



# Upcoming Services and Events

Calendar:	Descriptions of Services and Events:	
<p><b>Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1:00– 4:00 p.m.:</b> Toni's Tea</p> <p><b>Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00– 8:00 p.m.:</b> Board of Trustees Meeting</p> <p><b>Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.:</b> Sunday Service ~ <i>Evensong</i> 6</p> <p><b>Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.:</b> Sunday Service ~ <i>Evensong</i> 7</p> <p><b>Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.:</b> Summer Adventure Series III</p> <p><b>Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m.:</b> GUUF Samaritan House Volunteer Night</p> <p><b>Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>, 1:00– 4:00 p.m.:</b> Toni's Tea</p> <p><b>Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 a.m.:</b> Sunday Service ~ <i>Glacier Park</i></p> <p><b>Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.:</b> Sunday Service ~ <i>Guest Minister</i></p> <hr/> <p><b>Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.:</b> Sunday Service ~ <i>First Sunday</i></p> <p><b>Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, 1:00– 4:00 p.m.:</b> Toni's Tea</p> <p><b>Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:00– 8:00 p.m.:</b> Board of Trustees Meeting</p> <p><b>Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.:</b> Sunday Service ~ (Multi-Gen.) <i>Annual Water Service</i></p> <p><b>Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.:</b> Sunday Service</p> <p><b>Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m.:</b> GUUF Samaritan House Volunteer Night</p> <p><b>Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, 1:00– 4:00 p.m.:</b> Toni's Tea</p> <p><b>Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.:</b> Sunday Service</p>	 <p><b>August 21, 2016 ~ 11:00 a.m.:</b> <b>"Glacier Park Service"</b> This Sunday we gather once a year in Glacier Park, the place some of us call our cathedral. We'll meet as usual at the Fish creek picnic area on the shores of Lake Macdonald close to Apgar. After a potluck lunch, some of us will hike or travel by boat up the north shore of the lake. <i>There will be someone to help with children at the Park. Please know that there is plenty for the whole family to do both during and after the service. Bring food to contribute to the picnic potluck and make a day of it!</i></p> <hr/> 	<p><b>"Summer Evensong Series"</b> These services are a different format than a traditional service. They are smaller, more intimate services where some discussion &amp; participation is encouraged, but not required. They are a thought provoking &amp; wonderful way to go a little deeper with your fellow congregants and we hope that if you haven't been to one in the past you will come this summer. Each service theme is chosen and put together by the service leader(s) so they are each unique.</p> <hr/>  <p><b>August 28, 2016 ~ 10:00 a.m.:</b> <b>"Contemplations About Peace: Order-Disorder-Reorder"</b> This will be a suggestion of how we might all reshape our attitudes so that we may live in a more peaceful way with the people around us and far away. Ordained Minister Marcia Hoffman comes to us from a background in Congregational Christian churches. She has worked in both Disciples of Christ and United Church of Christ (UCC) denominations and she has served on ecumenical interfaith committees for both. Please read her full bio on the front page of this newsletter. <i>Guest Speaker Rev. Marcia Hoffman. Service Associate Meg Gordon.</i></p>
<p><b>Final Summer Adventure Series!</b> <i>This summer GUUF has been offering hikes and outing adventures. They were led by Jillian Brown, Betsy Kohnstamm, and Steve Eckels. Please check out our last adventure!</i></p> <p><b>Otter Island:</b> <b>August 14, 10 am</b> <b>Led by Steve Eckels</b></p> <p>There is a special quality to rivers and lakes that has attracted people to them for contemplation over the millennia. The most beautiful spot to enjoy the atmosphere of fresh water in Kalispell can be found at the location of the old steel bridge. This rustic location not only affords one the cool breeze of fresh mountain water, but also offers majestic mountain views to the north and south. When I first discovered the location, which is managed by Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, I didn't notice the</p>	<p>(otter island cont.) mountain views, and was disappointed at the lack of cultivation. After living here for 16 years, I have come to appreciate the rustic nature of landscape, and always look up and downstream and am awed by the quiet and sturdy mountains. The state recently acquired a portion of the riverfront and call it "Otter Island". Otter Island reserve is only a short walk from the parking area. We will meet in the parking area at: <b>10 am</b> And we will walk to the wilderness reserve where we will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Bring poems and readings</li> <li>2) Sit in a circle and share</li> </ol> <p>Bring a folding chair if you wish! Any questions or for directions, contact Steve at: <a href="mailto:eckels@guitarmusicman.com">eckels@guitarmusicman.com</a></p> <hr/> 	 <p><b>September 11, 2016 ~ 10:00 a.m.:</b> <b>Multigenerational Annual Water Service</b> A beautiful UU Tradition where we can share our life's journeys, hardships and blessings. Please bring a bit of water, to add to the common bowl, &amp; a brief story about where it came from or what it means to you. We will have "symbolic" water here for you to use if you don't bring your own. We always end our summer season with this Multi-generational "gathering of the waters." We all bring a little water from home, our travels, somewhere or someone memorable or significant in some way. We then combine them and make them one...as we are one...It is a UU tradition,</p>



