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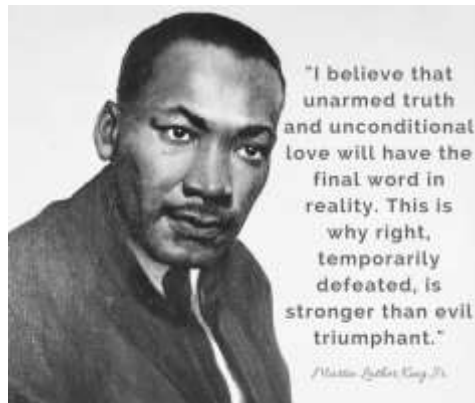
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This Monday, January 17th, we will celebrate and pay tribute to the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King. ACURE will be hosting its annual MLK Festival held at Sharon Sheffield Park in Lynn Haven. The festival runs all day and all are invited. The NAACP is participating with a booth and the NAACP Youth Council is having a bake sale to raise funds for its activities. If you can help out with the bake sale, please bring baked goods to the park on Monday.



Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Middletown Connecticut

Reverend Ruth's Reflections

Hello Bay County UUs!

My Dad, David J. Vann worked with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. when he came to Birmingham. Dad was a mediator between the Civil Rights activists and the city government and business leaders, and he helped them all reach an agreement to desegregate the city. Dad also played a pivotal role in ousting Bull Connor by facilitating a referendum to change the city government.

So this weekend is important to me both professionally and personally!

While I won't be with the Bay County UUs, I will be marching, and I hope that many of you that can will be out there marching, too and identifying yourselves and our congregation so PC knows who we are and what we stand for! Let's keep bending the arc toward justice, my Friends!

In grace and wisdom,
Rev. Ruth



Worship Services at our Fellowship

Our Soul Matters theme for January is “LIVING WITH INTENTION”. Monthly themes focus on our relationship with our times, and on the central work and spiritual practices needed during this period of radical change, challenge, crisis and opportunity.

January 16th **Matthew Shack** **“A Community Retrospective: the NAACP Then and Now”**
On this Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend, we take a look at how our community has changed and how the NAACP has evolved over the years as its mission continues.

January 23rd **Reverend Ruth Vann Lillian** **“When We Grow Up”**
We are alive until we die! We grow until we stop! Have you grown up yet? Are you what you want to be? Are you who you want to be? If you're still breathing, there's still time for becoming!

January 30th **Candis Harbison** **“I Don't Want to be Nice”**
In our divided society, many people are searching for ways to bridge the divide, which seems almost impossible. How do we go forward from here? We invite you to join us for a group discussion on this topic.

The Soul Matters theme for February is “WIDENING THE CIRCLE”.

February 6th **Shelley Clark** **“Voter Suppression: What Can We Do?”**
This week we welcome Shelly Clark, with the League of Women Voters, to discuss the critical voter suppression issue and how we can address this attack as individuals and as a community.

Important Note: We will meet in-person masked and distanced in Fellowship Hall at 10:30 AM on Sunday. Please do not attend in person if you are not feeling well or have any symptoms of COVID. We will have doors and windows open and fans on during the service in order to help lower the airborne COVID virus concentration. While we will have the heat on also, you may be more comfortable with a sweater or a jacket. Again, we ask everyone to wear a mask while indoors.

Zoom: While we are now offering worship services in person, we will continue to offer each service on Zoom. Join us every Sunday by 10:25 AM, using the Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/3hWkhEI> for all UUFBC virtual services.

Help Needed: We have a need for Service Leaders for our Sunday Worship Services. We have a template to follow and lots of resources, including a veteran service leader who will mentor you as needed. Please contact Arlene Zacher or Bob Gilmore at 850-819-6613.

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. Reverend Ruth invites you to contact her at 205-218-1666 whenever you need a pastoral ear. 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.



UUFBC SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS: **Mark Your Calendar!**

UUFBC Schedule of Upcoming Events

January 19	6:30 pm	Book Club virtual meeting
January 21	2:00 pm	Sunday Service Planning Committee
January 28	6:30 pm	Cultural Cooking Club
January 30	12 Noon	Book Club meeting at UU Fellowship
February 10/11	9:00 am	Yard Sale Set up
February 12	7:30 am	Yard Sale
February 20	6:30 pm	Game Night
March 5	TBD	Legacy Museum in Montgomery Alabama

The UU Book Club

Join us as we read "Braided Sweetgrass" by Robin Wall Kimmerer.

