

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; 10:30 in person and on YouTube. Address: 1410 Airport Rd, Panama City, FL

*Note! No longer on zoom! YouTube link: <https://www.youtube.com/@UUofBayCounty/streams>



Side With Love

For your reflection (Some funny quotes from our past presidents)

I will not make age an issue of this campaign. I am not going to exploit for political purposes my opponent's youth and inexperience.

Ronald Reagan

I'm so overexposed I make Paris Hilton look like a recluse.

Barack Obama

I have now come to the conclusion never again to think of marrying; and for this reason; I can never be satisfied with anyone who would be block-head enough to have me.

Abraham Lincoln

Being President is like running a cemetery; you've got a lot of people under you and nobody's listening.

Bill Clinton

No matter how tough it gets, however, I have no intention of becoming a lame duck President — unless, of course, Cheney accidentally shoots me in the leg.
George W. Bush

If one morning I walked on top of the water across the Potomac River, the headline that afternoon would read “President Can't Swim.”
Lyndon B. Johnson

I have left orders to be awakened at any time in case of national emergency, even if I'm in a Cabinet meeting.
Ronald Reagan

These days, I look in the mirror and I have to admit, I'm not the strapping young Muslim socialist that I used to be.
Barack Obama

Upcoming Services

Souls to the Polls is an event which happens in national election years. **It is happening this Sunday, October 27**, after our church service. Whether you have already voted or not, it is a fun way to be a part of the "Get Out The Vote" process here in our city. It is sponsored by our community partners, the NAACP. It is a great event and you will be glad you joined in.



The event will begin after our Sunday service. We will leave the Fellowship around 12:15 and caravan to the Glenwood Community Center, 722 E. 9th Court, where we will be treated to lunch from Angel's BBQ (consisting of chicken, mac n' cheese, cookies and more). There will be a short program featuring a Jacksonville native, Representative Angela Nixon, who is well-known for civil rights activism and her powerful speeches.

Then we will recreate our caravan and wind through the neighborhoods waving (US) flags, and ultimately arriving at A.D. Harris, one of the early voting polling places. This is a great way to let people know we are proud to be voting and encourage them to do the same.

Oct 27: Halloween – Out of the Box

Not your normal service. For Halloween, we are encouraged to come in costume. Paul McAuliffe will do a spooky story, probably with spooky flute. Gary will do a story and play appropriate tunes. We can all share stories too. There might be crafting table for all ages, and candy if course.

Nov. 3: Voices of Freedom

Dr. Ron Sturgis, Commander (retired), Chaplain, U.S. Navy.

Ron is a retired Navy Chaplain. Ron served 33 years in the U.S. Navy, Coast Guard, and Marines. During college summers, Ron was a ranger at Philmont Scout Ranch near Red River, New Mexico. Ron has a B.S. in Psychology from the University of West Florida, a Master of Divinity degree from New Orleans Theological Seminary, a Master of Theology degree from Duke University and a PhD in Psychology from Northcentral University. Ron is an ordained minister with the United Church of Christ and has extensive experience as a pastoral care giver in a myriad of venues.

The Sturgis family (Ron, Laura and son Ronald) are members of Mountain Light Unitarian Universalist Church in Ellijay, GA but live in PCB for the school year.

Ron and Laura have two adult children and a daughter in law that live in L.A. and San Francisco. The Sturgis family also has a mini golden doodle, Winston, who rules the house, a tuxedo cat: Kiki, and a turtle named Chung.

They enjoy traveling and outdoor activities such as hiking, skiing, tennis, and swimming. Ron also enjoys riding his motorcycle and playing guitar and singing in Unity Chorus of NW Florida in his spare time.

Nov 10: Coming Soon

by [Jeannine Haney](#), [Jeff Fryberger](#)

Announcements

Oct 26th IFHC Potluck dinner at 5:30 p.m. Quarterly potluck dinner of the Interfaith Harmony Council will be held at Unity Spiritual Center in Downtown Panama City. All are welcome to attend. (Please bring a list of ingredients for your dish)



UU BOOK CLUB: November TBD, New book club read is "On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century" by Timothy Snyder. Originally published in 2017, it is available in paperback, e-reader, and audio too. There is even a graphic version (non-fiction.) There is one copy at Bay County Library.

This is only 126 pages but got great reviews. Called a guide to surviving and resisting America's turn toward authoritarianism. It is another banned book. Sunday after service, Oct 20, and again Oct 30 by zoom at 6:30.

[Zoom Link - UUFBC book club](#)

Alternative to Amazon: www.BookShop.org



Fireside chat Oct 30th.

YESon4 – Amendment 4 will be on the ballot this November to fight the current 6-week abortion ban here in Florida. This Amendment will prevent government from posing such bans on our citizens and the best way to fight this attack on abortion. www.BayVotes.org

An easy way to get involved is joining their phone banking. They train you up, give you the script, dial the numbers... and you can do it from home.

Join any Thursday from 5-6pm on Zoom REGISTER HERE: [Weekly Virtual Phone Bank · Yes On 4 Florida \(mobilize.us\)](#)

The NAACP is looking for local supporters.

Text the word 'Volunteer' to 20707 and they will match you up with local people who are infrequent voters. They would like community level support reaching people who are infrequent voters to encourage them to make it to the polls for this crucial election. The idea is that infrequent voters are much more likely to listen to fellow community members compared to national outreach by celebrities or advertising.

- Thank you Amanda Kuchta for this info!

CONFIRM YOU ARE REGISTERED AND ALL YOUR INFO IS CORRECT FOR THE ELECTION AT BayVotes.ORG

More UU The Vote dates and times:

Oct 23rd - 6:30pm - Post Cards and Phone Calls

Nov 3rd - 12pm (after service) - Souls to the Polls with NAACP

If you or someone you know would like to be added to **our Care List**, please let us know by email at info@uofbaycounty.com or use one of the Care Cards located on the back of the seats in the sanctuary and drop it in the offering plate.

Please also hold space for these members:

Ron Fennell – Ron is recovering from his surgery, but unfortunately has taken a bad fall and broken his leg. If you are able to assist with meals, please let us know. Ron does have some dietary limitations, please contact Bob Gilmore for more details.

Henry Desseault Memorial Service - Nov 30th.

Friends of Henry, please mark your calendars. Hank was a longtime UUFBC member and was part of the small group that began this community back in the 1960s. He will be missed by many family and friends.

Looking for a way to help those impacted by Hurricane Helene or Milton?

The UUA Disaster Fund is a great way to send your love and support to our neighboring states devastated by this powerful storm.



UUFBC Website <https://www.uofbaycounty.com/>

UUFBC Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/uubaycounty>

There's also a Facebook page for the LGBTQ center. That and a lot of other info is on their website: <https://gulfcoastlgbtqcenter.org>

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