



FUF MONTHLY NEWS

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A NOTE FROM THE FUF PRESIDENT

If you are reading this before June 1st, then you know that a really big Sunday morning program all about us is coming up. If you're reading it after that (and presumably have attended that date), then you know how important it is to honor elders and to welcome new members. I know a good time will be had by all. While some people want to shy away from these landmarks, I think they are an important way of noting who we are, how far we've come and how far we have to go.

One glaring problem is that we have no young people. Church-going throughout America is on a decline and UUism is not immune. My father-in-law became interested in it when we joined the North Shore Unitarian Church in Deerfield, Illinois. He agreed with the ideas and programs. But, Sunday morning meant a good, hearty breakfast and the Sunday paper and that habit was just too hard to break.

I get it... that could be said of a lot of possible members here. People work hard and need a rest. Being retired doesn't mean you haven't been active!

So, do you know someone on the brink of needing a brain refresher on Sunday morning and might want to come with you to the Fellowship? Should we again offer our services via zoom? Would having copies of our programs available to read online or by written copies for distribution be helpful? Yes, we could do these things to see if we can increase membership. And, yes, you can help!

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The Board voted to have a picnic sometime this summer. Why? Just because. We enjoy each other's company and good times means good food. And, you can bring a friend.

Blessings be,
Irene

SMALL GROUP CIRCLES



The evening Small Group Circle will meet at the McMurray's in Fairhope on Tuesday, June 16 at 6:30pm.

The afternoon Circle will meet at the Joffe's in Daphne on Wednesday, June 17 at 1:30pm.

The topic for June is "A Question of Balance."

To join, an empty chair awaits you.

For more information, contact:

⇒ **Mary Anderson—251.346.6638**

⇒ **Maggie Joffe—678.910.2762**

⇒ **Joanne Preston — 831.402.4997**

⇒ **Vivian McMurray 251.232.2841**



If you experience a health setback and could use some assists or if you know of a Fellowship friend or member who is experiencing such setback, the Care and Concerns Team is here to help. Team members and friends can provide meals, transportation, cards of support, and/or visits while you are on the mend.

Call/text Susan Hammack @ 205-527-3328

Email the Fellowship office office@fairhopeuu.org

or leave a voicemail at 251-929-3207.

You are not alone. We are in this together.

Foyer Refreshed

Some changes have been made to the foyer to make the area more open, inviting, and functional. Much was kept and new items were chosen to coordinate with the worn, but comfortable, furnishings — much like many of us who attend— hopefully warm, worn, and comfortable.

The framed UU Principles have been taken down and will be displayed individually on the easel each Sunday to reference the program's leading principle. If you have ideas to replace the to take advantage of the space for UU messaging or other artwork, please contact Mary Anderson, Maggie Joffe, and/or Mark Preston.



Now that schools are out for the summer, we will likely have a greater need for our pantry. Please consider donating nonperishable, kid-friendly snacks and drinks. **Single-serve** snacks and items that kids can prepare on their on are especially helpful. Some suggestions include:

- Apple sauce cups and squeeze packs
- Breakfast/granola bars
- Trail mix
- Goldfish packs
- Veggie Straws
- Cracker packs
- Sports drinks
- Juice packs
- Chef Boyardee and similar meals (the ones in the plastic bowls are ideal for kids)
- Cereal



Thank you for your generosity!

You help make a difference in our community!



We celebrate all the dads and father-figures and hope they have a wonderful Father's Day!

We remember and honor those that are no longer with us, but remain in our hearts.

"This is the price you pay for having a great father. You get the wonder, the joy, the tender moments—and you get the tears at the end, too."

—Harlan Coben

"Being a dad isn't easy...but when somebody does it right, it reminds the rest of us what a world-changing difference a good dad can make."

—Andrew Blackburn

"Any man can be a father, but it takes someone special to be a dad."

— Anne Geddes

Upcoming FUF Events

Sunday, July 27 — Hiryoa Tsukamoto concert

Saturday, September 20 — Standup Comedy Night

Saturday, October 4 — Pop-Up Art Event featuring Pinky Bass and other artists



Pop-Up Art Event

On **Saturday October 4, 2025**, FUF will host an Arts Fundraiser. Plan to contribute paintings, sculptures, and art works of various media, as well as art supplies and pieces you have that are ready to be recycled. More info to follow.

