



UUUFBo
fellowship of Bozeman
February 2012

Calendar of Services & Events

Services

February 5th, 2012 - Rev. Dr. Nina D. Grey
"Oh, Freedom"

February 12th- Rev. Dr. Nina D. Grey
"Standing on the Side of Love"

February 19th - Dr. Susan Kreitzberg, ND
"Dialoging with the Living about Dying"

February 26th - Erik Funk "Music and the Sacred"

February 2012 Services

All services are held at 10:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

Sunday service topics may change without notice at the discretion of the speaker or because of other circumstances. We regret any inconvenience this may cause.

February 5, 2012 "Oh, Freedom" Rev. Dr. Nina D. Grey

Black history in America is American history and it is also part of Unitarian Universalist history. Honoring Black History Month on this first Sunday in February, we will look at some of the ways that Black History and Unitarian Universalist history intersect and what those intersections say to us today. Lay Leader: Neil Gregersen, Music: Barry Pyle, SFAA: Children's Chapel

February 12, 2012 "Standing on the Side of Love" Rev. Dr. Nina D. Grey

We near the close of the UU Standing on the Side of Love project, Thirty Days of Love, also known as the National Month of Love, and we ask what do the myriad forms of love have to do with justice? In what ways do we and might we stand on the side of love today and in the future? Lay Leader: Karen Mitchell, Music: Edy Harrington, SFAA: Stephanie Kroner

February 19, 2012 "Dialoging with the Living about Dying" Dr. Susan Kreitzberg, ND

Dr. Susan Kreitzberg, ND, is a native of Montana, and has been in private practice in Bozeman for 17 years. Currently, she is part of a committee hosting a conference on topics related to death and dying. Inspired by a news report, she decided to create an opportunity for community dialogue around issues related to death and dying. Why do we fear dying, do we fear death itself, what does it mean to die with dignity, and what are some of the ethical issues surrounding dying? Susan doesn't have all the answers but she asks a lot of questions. Lay Leader: Edy Harrington, Music: Laurel Yost, SFAA: Sherrill Yost

Services held August to June at
Bozeman Senior Center
807 N. Tracy,
Sundays 10:00am to 11:00am

February 26, 2012 “Music and the Sacred” Eric Funk

Eric Funk is a noted Montana composer, conductor and musician. He has won many awards for his work in the US and abroad, most recently the prestigious Humanities Montana "Heroes" award for 2012. "Eleventh and Grant" is his weekly Montana PBS TV program featuring interviews and performances by regional musicians.

Eric Funk's sermon will focus on how the musician doing sacred music is operating from the inside rather than on the music itself. Essentially, he views sacred music as a vehicle that provides possible access to each listener's potential to enter deeply into a spiritual process. Since music has become a commodity in western culture, it's often difficult for people to comprehend or enter in to the power of it.

Lay Leader: Rose Toth, Music: Barry Pyle, SFAA: Elizabeth Rose

Ripples for February 2012

Standing on the Side of Love, a primarily Unitarian Universalist initiative, is about “harnessing love’s power to stop oppression.” Just before Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday, I signed onto its new project, Thirty Days of Love. Standing on the Side of Love has declared a National Month of Love, which began on Martin Luther King, Jr.’s birthday, January 15th, and ends on Valentine’s Day, February 14th. There are many creative ideas and resources on their website, <http://www.standingonthesideoflove.org/>, ways we can act with the power of love, expressing our shared UU values of “diversity, inclusion and equality”.

On Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday we reflected on Dr. King’s spiritual debt to Mahatma Gandhi, from whose legacy he learned about satyagraha, which means both truth power and love power. From Gandhi’s example, also, King understood the efficacy of non-violent resistance to oppression. From Gandhi, and from Jesus, King learned more about the inextricability of love and justice.

credit: John Eatinger



The month of February honors romantic love. For many years now, February 14th has been a time many are called to stand on the side of love and justice and marriage equality for loving same sex couples who wish to join their lives. This tradition reveals the deep connections between love and justice: love as romantic love, surely, but also love as compassion.

