensitivities, environmental illness, and other fragrance-related sensitivities.

The new policy statement reads:

To make UUFB accessible to people with multiple chemical sensitivities and environmental illness, the Fellowship strives to be a low-scent congregation and facility. UUFB kindly requests that congregants, staff, and contractual visitors limit their use of scented products and refrain from using perfumes and colognes.

This issue has been part of UUFB's life for several years. Many of us have heard references to a "fragrance-free policy," and our Fellowship has already taken some steps in that direction, including using fragrance-free products within the building. However, the Board learned that this issue had not previously been formally considered or articulated in a written policy. We also recognized that the phrase "fragrance-free" can be interpreted in different ways and can be difficult to achieve in practice, especially on Sunday mornings when we welcome longtime members, occasional attendees, guests, and first-time visitors.

In adopting a low-scent policy, the Board wants to be clear about both the seriousness of fragrance-related sensitivities and the spirit in which we are approaching this issue. Multiple chemical sensitivity (MCS) and related conditions can cause real physical symptoms, disability, and barriers to participation in congregational life. The needs of people affected by fragrance should be treated with respect and considered in good faith.

We encourage you to learn more about MCS and related conditions:

<https://my.clevelandclinic.org/health/diseases/multiple-chemical-sensitivity>

<https://www.lung.org/clean-air/indoor-air/indoor-air-pollutants/fragrances>

While appreciating the seriousness of MCS and environmental illness, the Board also recognizes that fragrance is common in many personal care and laundry products, and that many people may not be aware that products they use regularly can affect others. Our goal is not to shame or exclude anyone for their personal care practices, but to ask for care, awareness, and cooperation from all of us as we seek to make UUFB more welcoming and accessible.

We ask everyone who comes into UUFB spaces to help us reduce barriers for people affected by fragrance by limiting the use of scented products and refraining from wearing perfumes and colognes. Over time, we hope this policy will become a simple and compassionate part of how we care for one another in community.

Thank you for helping UUFB live more fully into our values of welcome, inclusion, and mutual care.

Warmly, Lisa for the UUFB Board

Pastoral Care Transition

Dear UUFB members and friends,

Over the past two years, Rev. Roxy Klingensmith has provided our community with expert and compassionate pastoral care—first during Rev. Margo's final hybrid year and then throughout our year without a minister. We are deeply grateful to Rev. Roxy for holding our Fellowship with such warmth, wisdom, and care during this time of transition.

Rev. Charlotte Lehmann officially begins their ministry with UUFB on August 1. To support a smooth transition, Rev. Roxy will continue providing pastoral care through August 31. Rev. Charlotte will assume this responsibility in September, while our Caring Committee will continue its dedicated work throughout the transition.

Rev. Roxy has also been a regular and valued presence in our pulpit on the second Sunday of each month. Her final service in this role will be Sunday, August 9.

Please join Rev. Charlotte, the Board, and the wider UUFB community on August 9 as we thank Rev. Roxy for her wise words, compassionate care, and generous service during these years of transition.

A summer salad potluck will follow the August 9 service—please bring a favorite salad to share!

Warmly, Lisa, on behalf of the UUFB Board

Show Your UU Values with a Side With Love T-Shirt



You may have noticed a strong UUFB presence at recent rallies and community events in Bozeman. We would love to make that presence even more visible by encouraging members and friends to wear Side With Love T-shirts.

Across the country, UUs are sometimes recognized as the “yellow T-shirt people.” The yellow shirts stand out in a crowd and make it easy for people to see that Unitarian Universalists are showing up together in support of justice, compassion, and love.

You can order a Side With Love shirt directly from the UUA Bookstore:
<https://uuabookstore.org/products/side-with-love-adult-t-shirt>



This is not a group order. Each person can order the size and style they prefer, directly from the website, so no one needs to collect orders, handle money, or distribute shirts. Yellow is especially visible at rallies, but a black version is also available for those who prefer it.

Many of us would also welcome a new UUFB-specific T-shirt someday, but no such effort is currently underway. Ordering Side With Love shirts does not prevent us from creating a Fellowship shirt in the future; it is simply something easy and visible that we can do now.

Some UUFB members already own the Side With Love shirts, and others plan to order them this week. We hope many of you will join us, and then wear your yellow shirt whenever UUFB members gather to put our values into action in the wider community.