January 19th at 6:30 PM - Book Club Virtual meeting on ZOOM

January 30th at 12 Noon - In person and virtual at the UUFBC

Contact Charissa Thacker Charissa.Thacker@yahoo.com or Chris May chrysalis33333@gmail.com and you will be included in the Book Club communication.

Sunday Service Planning Committee

There will be a Sunday Worship Service Planning Committee meeting next Friday, January 21st at 2:00 pm. In addition to committee members, all UU members are welcomed and encouraged to join us. Please contact Arlene Zacher or Bob Gilmore at 850-819-6613 if you have questions or need more information. This meeting will be held on Zoom. The Meeting ID is 867 5014 2183 and the Passcode is 402839. The Zoom link is <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86750142183?pwd=MEdZUlo1akFTVStHT1hieUNVUDFiUT09>

The Cultural Cooking Club

The UUFBC is hosting a Cultural Cooking Club on Friday, **January 28th at 6:30pm**. UUs love to learn about the world and what better way than through FOOD! Each quarter we'll pick a new country, explore its cuisine and come together for a tasty potluck. Our first country is TURKEY! Start now to learn more about this uniquely positioned country and their cuisine. We'll be discussing Turkish cultural highlights so pick your dish and be ready to share on the night of our Potluck. If you're planning to participate or have any questions, please contact Charissa Thacker at 850.814.5365 or charissa.thacker@yahoo.com

UUFBC Yard Sale

The UUFBC Yard Sale is scheduled for **Saturday February 12th**. Doors open **at 7:30 AM**. We'll set up on Thursday and, if needed, Friday before the sale. Set up will begin at 9 AM. Items may be dropped off at the Fellowship that week, or can be brought in on Sunday the 6th. Please think of us as you go through your closets and garage for resalable items. We can arrange for large items can be picked up. Please no clothes.



Yard Sale continued: We will need volunteers to help with setting up and breaking down the sale. Contact Janet Cross, janetcross77@gmail.com, to volunteer or if you need assistance with sale items you are donating.

Field Trip to the Legacy Museum

Date Change: Now scheduled for March 5th

On Saturday, March 5th we will visit the Legacy Museum in Montgomery Alabama to explore the history of racism in our country from slavery to mass incarceration. You may wish to spend the Friday evening before in Montgomery or make plans to drive the 3+ hours early Saturday morning. Contact Charissa Thacker for more information at Charissa.Thacker@yahoo.com.

Game Night

Date Change Now scheduled for February 20th

February 20th is Game Night! We will gather at **6:30 PM** to play "Left, Center, Right" which is a pass the dice game...no skill required. Join your UU friends and bring some more friends for an evening of light-hearted fun. We will have dessert on the deck, provided by Janet Cross, to kick off our evening of fun and games. Masks will be required, seats will be spread out, and lots of hand sanitizer will be available! Everyone should bring \$2 worth of nickels. Contact Janet Cross for more information at janetcross77@gmail.com.

Multiracial Unity Worship Services: January and February 2022

The Religious Professionals Task Force of the Unitarian Universalist Multiracial Unity Action Council is sponsoring "Third Wednesday" evening worship services at 7:00 PM Central time on the third Wednesday of each month in 2022. To get Zoom information, whether for the next Worship Service or those in subsequent months, please send your name, email address, and congregation (if any) to richard3point@gmail.com. (Note: For past services, type "Third Wednesday UUMUAC services" in the YouTube search box).

January 19th	Rev. Dr. Mellen Kennedy	"Medicine for Our Times: The Legacy of Howard Thurman"
February 16th	Rev. Rick Hoyt-McDaniels	"Unitarian Universalism, a Liberal Religion"

Pastoral Care: Meal Service

Member Diane Mouskourie and her mother have requested assistance with meals at this time due to her illness. The link to sign-up is www.TakeThemAMeal.com/ZTCA4028 or you can type in "Take Them A Meal" Her code is 4632. They would like meals two times a week on Tuesdays and Fridays. They are asking for very plain food and have no food allergies. Please contact Diane to confirm times for meal delivery at dmouskourie@gmail.com

Let's continue to keep Diane, Bob McNeal, Susie Sizemore and others dealing with ongoing illness in our thoughts and send them our well wishes.

Let's All Stay Safe and Be Well!

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