

Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship – January 19, 2025

Potluck this month is on January 26. The theme is 'It's Cold out there' and the entrée is Chili. We need a few more people to sign up to bring Chili. The sign-up sheet is on the treat table at the back of the room. It is not necessary, but please feel free to bring a dish to share.

The art hanging at the Fellowship is from Pinky Bass. It will be up until February. Information about the works is posted with the art.

10:45 Music: *Heather Nutting, piano:* Chopin Preludes Opus 28, Nos. 4, 7, 6, 15, 20, and 22

Sunday Service: Program starts at 11:00

Greetings from: *President, Irene Wegner*

Chalice Lighting: *Annette Chioma*

Announcements / Joys and Sorrows

Greeting Our Guests

Reading: *Judy Simpson*

Moment of Silence

Music and Collection: *Heather Nutting, piano,* Chopin Prelude No. 4 (Reprise)

Introduction *Irene Wegner*

Program: *Elaine Snyder-Conn:* "Nuclear Power: Is it part of the solution?"

Nuclear power could provide a carbon-dioxide and methane free source of power, unlike coal gas and oil. However nuclear plants are susceptible to accidents depending on location and terrorist activity. Waste disposal is also an unsolved issue.

Elaine Snyder-Conn was an Environmental Contaminant Specialist in U.S Fish and Wildlife Service for 18 years and conducted and published research on pesticides in water, arctic snow, sediments, birds, fish and invertebrates in the North West. She also served as National Integrated Pest Management Coordinator for the Service, reviewing pesticide use in national wildlife refuges and hatcheries throughout U.S.

7th Unitarian Principle: We covenant to affirm and promote respect for the interdependent web of all existence, of which we are a part.

Weekly Haiku by Charlie Suhor

Process: liberate

perceptions from thoughts and thoughts

from language. Presence.

Pantry Habit Thank you for contributing to our Pantry. There is *always* a need for our Food Pantry! We particularly need pasta, hearty soups, canned green veggies and fruit. One reason people like it so much is that we don't require identification or proof of need. "Take what you need. Give what you can". This has worked well for us! Our neighbors appreciate our generosity! So, **THANK YOU** for your caring! **YOU DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

There is also a "Blessing Box" furnished by **Fairhope East Elementary School**. It is located in front of our pantry, and is specifically designed for personal care items and school supplies. The school will maintain and keep stocked but we can also put non-food items in.

This Week at FUF January 19 – January 26, 2025

Sunday: Silent Meditation Group, 8:45 am

Sunday: Sunday Book Discussion Group, 9:30 am

Sunday: Children's class, 10:45-12:15

Monday: Open Uke Jam, 2:00-4:00 pm,

Tuesday: Men's group, Kind Café, Fairhope, 9:00 am

Wednesday: The Back Porch Folk Singers practice, 3:00-4:30 pm

Thursday: Women Of Wisdom, WOW 10:30 am

Thursday: Thursday Club, 5:00-7:00 pm, Tammy's Sports Bar

Sunday: 1/26/25, Potluck, 12:15 pm

The Special Events Team will be holding its first planning meeting on Thursday, Jan, 23, 7 pm at the home of Mark and Joanne Preston over at Timbercreek. This is an open meeting, and all are invited. This meeting will be about fleshing out ideas for special events and fundraising for 2025. Whether you are interested in joining the team, or have an idea for an event, or would like to let us know what kind of events you would like to see, please come on over. Beverages, snacks, and Mark's homemade guacamole will be served! It promises to be a fun meeting too. If you are interested in attending, please contact Mark, either by mobile - 917-923-3253, or email, markpnyc@gmail.com.

Next Week Program – January 26 2025

Lila Ryals: "What Would Mama Do? Growing up an 'Almost' Orphan"

Lila's mother died days before Lila's ninth birthday. Her dad abandoned the youngest of his six children. Lila and her younger brother were left to their own to look after themselves: feeding, health care, schooling, everything. Lila and her brother struggled daily but their fierce love for their lost Mama, God, and each other saw them through.

Lila Marie Ryals Pennington Ryals lives in Fairhope, Alabama, still in the small cottage on North Summit Street. Aged 91 she is happy and healthy (probably due to her early years of hard work, lots of walking, and eating fruits and vegetables). If you're out and about in the early mornings, you may see her... she still walks about five miles a day around Fairhope!