In love and solidarity, Lisa B., UUFB Board President

With Gratitude to Rev. Roxy Klingensmith

For the past several years, the Rev. Roxy Klingensmith has faithfully served UUFB as our pastoral care minister and as a guest preacher one Sunday each month. Her compassionate presence, thoughtful sermons, and caring support have been a blessing to our Fellowship, and we are deeply grateful for the time, wisdom, and heart she has shared with us.



Rev. Roxy's final service in the UUFB pulpit will be on Sunday, August 9. Please join us that morning as we express our heartfelt gratitude for her faithful ministry and wish her every blessing as she continues her work of service and advocacy.



Welcome Rev. Charlotte Lehmann

We are delighted to welcome the Rev. Charlotte Lehmann as UUFB's new minister and invite you to **join us for their first Sunday in the pulpit on August 16.** Their sermon, "Mnisóta Makhóche: Where the Water Reflects the Sky," draws on their Minnesota roots and promises to begin our shared ministry with reflection, inspiration, and hope.



Please join us as we warmly welcome Rev. Charlotte to our Fellowship and celebrate the beginning of this exciting new chapter in the life of UUFB.



Celebrating Laurel Yost's Years of Music

After many years as UUFB's regular Sunday pianist, Laurel Yost will retire from this role in August. Laurel is an accomplished professional musician, and our Fellowship has been extraordinarily fortunate to have her share her gifts with us for decades. Her thoughtful and beautiful preludes have created a musical landscape for our services, and she has gracefully supported our singing efforts through countless hymns and renditions of "Comfort Me."



Laurel's final regular appearance as our pianist will be Sunday, August 16. Please join us that morning as we express our gratitude for her many years of dedicated service and offer our warmest wishes for her well-deserved retirement.



Our beautiful quilt on display this month was made by Doris Baker-Ryen.

Doris writes:

"As a quilter, I like a challenges, I like spikey pieces, curved seams, bright colors. I like a quilt that makes me think.

This quilt makes me think of rainbows, which bring good fortune and love. The star is a guiding light that centers your life and feeds your spiritual well being. "

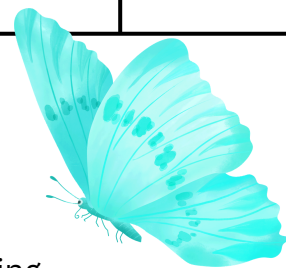


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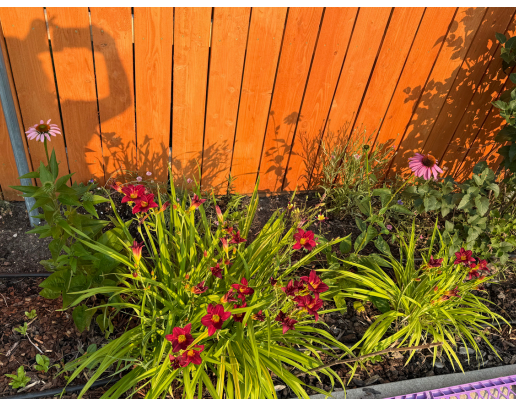
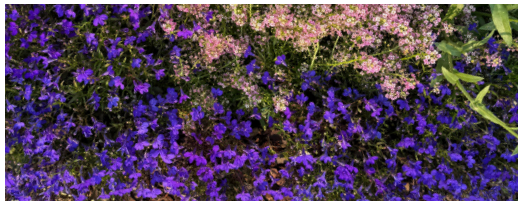
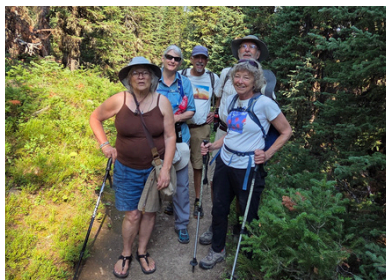


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9 •10:00 Service with Rev. Roxy Klingensmith •2 nd Sunday Offering to American Prairie •11:00 Summer Salad Potluck to honor Rev. Roxy	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 •10:00 Service with Rev. Charlotte Lehmann •Food Bank Sunday	17	18	19	20 •12:30 Board Meeting	21	22
23 •10:00 In-Person Only Service at Bozeman Pond •11:00 Bring Your Own Everything Picnic at Bozeman Pond	24	25	26	27 •4:30 Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed	28 •10:00 UUFB booth at MSU Catapalooza	29
30 •10:00 Service with Rev. Charlotte Lehmann •5 th Sunday Offering to Beaverhead County Fire Relief	31					