Pinky Bass (moosepinky@earthlink.net)

A NOTE FROM DANIELA PARDO

This summer I will be teaching music lessons from 10am and 2pm on the following days:

> June 16, 18, 23, 25

> July 14, 16, 21, 23

Any child or grandchild from a member can come to my summer classes for free :-)



Local Events



Eastern Shore Chamber Music Festival 2025

May 29, 2025 - June 12, 2025

All concerts are free and open to the public

There will be 3 concerts at Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship:

“Walk the Plank”—Friday, May 30, 7:30pm

“The Doldrums”—Saturday, May 31, 7:30pm

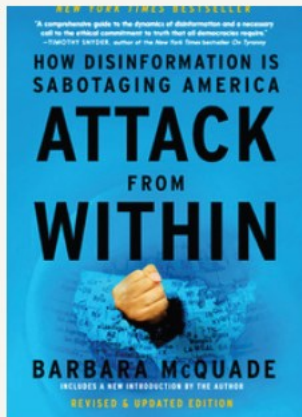
“Desert Island”—Saturday, June 14, 7:30pm

Check out their website for more information and dates/locations



Wednesday June 25, 6-8 PM

Public Forum ***Disinformation:*** ***A threat to our democracy?*** ***A conversation***



**Book Signing to
Follow the Event**

Books available here



Barbara McQuade
Former US Attorney, NBC/MSNBC Legal
Analyst, and Author

**Fairhope United Methodist
Christian Life Fellowship Hall
155 S Section Street
Fairhope**



Cynthia Tucker
Award Winning Journalist
and Author

June Programs

Join us for Fellowship every Sunday!

(Note: There will not be a musical prelude during the summer)

11:00am—Program with Guest Speaker

Coffee Hour to Follow (Potluck on the last Sunday of the month)



Special Program

history of the Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship, and welcome new members. The Back Porch Folk Singers will be performing and will also be honored.

A new PowerPoint presentation for New Member Orientation will explain Unitarianism and detail the Fellowship's history. The program will end with a welcoming ceremony for new members.

June 1

Honoring our Elders, Celebrating our History, Welcoming New Members

In the 1920s, a group of liberal thinkers began meeting on Sunday mornings. A presentation by one of them on ethics or current affairs was followed by "vigorous" discussion. In April 1982, they constituted themselves the Fairhope Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. A dedicated building followed in 2003.

This will be a special program to honor the earlier members, celebrate the history of the Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship, and welcome new members. The Back Porch Folk Singers will be performing and will also be honored.

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June 8

Henry Stuart's Diaries & Photos: New Info About the Hermit of Montrose

Catherine King will present new information recently received about Henry Stuart, who hand-built the now 100-year-old Round House at Tolstoy Park in Montrose. Stuart's diaries, photographs, and other documents reveal fascinating information from the man known as "The Hermit of Montrose" and "Ye Olde Weaver."

Catherine King is Chair of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation Archives and a long-time docent at the Fairhope Museum of History. A resident of Fairhope since 1966, she continues to be amazed by our fascinating history.



Catherine King

June 15

Living with Reverence and Compassion for All Beings

In this talk on Father's Day, Tracey will share about how her Dad gave her the greatest gift possible... He taught her to love the animals and the natural world. It's a love that has guided her path, and is the key to creating a compassionate, just world for all beings.

Tracey Glover, JD, is Executive Director of Awakening Respect and Compassion for All Sentient Beings ("ARC"), and Sweet Peeps Microsanctuary, a small sanctuary caring for chickens rescued from the meat industry. She wrote several books including the children's book, *Chickens Are Animals, Too! Fannie Goes to Washington* and an upcoming adult nonfiction book entitled *Age of Reverence*. Her films include *Until All Are Free* and *Meet the Chickens*. She tackles critical issues relating to animal rights, ethical consumption, and the ways in which humans can impact the natural world.



Tracey Glover



Rev. David Chatel

June 22

Christian Nationalism and Why the Christian Church Must Evolve

For generations, the separation of church and state has not been challenged. The Christian Nationalist movement seeks to blur this distinction... The Progressive Christian church faces a dual challenge. It must simultaneously embrace a prophetic opposition to Christian Nationalism and address declining church attendance.

David Chatel is an Episcopal Priest, mystic, communicator, and rector of St. Paul's Chapel in Magnolia Springs, AL. He is passionate about spiritual fluidity, interfaith dialogue, and human rights. He teaches mindfulness/awareness-based meditation. Formerly a musician, he can often be found performing in Mobile area venues.

June 29

Harry Haft: Auschwitz Survivor who Fought Rocky Marciano

Alan's father, Harry Haft, survived 5 years in 6 different slave labor and extermination camps during WWII, weighting 105lb when liberated. Just one year later, he was in the ring fighting the greatest heavyweight boxer of all time. Alan will tell Harry's story.

