

Weekender, June 1, 2025

Special Program: “Honor our Elders, Celebrate Our History; Welcome New Members”

Music: 10:45-- *Back Porch Folk Singers*: There is a Tavern in the Town, Last Night I Had the Strangest Dream, (Annabelle’s version), Simple Gifts, Coon Creek Party Line, Get Up and Go, Rocky Top, The Back Porch Way

Opening Greetings and Announcements from President Irene Wegner “We Bid You Welcome”

Chalice Lighting /Responsive Reading: # 733 A Place of Meeting - Jane Finger

Moment of Silence

Collection/ Music, *Back Porch Folk Singers* “Fairhope”

Introduction of Program, “Honoring our “Elders” with a video of long-time member recollections – Carl Couret

New Member Welcoming Ceremony Program: Celebrating Our History - Mary Anderson, Narrator for what UU is and summary of FUF History

Chalice extinguished

3rd Unitarian Principle: We covenant to affirm and promote respect for the acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations.

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. Remember school is now out for the summer so please think of things children will like to eat. 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!**

This Week at FUF June 1 - June 7, 2025

Sunday: Silent Meditation Group, 9:45 am

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: Non Fiction Book Group, 9:30 am

Thursday: Thursday Club, 5:00-7:00 pm, Market by the Bay, Church St.

Next Week, June 8

Catherine King: "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.

Responsive Reading from
Singing the Living Tradition #733
(Leader reads the Roman text; *congregation reads the italicized text*)

A Place of Meeting

Out of wood and stone,
Out of dreams and sacrifice,
The People build a home.
Out of the work of
Their hands and hearts and minds
The People fashion a symbol
And reality.

*May this house be truly
A place of Meeting –
Meeting one with another
In warmth and joy and
Openness.
Meeting one with another
In courage and love and trust.*

May all who enter here
Trust one another so surely
That they dare to share the deep fires
That burst into anger
As much as the sweet spring waters
That swell into laughter.
The slow erosion of sounded terras
As much as the soaring song.

*May these walls know silence
As a hundred hearts search inward
Each for its own small spark of hope
That might otherwise
Be snuffed out in the noise.*

May these rafters hear the voice of
The child
As surely as that of the orator
And the sound of the lute,
The clack of the typewriter,
The swish of the broom,
And know that all are as holy
As the shout of a million stars.

*May the rain fall lightly on this
House,
The sun shines warmly,
The wind blows softly,
And bless it
As a place of joy and peace.
Eileen B. Karpeles*