Upcoming Events



- 8/2, 10 a.m. Sunday Service with Rabbi Sonja K. Pilz, PhD
- 8/2, 11 a.m. Monthly Birthday/Anniversary Social Time
- 8/2, 11:15 a.m. Leadership Council
- 8/9, 10 a.m. Sunday Service with Rev. Roxy Klingensmith
- 8/9, 2nd Sunday Offering to American Prairie
- 8/9, 11 a.m. Summer Salad Potluck to honor Rev. Roxy
- 8/16, 10 a.m. First Sunday Service with Rev. Charlotte Lehmann
- 8/16 Food Bank Sunday
- 8/20, 12:30 p.m. Board Meeting
- 8/23, 10 a.m. Sunday Service at Bozeman Pond
- 8/23, 11 a.m. Bring Your Own Everything Picnic at Bozeman Pond
- 8/27, 4:30 p.m. Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed
- 8/28, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. UUFB Booth at MSU Catapalooza
- 8/30, 10 a.m. Sunday Service with Rev. Charlotte Lehmann
- 8/30, 5th Sunday Offering to Beaverhead County Fire Relief



Upcoming Events



Monthly Birthday & Anniversary Party Social Time – August 2

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.



Leadership Council – August 2

Leadership Council will meet on Sunday, August 2nd at 11:15 a.m. in person and on Zoom following the service. Leadership Council is an opportunity for our fellowship leaders (including committee chairs), and the minister to share information, make connections, and find ways to expand our shared ministry. All are welcome to attend.



Help Needed! Summer Salad Potluck Celebrating Rev. Roxy – August 9

Join us for a Summer Salad Potluck as we celebrate and thank Rev. Roxy for the love, care, and support she has shared with the UUFB over the past year through her pastoral care. We are deeply grateful for all she has given to our fellowship, and we hope you'll join us in expressing our appreciation. Please sign up to bring a dish or help at uufbozeman.org/summer.



2nd Sunday Offering to American Prairie – August 9

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

American Prairie is a Montana-based nonprofit working to restore and protect one of the largest remaining temperate grassland ecosystems in North America. By connecting public and privately owned lands, the organization is creating a landscape where native wildlife—including bison, prairie dogs, and hundreds of bird species—can thrive while preserving this unique prairie for future generations. American Prairie also promotes scientific research, public access, education, and partnerships with local communities and Tribal Nations to ensure the prairie remains a healthy and resilient ecosystem.



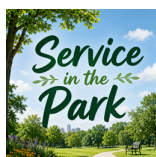
Food Bank Sunday – August 16

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.



Board Meeting – August 20

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.



Service in the Park – August 23

The August 23rd 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 a Bring Your Own Everything Picnic!



Bring Your Own Everything Picnic – August 23

Join us for a casual picnic in the park after the service! Please bring your own... everything! Food, drinks, plates, cups, utensils, napkins, chairs, blankets, and anything else you'll need for a comfortable picnic. Come enjoy good company and a relaxing time outdoors.



Glass Recycling for August – Canceled

Because the August 23rd service will be held outdoors at Bozeman Pond Park, glass recycling for August is cancelled.

Upcoming Events



Fork & Spoon Volunteers Needed - August 27

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.



Volunteer for UUFB's Booth at Catapalooza - August 28

Help represent UUFB at MSU's Catapalooza on Friday, August 28. We need volunteers to help with setup, greet students and visitors at our booth, and assist with takedown. It's a fun way to let the campus community know we're here! Sign up at uufbozeman.org/catapalooza or contact Peg W. with questions.



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

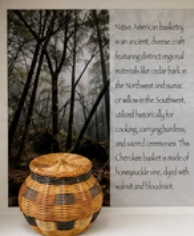
The UU Humanist Group explores Humanism and its role in Unitarian Universalism. For more information and to find out when the next meeting is please contact Sara W.



Garden Bed Parking Reminder

When parking by the western garden bed (that's the bed near the wooden fence with the signs saying "For compact cars only"), please do not pull up till your tires touch the curb. Rather, have your bumper go no further than the curb to protect the flowers planted there.

Thank you Susan A. for our new display!



Thank you Joy L. for our floral display!





UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP of BOZEMAN

Staff

- **Pastoral Care:** Rev. Roxy K.
- **Minister:** 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