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Greetings and Well Wishes to all of our members,

We hope you were able to join us for our first two Sunday services on YouTube and Facebook as our Fellowship returned to live services on September 6th. We want to thank Reverend Sapp and Bob Gilmore and Arlene Zacher for their insightful presentations.

Please join us again tomorrow at 10:30 am for our next live service, "Round and Round and Round: An Equinox Circle", presented by our UUFBC member, Chris May.

In keeping with our new practice of including a biographical summary of one of our members in each of our newsletters, it gives us great pleasure to include this statement about Chris May.

"Chris May has been a member of UUFBC for eight years now. She was born in St. Louis Missouri, the oldest of ten children in a Catholic family. As is often the case, she and her then husband Elliott May discovered Unitarian Universalism when their children came along. At the time, they lived in Wayland, Massachusetts. First Parish in Wayland became her spiritual home.

Eventually Chris went to work for the Unitarian Universalist Association, in the Ministerial Credentialing Office, in Boston. Chris served there from 1997 until 2012 when she moved to Panama City.



Since then, Chris has served on the UUFBC Board of Directors and as Chair of the Faith Development committee. Chris spearheaded a small group ministry program that included adult RE sessions, several discussion groups and the UUFBC Book group. She is looking forward to getting some new small groups up and running soon. Currently she is a member of the worship committee."

Thank you to Barb Welch for the picture. Thank you to Chris for her autobiographical sketch.

Many blessings to all,

*The Board of Directors
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bay County*

Lynne Siegfried

Bob Nixon

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Sunday Worship Services: *Worship Service schedule through October 2020. All services begin at 10:30 AM.*

September 2020 Monthly Theme, “Renewal”

September 20 **Chris May** **Round and Round and Round: An Equinox Circle**

Joni Mitchel’s Song, “The Circle Game”, tells us that: “We’re captive on the carousel of time / We can’t return we can only look behind / From where we came / And go round and round and round / In the circle game.”

Chris says, “Six months ago, our first virtual service was the Spring Equinox circle, “Scattering Spring: Spreading Hope”. The sun has continued its journey through the yearly cycle, and we find ourselves at the Fall Equinox. The theme of balance is highlighted in both of these holidays, reminding us that everything is temporary, that no season lasts forever. This Sunday, we will look for the hope we scattered last spring as we explore ways to keep our balance as we go round and round and round in the circle game.”

September 27 **Paul McAuliffe** **FLUTES & THE POETRY OF HOPE**

Paul will perform on various wooden and bamboo flutes. He will also read works from a variety of poets, intended to inspire hope during these challenging times.

October 2020 Monthly Theme, “Deep Listening”

October 4th **Reverend Tiffany Sapp**

October 11th **Ken Sizemore** **The Songs of Malvina Reynolds**

Ken says, “I want to dig “Deep” into our UU history and heritage and have our members and friends “Listen” to the songs of a largely forgotten but wonderful UU Songwriting Treasure —Malvina Reynolds. She was a friend of people like Pete Seeger, Joan Baez, and Harry Belafonte. Among her many wonderful compositions were “Little Boxes”, “The Magic Penny”, and “Turn Around” and the lovely children’s song, “You Can’t Make A Turtle Come Out”.

October 18th **Annual Meeting at the UU Fellowship**

October 25th **Serena Dee Latiolais**

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Social Justice: Let Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg inspire your work.

Reverend Leah Ongiri, who is both Jewish and a Unitarian Universalist minister, said of Justice Ginsburg's life, "Unflinching dedication and integrity. Being sure of oneself and one's values, even when one is singled out as being different from others around them. And embodying the iron spirit of staying the course, faithful and fierce, for however long our earthly journey lasts."

The notorious RBG was an excellent example of the courage of conviction and can well serve as an ongoing example for Unitarians, as we pursue social justice in our community and in our nation. During her lifetime, she worked in an unceasing effort to defend, protect, and advocate for women's rights, reproductive rights, gay rights and the ideal of justice for all.

Think about these Principles that describe and structure Unitarian Universalism:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;**
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;**
- Acceptance of one another;**
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning; and**
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all.**

It is easy to see how Justice Ginsburg's life demonstrated the actualization of the concepts contained in our Principles.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg saw her work as a community effort with a long history. According to activist Nick Jehlen, it was almost 50 years ago when RBG wrote the legal brief for *Reed vs. Reed* and listed feminist lawyer Dorothy Kenyon and gay Black theorist Pauli Murray as her co-authors, noting those who had come before her and created the legal strategy she was bringing to bear. She saw herself as the latest in a long line of people seeking equality.

There is still much work to be done, and thankfully, we are here to contribute to it, along with others who will also continue to do the work, support the work, and engage in the struggle that started a long time ago. Justice Ginsburg believed that the work of building a better society is always shared. In her honor today, let's remember our own place in that work, take inspiration from her legacy and continue the long fight for justice and equality with renewed determination.



Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, March 15, 1933 – September 18, 2020

Be well. Keep safe. Stay home when you can. Wear your gear when you can't stay home.

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