## Events (cont.)



*Toni's Teas occur on 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, every month. This is a social discussion group that is open to anyone who enjoys lively conversation & good company. Please call Sandy Alessi at 730-2425 if you have any questions.*

On August 2<sup>nd</sup> and September 6<sup>th</sup> they meet at Rose Morris's home (118 Fly Way) in Kalispell; **August 16<sup>th</sup>** and **September 20<sup>th</sup>** at Sandy Alessi's home (812 Greenwood) in Whitefish, from **1p.m.- 4p.m.** (Please watch the weekly eBlasts for location updates).

Once a month Glacier UU Fellowship volunteers show up at The Samaritan House, prepare, and serve dinner for Kalispell's local homeless population. These efforts are organized by **Chris Holdhusen**. If you would like to assist with this program, please contact Chris at [choldhusen@yahoo.com](mailto:choldhusen@yahoo.com) or 406-862-6882.

Our upcoming Volunteer Nights are the 3 Mondays of August and September. That's **August 15<sup>th</sup>** and **September 19<sup>th</sup>**, at 5:30 p.m.



**GUUF** Board meetings are always the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month (unless otherwise announced). Anyone is welcome to attend. We value your input.

### **Your 2016-2017 Committee Chairpersons**

#### **Jill Fanning, Sunday Service Committee**



I'm a lifelong UU, at age 77. I was very active in the youth group in Berkeley, CA in the 50's and went to District conferences. I still have friends from back then. I raised my family in Bellevue, WA and was in the church choir. I have 3 grown children and 2 grandkids.

In middle age, I studied intensively with elders and shamans from several Northwest Coast native tribes. I have taught medicine circles and led many ceremonies in the Flathead as well as Washington, N.Y., Calif., B.C., Australia, and New Zealand. I still do occasional ceremonies here.

I am looking forward to being your Sunday Service Committee Chairperson again this year. We will be lay-led this year and there are many exciting avenues to explore. I want to help lead us to become even more vibrant and community-centered than ever as we deepen our spiritual experience together.

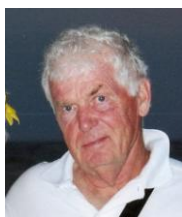
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#### **Kara Basko, Religious Education Committee**

I enjoy participating in and supporting the faith journeys of the children at GUUF. I and my three daughters have been involved in RE for several years. If you have any questions regarding the RE program, please contact me at (406) 261-3032 or

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**Don Spivey and Charlie McCarty,**  
**Building and Grounds Committee Co-Chairs**  
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[camn7cit@cyberport.net](mailto:camn7cit@cyberport.net) or 406-249-6429





# Committees (cont.)



## **Betsy Kohnstamm, *Membership Committee***

Membership Committee draws its circle wide. We see our role as welcoming folks who are arriving at GUUF for the first time, encouraging newcomers in the first few weeks and months, offering new membership workshops to folks considering joining us, and also caring for our long term members in various ways. I would like to see renewed vigor in our circle of 8 dinners this year as I think this is one of the best ways to get to know one another and build

stronger ties among us.