Each day on the website, there are messages about practicing love and compassion. Some ideas on the website invite support for LGBTQ people. Others encourage us to think about how we can work for immigration justice. On January 21, the message lifted up the importance of each of us being reflective and mindful about our words in all aspects of our lives. The author of the message, Dan Furmansky, the campaign manager of Standing on the Side of Love, wrote:

“...I have developed a new mindfulness that what I say, how I feel, and what I do affects everything. Sometimes it’s still more difficult for me to open my heart to love than to choose the angry, defensive path. But as a result of Standing on the Side of Love, I am far more mindful of my words and actions than ever before in my life. For that, I give great thanks.”

We are a wonderfully caring congregation already, and the National Month of Love, the Thirty Days of Love, invites us to be reflective, and to share thoughts about the importance of the value of love for ourselves, our families, our communities and our nation. Between now and February 14th I encourage all of us to check out the Standing on the Side of Love website inviting those additional ways that speak to our spirits about how to express our own compassionate hearts.

With love, in faith,

Nina

Notes From The President

The New Year brought us the annual pledge drive and we were extraordinarily successful in reaching our pledge goal for operating expenses. Our target was to raise \$110,000 this included \$107,000 for our operating budget and \$3000 to begin to replace the \$12,000 we borrowed from our reserve fund last year. This was due to increased expenses at year end for our new UU Central office, paying for set up and take down, expanding child education programs and costs associated with the recruitment and installing our wonderful new minister, Rev. Nina Grey. The fellowship rose to the challenge raising to date \$108,500. Thanks to all of you that pledged and for the wonderful work of the Finance and Stewardship Committees. I am grateful for your willingness to support your fellowship not only with good deeds but also financially. It is a huge affirmation of the value of UUFB.

With the money we hope to implement some of the following board goals:

First, we are looking at our 2007 Mission and Vision statements to see if we need to revise them or not. The Committee on Ministry will make a recommendation at the February Board meeting.

Second, we want to expand on our social justice efforts by resurrecting the Social Justice Committee. Kudos to the social justice book club initiated by Diane Knipfer. This enthusiastic group demonstrates the desire on the part of the fellowship to become involved in justice issues. This is one of UUFB stated missions.

Third, we want to work with committee chairs to determine how the board and program leaders can work to support each other's efforts. We will set up a meeting in February to begin this process.

Fourth, we want to expand adult education programs under the leadership of Nina Grey.

Finally, we wish to develop a leadership training program within the fellowship.

There is a lot on our table but we sure can have fun as we stumble into the future on the Fellowship's path.

Dick Young

5 Wishes Workshop

The 5 Wishes workshop will be held on Sunday, Feb. 5th at 11:45 following the service at the Senior Center. The 5 Wishes addresses issues if you should be unable to speak for yourself what would you want done on your behalf:

- who would you want making care choices for you?
- addresses questions of medical treatment you might favor.
- your choice of how comfortable you would want to be.
- the way you would want to be treated by people
- what you would want your loved ones to know.

If you have not thought about these questions please come and give it some thought, and put the answers in writing.

Rev. Nina Grey's Upcoming Schedule

Dear Members and Friends,

I am writing to keep all of the congregation well informed about my upcoming schedule which includes time with the congregation and time away, some of which is study leave, some vacation, and some non-working and unpaid time, associated with the 3/4 time ministry schedule.

From Jan. 30 - Feb. 4, as part of my 3/4 time schedule, I will not be working.

From Feb. 5 - Feb. 19, I will be working full-time, and available. I will take the regular Mondays off during those weeks. Please feel free to call me even on Mondays if it is an emergency.

From February 20 through March 6, I will be away. Some of this time is not-working time related to the 3/4 time ministry schedule, some is study leave, and some is vacation time.

I am excited about time we will have together. You are a wonderful congregation, more beloved to me every day.

I am also looking forward to the opportunity to spend time with my family in New York, and time at the UUA in a 3 day workshop about Adaptive Leadership.