Alan Scott Haft wrote his father's biography in 2005. Henry Haft's story was made into an HBO movie in 2022, *The Survivor*, directed by Academy award winner Barry Levinson. Alan is a University of Miami School graduate and now lives in Fairhope.



Alan Haft

FUF Groups

All are welcome to join any group!

Weekly

Silent Meditation Group

The TED Talk room will be open for silent meditation beginning at 9:45am on Sundays. It will not be guided or linked to any method or religion. All are welcome and may come and go at will provided they respect silence.

Contact: Nick Coulson

Uke Open Jam

Meets every Monday from 2-4pm. All are invited to come jam with us.

Contact: Carl Couret

Men's Discussion Group

Join us every Tuesday at 9am at the Kind Café in Fairhope. Contact: Don Joffe

Thursday Group

Meets every Thursday 5pm at the Market by the Bay on Church Street. Contact: Michael Patrick

Bi-weekly

Women of Wisdom Discussion Group

WoW meets every other Thursday at 11am in the TED Talk room. Members select the topic. Lunch to follow at a local restaurant. For more info contact Jane Finger jane09@gmail.com or just show up!

Monthly

Non-Fiction Book Group

Meets at 9:30am on the 1st Thursday of the month.

Contact: Robin Fabel or Michael Patrick

Small Group Circles

Evening Circle meets on the 3rd Tuesday at the McMurray's home.

Afternoon Circle meets on the 3rd Wednesday at the Joffe's home.

Fiction Book Group

Meets at 3:30pm monthly on the 4th Wednesday.

Contact: Nick Coulson



There will be no Musical Prelude for the summer. If you are interested in playing music on a Sunday, please let Gwen know!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:45-Silent Meditation 11:00-Program	2 2pm-Uke Open Jam	3 9am-Men's Group (Kind Café)	4 3pm-4:30pm-Back Porch Folk Singers	5 9:30am-Non-Fiction Group 5pm-Thursday Group (FH Market by the Bay)	6 1pm-ESIC	7
8 9:45-Silent Meditation 11:00-Program	9 2pm-Uke Open Jam	10 9am-Men's Group (Kind Café)	11 3pm-4:30pm-Back Porch Folk Singers	12 11am-Women of Wisdom 5pm-Thursday Group (FH Market by the Bay)	13 12:30pm-Board Meeting 1pm-ESIC	14 7:30pm- Eastern Shore Chamber of Music
15  9:45-Silent Meditation 11:00-Program	16 10am—2pm ES Music Classes 2pm-Uke Open Jam	17 9am-Men's Group (Kind Café) 6:30pm- Small Group Circle @ the McMurray's home	18 10am—2pm ES Music Classes 1:30pm- Small Group Circle @ the Joffee's home 3pm-4:30pm-Back Porch Folk Singers	19  5pm-Thursday Group (FH Market by the Bay)	20  1pm-ESIC	21 12:45pm-4pm- Grandmother's Circle Group
22 9:45-Silent Meditation 11:00-Program	23 10am—2pm ES Music Classes 2pm-Uke Open Jam	24 9am-Men's Group (Kind Café)	25 10am—2pm ES Music Classes 3pm-4:30pm-Back Porch Folk Singers 3:30pm-Fiction Book Group 6-8pm "Disinformation" Public Forum @ FH United Methodist	26 11am-Women of Wisdom 5pm-Thursday Group (FH Market by the Bay)	27 1pm-ESIC	28
29 9:45-Silent Meditation 11:00-Program Potluck Sunday	30 2pm-Uke Open Jam	<p style="text-align: center;">*All events are at FUF unless otherwise noted.</p>				

Deadlines for Publications

Weekly Bulletin and FUF Weekender

Wednesdays by 5pm

Submit to Mary Matthews: matthewsmary29@yahoo.com

July Newsletter

Submit by July 25

Email your UU-relevant articles, bits of wisdom, scheduled events, quotes, poems, or images!

Submit to Ashley Weller: Office@FairhopeUU.org

Thank you
for reading!



Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship

Mission Statement:

To explore new ideas,
To search for truth and knowledge,
To take care of the Earth,
To enjoy fellowship with open-minded thinkers,
To support and care for each other,
And to create an atmosphere of love and
understanding among our members and for those
who come after us.

Vision Statement:

Grounded in love,
guided by reason,
committed to spiritual growth and justice.

*Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship welcomes and embraces
people of any age, race, gender identity or expression,
sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, ability, language,
or cultural background.*