I hope to encourage monthly *Circle of 8 dinners* on the first weekend of each month so keep your calendars open wide!

If you would like to join our committee in any way, we can use lots of helpers.

Contact me anytime at 406-260-2627 cell, or at my email [twinjunipers@gmail.com](mailto:twinjunipers@gmail.com).

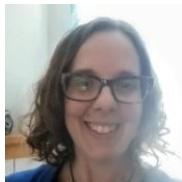
Looking forward to another great year at GUUF! ~ Betsy Kohnstamm



## **Cathy Cooney, *Stewardship Committee Chair***

The Stewardship Committee Committee is responsible for helping our congregation take the vision of what we want and then finding the financial resources to turn that vision into reality. We oversee the annual pledge drive and the Bacon Bonanza Brunch Stewardship Breakfast every March. I am comfortable with fundraising since I've worked in the nonprofit sector my entire professional life. I am especially interested in planned gifts and endowment building since that's the area where I have professional experience.

## **Your Staff**



## **Paige Rappleye, *Office Administrator***

I am a mother of 3 awesome kids: (Ryan, 18; Jacob, 15; and Cecelia, 5). I am an Our Whole Lives facilitator for ages 5-18; in addition, I'm a LGBTQI Youth Advocate with the Pride Foundation. I also work for Love Lives Here in the Flathead Valley, an affiliate of the Montana Human Rights Network, as their Administrator/Organizer in the hours that I'm not in the office for GUUF.

In my "free time," I am currently running for the Montana State House of Representatives in an attempt to put our 7 Principles into action!

I worked as a Special Education Para-Educator in the Kalispell School District for the first few years that we lived here and I continue to get special trainings and certifications in autism related fields and I do public speaking on being inclusive to special needs children in your spaces. I was a nanny while at home with my children before we moved here.

I joined my 1<sup>st</sup> UU congregation in Seattle in 2007 shortly before moving here in 2008. I have been very involved here, attending since my 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in the Flathead. My children, husband, and I attend nearly every week. I was honored when I was asked to take this position. It utilizes many of my people and computer skills and it allows me to stay connected to the UU community that I've grown to know and love.

(call or text) 406-253-7941 or [guufadm@yahoo.com](mailto:guufadm@yahoo.com)

**Administrator's contact information:** Paige checks her email regularly 7 days a week and will get back to you promptly, [guufadm@yahoo.com](mailto:guufadm@yahoo.com).

Monday-Friday, during the hours of 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. you may call or text her cell phone 406-253-7941. She is usually in the office Tuesday and Thursday mornings. If you need access to the building, please call and schedule a day and time.

### **NEW DEADLINES:**

eBLAST = **Monday** afternoon;

ORDER of SERVICE = **8 a.m Tuesday** morning;

SUNDAY (oral) ANNOUNCEMENTS = **Friday** morning;

NEWSLETTER = **the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month**

As always, the sooner that you can get Paige your information the easier it is for her. If you do not get her information BY the above deadline it WILL NOT be included in said publication. Thank you for your understanding.



# Your 2016-2017 GUUF Board of Trustees



## **Kathy Neff, *GUUF Board President***

Hello everyone! My name is Kathy Neff and I'm in my second year of the position of Board President for GUUF. I have lived in New Zealand, Georgia, Indiana, Minnesota and Ohio but after 20 years now can say I've lived in Whitefish, Montana for longer than anywhere else. I work part time as a family practice doctor, and love to spend time with my three kids, husband Chris and dog Brinkley. I enjoy running, biking and swimming and most recently have been a middle school cross country coach as well. I also feel passionate and dedicated to the Glacier

