



A Welcoming Congregation
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Reverend Ruth's Reflections

Hello Bay County UUs!

Sure has been wet out there. Up in Alabama a dear friend has 8 inches of water in her newly renovated downstairs! Hope all of you are keeping reasonably dry!

I have GOOD NEWS of near- biblical proportions! The Board has decided that we will gather our courage (and our masks) and meet in person on Sunday, Oct 26!

I will deliver the message that day, and we will sit with chairs distanced and everyone masked (except speakers when speaking). The plan is to open windows and doors to promote air circulation as well. Following the service, we'll have a finger-foods potluck picnic outdoors!

We also plan to broadcast on zoom for folk who would still prefer to watch virtually.

I am so excited at the thought of finally meeting my congregation en masse in person!
What a blessing!

I will be in Panama City October 20-26. Please contact me at 205-218-1666
or uurevruth@gmail.com to set up a time to visit with me

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In wisdom and grace,
Rev. Ruth





Virtual Worship Services: Virtual services will be held at 10:30 AM and carried on Zoom. Please join us by 10:25 AM using the Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/3hWkhEI> for all UUFBC virtual services.

October 10th ***Reverend Ruth Vann Lillian*** ***“Who Likes Pie?”***
Could there be a world built on the Unitarian Universalist Principles? Are we afraid to hope? Can we trust our dreams? Will anyone listen to our prophetic voice? Is it all “pie in the sky?” Well, I like pie! How about you?

October 17th ***Serena Dee Latiolais*** ***“Wake at Dawn with a Winged Heart”***
Thoughts on spirituality: Who needs it, some ideas on how to bring practice into our everyday lives by creating and holding sacred space. Also thoughts on love, fear and gratitude and what those concepts have to do with spirituality.

Worship Service LIVE at our Fellowship:

October 24 ***Reverend Ruth Vann Lillian*** ***All Together Again!***
We will meet in-person (masked) in Fellowship Hall at 10:30 AM, listen to Rev. Ruth’s sermon LIVE and following the service, enjoy refreshments and each other’s company outdoors on the deck.

Joys and Concerns:

Care Ministry We are forming a Care Team Ministry at our Fellowship and seeking volunteers to help with basic support services such as bringing meals, picking up groceries & meds (reimbursed) and respite for the primary caregiver. Our first care recipients will be our dear friends, Susie and Ken Sizemore. Anyone interested in helping, as much or as little as you are able, please contact Rev. Ruth (uurevruth@gmail.com or 205-218-1666).

3rd Anniversary of Hurricane Michael Tomorrow, October 10th, will be the third anniversary of Hurricane Michael’s landfall about noon on 10/10/2018 near Mexico Beach. The effects of this Category5 storm, on both the natural environment and on the homes and businesses in our community, have been profound and ongoing. There are individuals and families who are still homeless as a result of the storm and who continue to couch surf, live in their cars or in abandoned buildings. Keep our community’s challenges in your thoughts and find ways to support and contribute to affordable housing initiatives, food distribution networks, and local efforts to promote our recovery.

Announcements: Adult Education Opportunity

Reverend Ruth will offer an online class on "Unsung Heroes of Unitarian and Universalist History" which will meet every other week beginning in October for four sessions. Please email her at her address, uurevruth@gmail.com, to sign up. Days and times to be determined.

Need Information?

Contact the Fellowship at 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.



Companion's Corner: Our Unitarian Universalist Principle 7, "Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part." Bob McNeal rescued Bear and his brother in 2008. Bear has been Bob's faithful companion for the past 13 years. Bear will be always remembered and deeply missed.



Bear 2007 – 2021

Four-Foot by Rudyard Kipling

I have done mostly what most people do,
and pushed it out of my mind;
But I can't forget, if I wanted to,
Four-Foot trotting behind.

Day after day, the whole day through—
wherever my road inclined,
Four-Foot said, "I am coming with you!"
and trotted along behind.

Now I must go by some other round,
which I shall never find.
Somewhere that does not carry the sound
of Four-Foot trotting behind.



Social Justice: Women's March for Reproductive and Civil Rights

The Women's March was held on October 2nd in support of reproductive rights. In Panama City, it was a clear, sunny day and there was a good turnout of approximately sixty-five people. The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship was well-represented. Many attendees knew Harriett Myers and were inspired by her presence.



The Women's March on the Hathaway Bridge/Carl Gray Park, 10-2-2021.

Stay Safe and Be Well

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