

# UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST Fellowship of Bay County



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*Greetings and good wishes to all of our members!*

*The Board is pleased to let you know that, as a part of our ongoing work to maintain and improve our buildings and grounds, we have made progress. New windows, a new door, and a ramp have been installed in our main building's Fellowship Hall and RE room. When you're in the neighborhood, drive-by and see the improvements. This week, the Board will be voting on hiring a minister for ¼ time. If you have a comment, please contact a Board member. This Sunday's combination of environmental stewardship and connection with nature is an innovative way to share our UU values and have some fun on the beautiful beach at Camp Helen. Come with us!*

*The Board of Directors: Bob Gilmore, John Shaffer, Lynne Siegfried, Bob Nixon, Janet Cross, Matt Raver*

## **Protecting Endangered Shorebirds: Meet at the UU Fellowship at 10:30 AM TOMORROW**

Join us tomorrow, Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup> on our trip to Phillips Inlet. Instead of our virtual worship service, we will be carpooling to Camp Helen State Park and spending a few hours on the beach. We will sit near the nesting areas and warn people away if they violate the space. Most people are delighted to be educated about the 3 species of endangered shorebirds that nest on nearby beaches: Least Terns (which fly all the way up here from South America to nest), Snowy Plovers (whose numbers are reduced to about 250 pairs in Florida), and Black Skimmers (who have a unique method of dragging their bills through water to catch fish). State and federal wildlife agencies have roped off some of their nesting areas in an attempt to protect them, but on crowded beach days, people, children, dogs, beach balls, kites, frisbees, etc. provide a serious threat. Eggs and chicks are camouflaged and almost impossible to see, and the eggs and chicks are subject to predation or overheating if the adults are frightened away. Bring a beach chair to sit on, your usual beach paraphernalia: sunscreen, hat, water bottle, towel and binoculars, if you have some. To avoid having to carry heavy food, bring a bag lunch to eat in the car on the way to the park.

More information is available at: <https://myfwc.com/media/1658/beachnestingbirdsbrochure.pdf>





## Upcoming Sunday Events and Services: July 2021

***July 4th Candis Harbison "Protecting Our Shorebirds"***

In lieu of our regular Sunday Service, we invite you to join us for an outing to help protect shorebirds along the beach. We will not have a Zoom Service or Facebook Live post. For more information see page 1 of this E-News.

***July 11<sup>th</sup> Chris May "Circle 'Round for Healing, Justice, Courage: GA Report"***

This virtual service will feature a presentation on the annual General Assembly, where the business of the UUA is conducted. The GA is also a time to explore the theological underpinnings of our faith, and lean fully into our mission and principles. Chris May is UUFBC's delegate and will report on the conference. Expect some videos, as well as summary of the business meetings and elections.

***July 18th Bob Gilmore "Loved Into Being"***

This presentation features a sermon by UUA President Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, as well as vibrant music, storytelling, and other elements that will help us to grow in spirit, in courage, and in generosity.

Our virtual worship services on July 11<sup>th</sup> and July 18<sup>th</sup> will begin at 10:30 AM. We invite you to join us on Zoom or LIVE on Facebook to participate. **"Coffee Talk"** will take place on Zoom immediately following each service.

## Companion's Corner: Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

*Jo and John Shaffer's Outdoor Companion,  
a Red-Tailed Hawk*



*Colorado 7/3/21*



## Joys and Concerns:

We think often of Fred and Georgia Beauchemin and send them our caring and comforting wishes as they cope with Fred's illness and hospitalization.

**Need Information?** Contact the Fellowship at [info@uuofbaycounty.com](mailto:info@uuofbaycounty.com) or call us at 850-615-4127 for more information about our services or events, or with any question you may have. Please let us know if you have a joy or a concern that the Service Leader may share during our Sunday worship service. Also let us know if you have an article, a poem, or a picture that you would like to submit for publication in this newsletter.

## You're a Grand Old Flag

By George M. Cohan

**You're a Grand Old Flag,  
You're a high-flying Flag  
And forever in peace may you wave.  
You're the emblem of  
The land I love,  
The home of the free and the brave.  
Ev'ry heart beats true  
Under red, white and blue  
Where there's never a boast or brag.  
But should old acquaintance be forgot,  
Keep your eye on the Grand Old Flag.**



*Have a safe and happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!*

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