Whenever I am away, I will be arranging for emergency pastoral coverage, and will make the arrangements known to you in various ways. We are also embarked on a continuing lay pastoral care associates training and planning now for the second session of that training, with the Caring Committee, co-chaired by Donna Garber and Johanna Prindiville.

With my very warmest regards, Nina

Sunday Service Committee: Why I Joined

by Paul Kleihauer

Several weeks ago I received a phone call and, after a brief conversation, was invited to consider joining the Sunday Service Committee. I was initially hesitant, being a relatively new member of the congregation. However, as a life-long UU, I also knew that committed, eager committee members are always needed. By the end of the conversation, I gave an enthusiastic, positive response, "Sign me up!"

One of the major reasons that I chose to move to Bozeman at the end of last winter was because of the size and vitality of UUFB. UU congregations have been a major part of my life for more than 5 decades and I feel compelled to return to UU's a small part of what UU's have given to me. Although I had never served on the SSC of other congregations, I was more than familiar with its primary functions. In the past I have served on a few committees, usually of the technical variety, but the offer to serve on the SSC gave me an opportunity to serve in a more complete way. I hope that my participation on the SSC will help to maintain, and even grow, the vibrant religious and spiritual home that I have found in the UUFB and one that I hope others will find and continue to enjoy.

Social Activity Calendar

On **Sunday, February 12th** a **Valentine Potluck** followed by Bingo will be held after the Sunday service. This will be an intergenerational activity. Bingo winners will get to select an item off of the prize table. All these items were going to be used at the Halloween Party which was cancelled. Bring a potluck dish based on the first letter of your last name: A-F Dessert, G-O Main Dish, P-Z Salad

Three more **Circle Suppers** are scheduled for the month of February. The suppers are open to all members and friends of UUFB and are a great opportunity to get better acquainted with others in the fellowship. The hosts open their home to four to ten guests and usually provide the main dish. The guests bring various dishes to round out the dinner. If you would like to attend a Circle Supper, be sure to sign up at the Social Activities table.

The **Women's Group** will meet on Wednesday, February 15th. All UUFB women are invited to enjoy the potluck and time of sharing. The host will send out an email on the list serve with the time and address.

The **Men's Group** will meet on Feb 8th at 6:30 at Dick Young's home. More information to come as the date approaches.

Social Justice Reading Group

The UUFB Social Justice Reading Group will continue their study of immigration issues with the book "Working in the Shadows". The next meeting where we will be discussing this book will be Friday, Feb. 10th from 10:00am - 11:30am. The meeting will be held in the Small Conference Room at the Bozeman Public Library.

Books have been ordered for those who requested them. The book is also available at Amazon for Kindle or at Barnes & Noble for Nook. All are welcome to join the group. If you'd like to be added to the group's e-mail list, please contact Diane Knipfer at dlknipfer@gmail.com.

Notes from UUFB Membership/Hospitality Committee

The committee, consisting of Bonnie Andes, Linda Clark, Deanna Dean, Jennifer Haukebo, and I, have been working on several projects. The most important right now is to update our membership directory. If you have changes that need to be made to your information, please see one of the above committee members or call Trace. We hope to have the new directory published by mid February.

We have also set the dates for the next Introduction/membership classes. These will be March 4, 11, and 25 and will be held after service at 11:30 In the Senior Center Board room. Child care will be provided if needed. At this time a membership ceremony is planned for April 8.

Our continuing project is to simplify our greeter/hospitality services. Since October we have had two to 4 people in charge for a month at a time. This has worked well and has made the job easier for those doing it because the routines become familiar. A check list has been developed the gives easy to follow directions for the jobs. We look forward to including more people in this effort and encourage you to participate if even for two weeks at a time.

Jan Young

Membership/Hospitality Chair

Lifespan Religious Education

So far, the children of UUFB really like our once a month children's chapel. They have been attentive and engaged for the entire 20 - 25 minutes. Attendance has been 12 to 29 kids, from toddlers to teens.