UU Fellowship and have been a member for about 18 years. My last stint as president was 1997 to 2000, at a time when we bought our Trumble Creek building, added many families, and solidified our Sunday services. I was raised Quaker, and still consider that my religion of choice. I truly believe in the inner light in all of us, which in UU language is the inherent worth and dignity of all. I see the essence of a spiritually engaged community as what I best recognize as the presence of God. My passions at GUUF have been the youth religious education, the programs, shared music, the community garden, and learning about our larger UU world. I look forward to engaging in connections between ourselves, other fellowships in Montana, and other UU churches in our region. I hope that my time as president will be a time of meeting new folks and enjoying the company of new and old friends at GUUF. (email: [nathykeff@yahoo.com](mailto:nathykeff@yahoo.com))



## **Cathy Cooney, *GUUF Board Vice President***

My husband Ned and I moved to the Flathead Valley almost 12 years ago to escape the heat, smog and crowds in Inland Southern California. We both spent most of our lives in Southern California so Montana has been an adventure! We live in Bigfork, near Echo Lake. I am the Director of Donor Services for the Montana Community Foundation in Helena so I travel statewide and have been to all 56 counties in Montana multiple times. I also teach Oula, a dance aerobics program, at the Montana Athletic Club. I have been a member of GUUF since 2004 and this is the first church

I have ever belonged to. (email: [cmecooney@gmail.com](mailto:cmecooney@gmail.com))



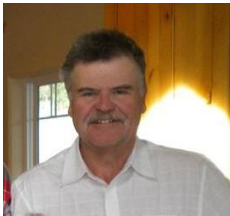
## **Betsy Kohnstamm, *GUUF Board Secretary***

I find inspiration for life from Glacier Park and its environs. I call it a "cathedral."

Humanism also moves me in the daily work as a reading specialist for the Columbia Falls School District and as I perform with musicians in the Glacier Symphony. Here at GUUF, my husband, Dan, and I have been members since they moved to Whitefish in the late 80s.

We have two twenty-something children, Mary and Carl. I look forward to continuing my time on at GUUF leadership - this year as secretary and Membership committee chair.

(email: [beaniekicks@yahoo.com](mailto:beaniekicks@yahoo.com))



## **Robert Byers, *GUUF Treasurer***

After retiring from a 20 year career in telecommunications, Diane and I decided to move back to Montana as both our children were raised and out of the house. We decided to build our home on the shores of Flathead Lake on the same property that has been in our family since 1957. While we live much closer to Polson than Kalispell, we were in search of a new fellowship when we happened upon GUUF several years ago. Our son was married in the Unitarian Church in Tulsa so we had some introduction to the beliefs and we were very

happy that this fellowship met our needs. I have served as a treasurer of another nonprofit and also as finance chair for another congregation. Both of those experiences, along with my business experience, taught me that the stewardship of the resources of an organization will determine whether they prosper or die slowly. When approached to consider being the treasurer of GUUF I considered it carefully and decided that I could support our purpose in a more active manner and decided to seek the office. I appreciate your trust and will work to maintain it as long as I serve in the position. Diane and I hope to continue to build lasting relationships with all of you in the fellowship. (email: [robert058@centurytel.net](mailto:robert058@centurytel.net))

# Your 2016-2017 GUUF Board of Trustees *(cont.)*



**Dennis Brosten, Board Member at Large**  
(email: [dennis504@centurytel.net](mailto:dennis504@centurytel.net))



**Bruce Fehlman, Board Member at Large**

Bruce Fehlman was born and raised in the Finger Lakes region of NY state . Retiring, after a 40 year career in auto repair, to the beautiful Flathead Valley and seeking a spiritual home he visited GUUF where he found a welcoming group of like minded people! He is glad to serve on the board . Bruce lives west of Kalispell with his wife Cathy. He enjoys dog agility and playing with small British cars. (email: [bruce@fehlman.com](mailto:bruce@fehlman.com))



