



Calendar of Services & Events

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June 2009 UUFb Board President Letter

Talks with Pilgrim continue although we may not make our dreamed of mid-August start date for meeting there. Time will tell as we with both "date" before we "marry," but the important thing is that the conversation is ongoing. We will both do all we can for the best future of the UUFb.

We hope you can all join us for the end-of-year picnic after service on June 14 (see announcement). The board retreat is scheduled for June 13 where the old leadership team will hand things off to the new leaders. Amanda is analyzing the results of the village meetings and will use your input to drive the decisions of the board. We hope you will take advantage of the unique and fun summer services to stay connected as well as enjoy the spirituality of our beautiful, scenic state. Have a great summer!

Namaste,

Rachel Rockafellow on behalf of Amanda Cater
Outgoing and Incoming UUFb Board Chairs

June 14 End-of-Year Picnic

The East Gallatin Pavilion is reserved for Sunday, June 14, after service.

Bring a potluck and beverage to share. We'll provide plates, utensils, etc. (although Barry is working on "green sanctuary" in which we'd bring our own reusable plates/utensils/cups to reduce waste/ environmental impact so keep that in mind). Let's loosely follow the break-out:

Last name A-I - main dish/salad;

Last name J-Q - appetizer;

Last name R-Z - dessert (however anything will do...bring what you want to bring!). There is swimming and if you have a float or non-motorized boat, bring it along. Questions? Ask Rachel Rockafellow, Leona Poritz, or Sherrill Dolezilik. Hope to see you there!

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

Many thanks for a good year!

The Sunday Service Committee says thanks to everyone who pitched in to help with our services this past year – from presenters and lay leaders to setup folks, greeters, musicians, Occasional Choir singers, storytellers (of all ages, for all ages), and all the teachers who worked with the younger UUs.

It takes a lot of individual effort and teamwork to pull off one good service, and UUFB did it more than forty times over the course of the service year: that's a big deal, and a real accomplishment. So, thanks everybody, enjoy the summer services, and see you when regular services resume on August 23.

The 2008-09 Sunday Service Committee: Rose Toth, Elizabeth Rose, Gene Quenemoen, Mark Miller, Dean Littlepage, Edy Harrington, Neil Gregersen, Sherrill Dolezilek, and Amanda Cater.



Easter Services

Food Bank

The Unitarian contributions to the Food Bank last week was 40 pounds. We will collect food items on June 14th and the next collection will be in August when we resume meeting at the Senior Center. We will be glad to accept your donations on any Sunday that is convenient for you.

Caring Committee

Do you know the way to UUFB Central and do you know the what and why there of? The Caring Committee is going to hold an open house at 313 W. Mendenhall on Thursday 6/04/09 from 12 noon to 1 p.m. You will have an opportunity to meet Trace, our office assistant, and tour the office [entrance on the left after you enter the building]. The office houses Re. Lois Van Leer's office, a small library, ample meeting room, and shared office space for Tracy Klein and Marie Lynn, Director of CLE [alternating days].

Children are welcome to attend this open house and all may expect to enjoy a cold glass of "Leona's soft" lemonade during this open house which will be held from 12 noon until 1 p.m. on the Fourth of June this year.

East is east and west is west and the wrong one you have "chose" if you don't see a white house with a sign in front listing the UUFB. UUFB Central is at 313 WEST Mendenhall. Mendenhall is the one way street parallel to Main Street--one way going west. To locate our center from the Senior Center [for example] you would take Tracy south for .5 of a mile and then turn right on Mendenhall for .2 of a mile and find UUFB on the right hand [or North side] of the street. There is parking on both sides of the street as well as in a lot across the street and some parking behind the building. Park your wheels and take this as a good reason to check out the hub of UUFB. Hope to see you there.



Seamus leads UU Services

Expressing our Vibrancy, Connection and Inner Explorations through Song and Art

Save the date of **Saturday, August 29th** for a Fall workshop gathering of UUs. We'll do a morning of exploring art and music as it relates to our spirituality. This will be a hands-on, voices-on experience with tidbits about how to translate art and music into a connecting experience for our children and youth. (Yes, this is the teacher training in disguise, but it's not really a training, it's an experience.) So teacher or not, please join us, as truly, the more the merrier for this workshop. We'll share a lunch meal afterwards.

Here are some words from Dr. Nita Penfold regarding Art and Music from the online resources of the UUA Tapestry of Faith, religious education for all ages.

“Within Tapestry of Faith, the role of music is to make our lives and our children’s lives more vibrant and connected to each other and to the universe. We do not need to be trained musicians to make our music come alive. Whether we are experienced singers or shower singers, we can make great music. To paraphrase an expression from Zimbabwe, “If you can talk, you can sing. If you can sing, you can lead a song.”

“Children have the same existential questions that adults do. They wonder about everything from how their baby sister got here to that feeling they get when they watch a sunset or when a pet dies. They want to know how everything works, and why things happen. Religious education needs to give them the tools to make meaning in their lives at their own level at any age. It needs to help children explore the whole rather than indoctrinate them into a single way of believing. Religious exploration needs to show children how to find out who they are and the gifts they possess that can be carried out into the world. The arts can help them with this process.”

<http://www.uua.org/religiouseducation/curricula/tapestryfaith/index.shtml>

Any questions? Please email Lori Ragona at Lragona24@msn.com Smiles!!!



