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Greetings and Well Wishes to all of our members,

However you celebrate and whatever you believe, this is a very special time of year. Let us embrace this time and, in the stillness and cool of the winter night's air, imagine a peaceful world of inclusive harmony. Now let's imagine the aurora borealis, full of brightness and green tones on the horizon, beckoning us to rise and achieve the best for our earth.

Let us be hopeful, inspired, and faithful to our ourselves and each other as we prepare to welcome this next year with renewed joy and intention.

The Board of Directors, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bay County

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Do you remember our holiday cookie parties?



Sunday Worship Services: All virtual Worship Services begin at 10:30 AM. Sunday service is offered on Facebook LIVE and also on Zoom. Just click on this Zoom link when you are ready to watch the service. [Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](#)

"Coffee Talk" will take place immediately following the service on Zoom, so stay connected to enjoy another half hour of fellowship.

December 2020 Monthly Theme, "Stillness"

*The practice of turning off voices that aren't ours.
The practice of making space for deeper truth to speak.
The practice of finding peace.
The practice of living in the breath of the Divine.*

December 13th Michael Lister "Be Still and Know"

New York Times bestselling and award-winning novelist Michael Lister is a native Floridian and holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in theology with an emphasis on story, myth, and narrative. For nearly a decade, he served as staff and then senior chaplain at three different correctional facilities in the Panhandle.

December 20th Ron Fennell, Matt Raver "Christmas Carols"

Our Fellowship's favorite piano player and vocalist will share the seasonal songs we love. For many years they have led us as we caroled. Although we won't go caroling this year, you are encouraged to sing along at home while you watch.

December 27th Chris May "Winter Peace, Soft and Still"

January 2021 Monthly Theme, "Imagination"

*The practice of waking up to possibility.
The healing practice of putting ourselves in other people's shoes
The practice of completing the world by conjuring up its missing parts.
The practice of allowing hope to widen our view.*

January 3rd Reverend Tiffany Sapp

January 10th Yvonne Petrasovits "The Evolution of Homelessness in our Community"

Contact us at info@uufbaycounty.com or call us at 850-615-4127 for more information. Please let us know about a joy, a concern or a need that you have.



It is a tradition within our Fellowship, to read the original "Twas the Night Before Christmas" to our audience when we go caroling each year. In order to keep a bit of our tradition alive and wish you holiday cheer, here is a spoof just for Floridians.

Twas the Night Before Christmas, in Florida

Author Unknown

*Twas the night before Christmas and all through the town
No noses were frozen, no snow fluttered down,
No children in flannels were tucked into bed,
They all wore shorty pajamas instead.
To find wreaths of holly was not very hard
For holly greens grew in every yard.
In front of the houses were Daddies and Moms
Adorning the crotons and coconut palms.
The slumbering kiddies were dreaming with glee
That they would find waterskis under the tree.
They all knew that Santa was well on his way
In a red Thunderbird instead of a sleigh.
He whizzed up the highway and zoomed up the roads
In a snappy convertible peddling his loads.
As he jumped from the car he gave a deep chuckle
He was dressed in Bermudas with an ACC buckle.
There weren't any chimneys, but that caused no gloom
For Santa came in through the Florida room.
He stopped at each house, stayed only a minute
As he emptied his bag of the toys that were in it.
Before he departed he treated himself
To a glass of orange juice left on the shelf;
Leaped into the car and put it in gear
And drove over bridges, singing with cheer.
But we heard him exclaim as he went on his way
"Merry Christmas, sunny Florida, Wish I could stay!"*

Be well. Keep safe. Wear your mask when you're not at home.

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