**Meg Gordon, Board Member at Large**

I moved to the Flathead area in 2013 and soon after started attending GUUF. I joined the Sunday Program Committee during my first year at GUUF and decided to Chair the committee the following year. I joined the Board this year, to stay involved in the behind the scenes part of GUUF and as a way to further integrate myself into the community of people I so admire. I work as a veterinarian locally at the Flathead County Animal Shelter as well as in private practice. Outside of work, I enjoy sailing, tinkering with my flower beds, and reading. (email: [meggordon1975@gmail.com](mailto:meggordon1975@gmail.com))



**Anne Lent, Board Member at Large**

I am one of the few folks here at GUUF who has been a UU since my teens. Though I don't like labels, I guess I'd be considered a Secular Humanist, albeit I seek life's answers from all directions. Serendipity brought my husband, Charlie, and me to this beautiful area in 1993. We've been GUUF members since then, part of the ongoing growth and development of this fine group. We love to travel, have done so both internationally and also in our motor home, especially attracted to the south during bird migration in spring. One focus I have had over many years, stemming from my previous work with hospice, is helping and encouraging our members and others, young and old alike, to Look Ahead and get their end-of-life plans

completed and updated. It is important to me that our GUUF group knows each other well and remains a loving and caring community. (email: [lentmccarty@yahoo.com](mailto:lentmccarty@yahoo.com))



## **Caring Family Coordinators:**

*Our Caring Family Coordinators are an important part of our congregation. They help to strengthen our community when there are needs to be met. If you are in need of some assistance (meals, errands, transportation, visitors, yard maintenance, childcare...), please contact the current month's Coordinator.*

**Caring Family Coordinator** for the month of **August** is [Julie Doyle](#). Please contact her if you need any assistance, **406-854-2323** or [julie17810@cs.com](mailto:julie17810@cs.com).

**Caring Family Coordinator** for the month of **September** is [Michele Page](#). Please contact her if you need any assistance, **406-890-5030** or [cyrmichele@aol.com](mailto:cyrmichele@aol.com).

# President's Message



Happy Summer! I hope all of you will take time out on Sundays this summer to come to Church, and keep in touch. I also hope all of you find time to get out to the mountains and lakes and revel in our beautiful world. That is why we live here!

On the first of July, I began another year as Glacier UU Fellowship's president. We just had our new "Board Orientation", and it feels like another satisfying, productive year is in store. Thank you so much to our 5 continuing Board members, and thank you and welcome to Anne Lent, Dennis Brosten and Bruce Fehlman for coming onto the Board. We will continue to meet at GUUF the first Tuesdays of the month from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Our Board meetings are open to anyone, please join us!

I asked this picture to run of me this edition because it is a visual glimpse of my first memory of a "religious" experience. As a four year old, I remember sitting outside on the lawn of our Quaker meeting in Atlanta, Georgia picking up leaves from the ginkgo tree and contemplating what I had learned that day about God. Eventually these moments and contemplations as I passed through my growing stages have led me to GUUF. Now, when I look at this picture I can understand why the presence of religion in my life and the importance of sharing and passing on what I have learned continues to be a priority to me.

Why UU? It just makes so much sense to me. I like this quote from Reverend Abhi Janamanchi whose sermon was presented at our July 31 service. **"Our religion is a place where strangers are not only welcome, but where all are enjoined to do the work of healing and transformation by wrestling with the strangers within ourselves"**. This is not a small task, but I think a worthy one.

Please plan to do your part this year, and see you at GUUF!

*Kathy Neff, President*



**Support Montana Public Radio and GUUF** Have you heard GUUF on Montana Public Radio? We pay for the advertising (sponsorship spots) through our collections designated to MTPR. If you're already an MTPR supporter – consider supporting MTPR through a donation to GUUF. All of the money we collect goes to MTPR for our sponsorship spots. ***Your donation is still tax deductible*** and you are supporting two organizations! As the donation is to GUUF your name will not be read on-air. However, MTPR **can** add you to their mailing list. (*We will facilitate this.*) Please mail a check to GUUF, PO Box 2778, Kalispell, MT, 59903 or include a check in the Sunday collection.