THANK YOU FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Many thanks to all of you who served as greeters this year! Your contributions are truly appreciated and added tremendously to how everyone feels as they enter for our services.

Many thanks also to the hardworking membership committee members – Susie Cole, Bill Mallory, Marie Quenemoen, Dave Crawford, Sarah Weis, Bonnie Andes, Dee Mast and Deanna Dean. These folks coordinated greeters, wrote notes to visitors, made visitor packets, helped with membership classes, produced the fellowship directory, and coordinated our fellowship's presence at MSU's Catapalooza. Bravo!

We also have been so happy to welcome these thirteen folks into Membership of the UUFb over the course of the year: Stephanie Kroner, Bob Sterling, Suzy Sterling, Judy Fjell, Renee Tanner, Anna Goins, Dave Andes, Pam Poon, Glenn Smith, Shirley Smith, Peg Wherry, Thad Cowan and Janet Lewis. Welcome -Your presence is such a gift to our fellowship!

Next year the committee will be ably co-chaired by Dave Crawford and Deanna Dean.

By Susan Backer

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee needs your help! We need volunteers to be part of the UUFb table at Catapalooza, letting college students, parents and faculty know we're here. Catapalooza is a fun event where members of the community welcome students back to MSU in the fall, help them move in, etc. We're going to be set up August 26-28 from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm. If you could help out on one of these days for a couple of hours that would be great. Please contact Dave Crawford at 587-6192 or crawdads04@msn.com. We think it's important to let folks know there is an alternative, among all the other more traditional offerings they will see. If you agree, please join us.

Thanks,

Dave



Moon Auction

Service List June 2009

June 7

Title: "Earth-centered morality in religious practice" Betsy Gaines Quammen, The Tributary Fund

Greeters: V. Susie Cole MF.

Set-up: TBA

Lay Leader: Joe McCarty

Music: Barry Pyle

SFAA: Teacher Appreciation Ceremony

Special Offering: The Tributary Fund

June 14

Title: "Flower Communion" Sherrill Dolezilek, Zelpha Boyd, Della Stauber, Beth D'Atri, Nan Gregersen, Edie Harrington

Greeters: V. Sarah Weis MF. Scott Corbusier

Set-up: TBA

Lay Leader: Susan Backer

Music: Dee Mast

SFAA: Zelpha Boyd

Summer Services Calendar -- 2009

During the summer months we do not have regular UUFB Sunday services at the Senior Center. However, traditionally we have informal Summer Services providing different ways to gather in worship, celebration and fellowship. Members/friends of UUFB have created several opportunities for us to maintain our connection during the beautiful Bozeman summer. We hope you will join us in these gatherings listed below. Mark these dates on your calendar and we will send more information by mail soon.

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To be Determined -- Lorca Smetana

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Lifespan Education

What a wonderful whirlwind year this has been for me! The many facets of Lifespan Education at UUFB have often been challenging, but oh so rewarding.

Adult LE has been a grand learning experience all around. We've tried out several different types of gatherings, from informal Q&A sessions with Lois to Compassionate Communication workshops to Attitudinal Healing classes to the guided Emerson discussions. So please, keep the good suggestions coming so we can continue to learn together.

Our lower elementary LE class has focused on learning about all kinds of homes this year, culminating in explorations of their faith home—UU. The upper elementary children started the year with the Toolbox of Faith curriculum, and then switched gears to Moral Tales, which has been a much better fit.

The youth are a small, but dynamic group. Christine Clark and Linda Kirkconnell have done a great job with them this year. The kids' honesty about what works for them and what doesn't is inspiring. And when I look into their eyes, I feel them asking for more—more guidance, more activities and more meaning. So I hope to be able to provide more for them in the coming year.

Childcare continues to go well, thanks to the stabilizing influence of our Lead Caregiver, Kari Larsen, and our Assistant Caregiver, Iliana Maifeld-Carucci. Kari plans to return in the fall, but Iliana will not since she is pursuing higher education out of state. Our good thoughts go with her!

Teacher Recruitment Month, brainchild of Laura Prindiville, has been a fun and productive endeavor. We have eight people signed up to teach or assist with the younger elementary group, eight for the older elementary and two who volunteered to work with the youth. Not only that, but we even have eight more who will work with any age.

For our annual teacher training, Lori Ragona is planning a celebration of creativity, and the LE Committee has decided to open it to the entire Fellowship this year. Please see the article, "Expressing our Vibrancy, Connection and Inner Explorations through Song and Art" for more details.

Whether we remain at the Senior Center or move to another location in the fall, my focus will be to streamline the planning and documenting procedures so I can spend more time supporting the teachers, listening to members of our Fellowship and interacting with the children. Please know that I love to hear from you—about things that are working well, and about things that are not. Thank you all for this fabulous year!

2009/2010 Board Members:

The UUFB Board generally meets on the third Monday of each month.

Amanda Cater, Chair
Pam Poon, Vice Chair
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Sarah Weiss, Secretary
Dean Littlepage, Member-at-large
Stuart Challendar, Member-at-large
Patty Simpson, Member-at-large

Committees:

Sunday Service: Dean Littlepage/ Amanda Cater, Chairs
Membership: Dave Crawford and Deanna Dean, Chairs
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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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