

Welcome to the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bay County!

Welcoming Everyone • Growing in Mind & Spirit • Empowering People • Leading in Social Justice

We are an open-minded, open-hearted spiritual community

The UUFBC is meeting in person for our Sunday Services at this time

Sunday Fellowship Services at 10:30 in person and on zoom. *Address: 1410 Airport Rd, Panama City, FL

The Board has decided to relax the Covid masking precautions starting September 1st. We will no longer require members to wear masks in the building.

Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/3hWkhEI> Please start the connection process a little early so you will be ready when the service begins.

Reverend Ruth's Reflections

So much of our lives involves waiting. I was recently sitting with husband Bill in the eye doctor's waiting room. Bill has eye problems related to diabetes. I have sat in many uncomfortable chairs waiting on behalf of loved ones and parishioners. Sometimes the news was good and sometimes it wasn't.

I have stood in many lines for food and fun. Once while in line at Disney World a real, live snake fell out of a fake tree onto my feet! I picked it up and dropped it into a well-manicured flower bed nearby. The live fauna must find Walt's artificial flora very confusing!

Waiting can add to anticipation, and it can compound fear. The best way to endure hard waiting is to do it with someone.

Friends, you are not alone. If you need a waiting companion, call someone. Call me! My number is 205-218-1666. I am available for you!

In wisdom & grace,
Rev Ruth



Children's RE, Backup Volunteers - Arlene Zacker has volunteered to be the lead for our occasional RE classes, but we need some volunteers ready as backup in the event she is absent. Pre-planned classes/curriculum will be in place, so no lesson planning needed. This activity will require a background check. If you would like to volunteer or need more information, please contact Arlene Zacker at info@uofbaycounty.com

Joys and Concerns

Hurricane Ian: Need I say more? To help via UUA Disaster Relief Fund, click on <https://www.uuworld.org/articles/hurricane-ian-assistance> or text DISASTER to 51555

Upcoming UU Events

This is Pot Luck Sunday

The UUFBC has a tradition of monthly potlucks that was interrupted by the pandemic. The Board authorized the return of monthly potlucks now. Please bring a dish to share but if you forget, no worries, as there usually is plenty of food and the **main event is time together**. Pot lucks will be scheduled the Sundays Rev Ruth will be with us to encourage more in person time with Rev Ruth.

Annual Yard Sale

Mark your calendars now! Our Annual UU Yard Sale is scheduled for February 11, 2023. Your donations to this sale are greatly appreciated and if you begin setting things aside now, we'll be well-prepared when the day arrives.

NEW THIS YEAR... we would like to add a PLANT SALE to this fundraiser. With all of the Green Thumbs in our community, we are asking folks to consider propagating some of your plants to sell. Folks LOVE Plant Sales and it will also draw folks to the Yard Sale as well. All types of plants are needed, but Native Plants would be a bonus! *Please, avoid any plants that may be invasive*

The UU Book Club

October's selection: *Finding the Mother Tree: Discovering the Wisdom of the Forest*. by Suzanne Simard [Amazon link](https://www.amazon.com/Finding-Mother-Tree-Discovering-Wisdom)<https://www.amazon.com/Finding-Mother-Tree-Discovering-Wisdom> Discussion day/time TBD Questions? Contact Chris May. chrysalis33333@gmail.com



The one who
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most books

WINS!

Upcoming Community Events

Climate Disaster Preparedness for UUs

OCTOBER 25 AND NOVEMBER 15 AT 4PM PT / 5PM MT / 6PM CT / 7PM ET

Over the next three months, we will be holding a Climate Disaster Response series geared towards congregations committed to responding to the needs of their broader communities in times of crisis and disaster. Our approach with this series is honest and full of care: we know that climate disaster impacts all of us in different ways, so how can we face that reality with a prepared understanding of our relationship, responsibility, and power to support those who are most impacted?

From grounding ourselves in the climate risks most prevalent in our communities, to developing plans of action, to staying in conversation with our faith peers, this series turns the overwhelming nature of climate disaster into a better known and collectively addressable entity. Rooted in the belief that shared knowledge and faith are essential to Beloved Community, this series will provide the climate activists and teams in your congregation with essential tools to build a climate disaster preparedness plan that lifts up the best of Unitarian Universalism in your community.

If you missed our [first session](#), you can watch it and start the homework before joining us for the next session:

- [Tuesday, October 25](#): Mobilizing for Action (7pm ET / 6pm CT / 5pm MT / 4pm PT)
- [Tuesday, November 15](#): Community conversation (7pm ET / 6pm CT / 5pm MT / 4pm PT)

"Souls to the Polls" will be held on Sunday, October 30th for the upcoming national election. If you aren't voting by mail, please plan to join the caravan to Glenwood Community Center following our worship service and coffee hour. Everyone is encouraged to vote at this location in order to contribute to the number of people voting here. This location has been threatened with closure even though this location is very important to the neighborhoods surrounding it. The more people who vote here, the harder it will be to justify its closure. In addition to voting, stay for the music, cook-out and celebration.

Interfaith Council Dinner

Come enjoy a potluck supper with old friends and make some new ones! See Unity Spiritual Center's new location in downtown Panama City where the dinner will be held. The Interfaith

Dinner is scheduled for Saturday evening, November 5th, beginning at 5:30 pm. *A sign-up sheet is now posted by the entrance to Fellowship Hall. Please let us know if you will be attending.*

MEOWY HALLOWEEN!



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