This what normally happens in chapel:

- Opening song
- Introductions if there are any new faces
- Brief lesson
- Offering
- Joys and concerns
- Closing song if there's time

Stefanie Knipfer and Marie Lynn have been leading children's chapel. Since one of the RE teachers suggested using the upstairs childcare room because it was difficult for the K-2 children to settle down after chapel, we tried this idea. It seemed to work just fine, so this is where we will meet from now on.

At this point, having chapel once a month seems about right. Stefanie and Marie plan to ask some of our members who are not currently teaching RE to contribute to children's chapel by telling a story or giving a special presentation, in order to give them a chance to be involved.

Our intent is to continue with children's chapel throughout the remainder of our church year. We are open to guidance from Rev. Nina, the Lifespan Religious Education Committee, the Sunday Service Committee and the Board.

General Assembly Registration begins March 1st

2012 Justice GA registration will open on March 1st. UUFB delegates and non-delegates are invited to attend the Phoenix, AZ GA, where immigration justice will be the major theme. Registration, housing, and other information is available online at uua.org/ga/.

GA is from June 20-24. Prospective attendees are encouraged to study on the topic of immigration justice. Carol Stahl and I will co-lead the UUA curriculum on immigration justice beginning in March. Date to be announced. The UUA also encourages reading "The Death of Josseline" as part of pre-GA preparation.

Rev. Dr. Nina Grey

Adult Religious Education Sub-Committee Begins February 8

The new Adult Religious Education Sub-Committee will meet Feb. 8 at 6:30 pm to start planning and developing a set of criteria for courses beginning in the fall. If you are interested in helping plan future Adult RE programs, please contact Rev. Nina at ninadgrey@gmail.com.

UUA President Responds to Department of Justice Report on Sheriff Joe Arpaio

December 15, 2011

The Rev. Peter Morales, President of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), has issued a statement in response to the U.S. Department of Justice's Dec. 15, 2011, report (PDF, 22 pages) regarding civil rights violations by Sheriff Joe Arpaio of Maricopa County, Ariz.

"I am heartened today that the Department of Justice has finally taken a stand against the flagrant civil rights violations of Sheriff Joe Arpaio and the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office. This report shines a light on morally repugnant acts that have gone unchecked for far too long. Unitarian Universalists in Arizona and across the continent have long stood on the side of love, calling for justice and compassion in Maricopa County. Today, we applaud the Department of Justice for taking a significant step in acknowledging Arpaio's criminal behavior.

"This report, however, is not enough, not nearly. It is not sufficient to ask for a discussion when hundreds of acts of abuse are already well documented. It is long past time to remove Arpaio from his position. While we cannot undo the atrocities committed, we can—and should—demand that the Department of Justice prevent further human rights violations by acting immediately.

On Monday, Dec. 12, 2011, UUA delivered a letter co-signed by 14 religious organizations to Secretary Janet Napolitano of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Attorney General Eric Holder of the U.S. Department of Justice. The letter demands swift action by our government to put an end to crimes carried out by Arpaio and his staff. Unitarian Universalists will continue to lift up our voices until Arpaio is brought to justice and the protection of basic human rights is restored in Maricopa County. Next June, thousands of Unitarian Universalists will gather in Phoenix for our Justice General Assembly to stand on the side of love: we will gather in peace and call for justice."

For more information on the UUA, including recent press releases and news articles, please visit the UUA's online press room.

For more information contact [pr @ uua.org](mailto:pr@uua.org).

2011/2012 Board Members:

The UUFB Board generally meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6pm at UU Central

Dick Young, President
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Lifespan Religious Education: Bar Turner

The UUFB newsletter is published monthly from September to June. Send articles to admin@uufbozeman.org

UUFB Online

The UUFB maintains several online resources. An email list has been established in order to communicate announcements and events of interest to the UUFB. To make an announcement to the group, please send email to "uufb@yahoogroups.com" (you must be subscribed to the list in order to send mail to the list). Mail sent to this address will be delivered to all members of the list, and will also be archived. This is not an appropriate forum for political commentary or jokes (see uufb-discuss below), so please use discretion when sending email to this address.

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