**Write "MTPR" on the check memo line** (*and also write "mail list" on the memo line if you would like to be added to MTPR's mail list*). We will be collecting MTPR donations through April 15<sup>th</sup> (*when they wrap up their annual pledge drive*). Thank you for helping out and letting our Flathead Valley Community hear about GUUF! **Questions? – please email or call Paige at 253-7941** or [guufadm@yahoo.com](mailto:guufadm@yahoo.com)

# Celebrations!

## *This Month's **GUUF**'s Birthdays:*



### **August**

*Saundra Alessi  
Sabine Brigitte  
Barrett Gray  
Annie Lent  
Paige Rappleye  
Jojo Sherman  
Anna Stone  
Travis Wirtala*

### **September**

*Bradlee Anderson  
Brannt Fahrney  
Annika Gordon  
Maya Gordon  
Brian Rappleye*

### **August Anniversary**

***Matt & Karen Fehlman**  
**Vince & Meg Gordon**  
**Rob Gordon & Karin Hilding**  
**Chris Holdhusen & Kathy Neff**  
**Brian & Paige Rappleye**  
**Don & Judy Spivey***



*We are always looking for artwork,  
poems, short stories, and other  
creative items from our youth for the  
newsletter. Please email me if your  
child has items that you would like to  
see in the newsletter. They are a very  
important part of our GUUF  
community and we want to make  
sure they know it!*





**There are seven principles which Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm and promote:**

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

**Unitarian Universalism (UU) draws from many sources:**

Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life;

Words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love;

Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;

Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;

Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit;

Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

**These principles and sources of faith are the backbone of our religious community.**



## **Glacier Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**

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in the Flathead since 1964  
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*Services begin at 10:00 a.m. Sunday  
mornings  
unless otherwise specified.*







# Welcome Home

## Glacier Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Special August 2016 Edition

– *Wandering* –

*"I've always found a cure for the blues is wandering into something unknown, and resting there, before coming back to whatever weight you were carrying."*

~ Diane Sawyer

### Special Events and Contents in This Issue:

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### Meet Visiting Minister for August, Rev. Marcia Hoffman!



*Rev. Hoffman will be joining us Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> as she leads our Sunday Service,*

***"Contemplations About Peace: Order-Disorder-Reorder,"***  
*please join us!*

*Read her bio below and plan to stay after service on the 28<sup>th</sup> and get to know her with conversation and refreshments.*

Marcia Hoffman is a native Southern Californian, living there all of her life. She now resides in the Pasadena area (Rose Bowl-Rose parade fame). Since the age of 9 she was always active in church life, volunteering in the areas of music and education of children as she got older. During her college years she was Director of Music at a Methodist Church while she worked on her BS degree in music and drama, and completed her course work, including the fifth year requirement for her California teaching credential.

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*(Rev. Marcia Hoffman bio cont.)*

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After teaching and beginning her family, and discussing her call with her husband, John, she entered Claremont School of Theology and earned her Master's of Divinity degree. Before her graduation, she received her first call to Manhattan Beach Community Church, United Church of Christ. Upon her ordination she was granted ordained standing with both United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), since she had been in care with both denominations during seminary. She served in her last years before retirement at San Marino Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. She has been a delegate from California for both denominations at a gathering of churches from multiple countries that was held in Taiwan several years ago, has also been part of a delegation that traveled to Independent Samoa and American Samoa a few years ago, continues to serve for both denominations on the Ecumenical and Interfaith committee for the UCC conference and DOC region, and works part time by assisting pastors with preaching, teaching and pastoral visitation, and sometimes with church music. In 2010, Marcia's husband, John, died suddenly from a brain aneurism. Her California family includes son Bradley Hoffman and his son Taylor, son Vince and Emily Hoffman and their daughter Julia, and Whitefish family daughter Francine and Dave Bottinelli, and their son Moss. That, of course, brings Marcia frequently to Montana!