



September

FUF MONTHLY NEWS

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A NOTE FROM THE FUF PRESIDENT

It's that season again—and I don't mean fall. I do mean the "planning for next year and celebration" season. In the fall we review and consider our plans going forward. This means the Nominating Committee wants to talk to you! Current and prospective Board members need to be nominated. Looking ahead to December this means a whole new Board for you to support. We have an excellent Nominating Committee with lots of experience and "know how." They are Don Joffe, Mary Anderson, and Susan Hammock. Please don't run the other way when they approach you for your ideas!

(Now, I'm going out on a limb here, but I don't think we boldly discuss the financial support needs of FUF. Those contributions determine our budget, progress, and maintenance of the facility. It's a part of your membership to make financial contributions. Just saying...).

In addition to this planning, we are also celebrating being a part of the larger community. There's a Comedy Night on September 20th (\$15; 7:30 pm). For October, the Eastern Shore Chamber Music returns at the beginning of the month, "Out in October" will be on the 11th, and a Pop-Up Art Show on October 18th. There's Irish music coming in November and then December is full with the Annual Meeting (always a big hit, eh?), the Radio Show, "It's a Wonderful Life," and the now annual Charles Dickens presentation fondly called "Bah, Humbug."

All these activities and the many rentals we have help to make FUF an active place for celebration and friendship. Please consider participating in or attending as many of these activities that you can. And, bring someone with you to enjoy the fellowship.

See YOU there!

Irene

STAND-UP COMEDY JAM

Don't miss this hilarious night... Get your tickets now!

STAND-UP COMEDY JAM

SEPT 20
7:30PM

Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship
1150 Fairhope Ave. Fairhope, AL

\$15

ED TYLL

MATT NAGIN

D. BRYSON BYRNE

JAMES YOUNG

CARSON TAYLOR



POP-UP ART SALE

The Pop-Up Art Event has been moved to **Saturday October 18, 2025 (11am - 3pm)**.

This will be an FUF Fundraiser, so 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! Contact Pinky Bass (moosepinky@earthlink.net) for more info.

BRIAN CONWAY

4pm Saturday, November 15th Brian Conway will be performing at Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship! Brian is a fantastic Irish-American fiddler.

More information coming soon!





SEPTEMBER 14 MOVIE SCREENING: *THE SURVIVOR*

Join us **Sunday, September 14 at 2:00pm** for a showing of *The Survivor*, introduced by Alan Haft, son of the film's subject, Harry Haft. The film is based on Alan's book, *Harry Haft: Survivor of Auschwitz, Challenger of Rocky Marciano*.

The Survivor is a 2021 biographical drama film directed by Barry Levinson from a screenplay by Justine Juel Gillmer. Ben Foster stars as Harry Haft, a real-life survivor of the Nazi Germany Auschwitz concentration camp, where he boxed fellow inmates to survive. Vicky Krieps, Billy Magnussen, Peter Sarsgaard, John Leguizamo, and Danny DeVito co-star. The film had its world premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival in September 2021, and was released on HBO on April 27, 2022. The film received positive reviews from critics, particularly for Foster's lead performance. The film was Emmy nominated for Outstanding Television Movie.

SMALL GROUP CIRCLES

The evening Small Group Circle will meet at the McMurray's home on **Tuesday, September 16 at 6:30pm**.

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

To join, an empty chair awaits you.

September's topic is "Humor."



For more information, contact:

⇒ **Mary Anderson—251.346.6638**

⇒ **Maggie Joffe—678.910.2762**

⇒ **Joanne Preston — 831.402.4997**

⇒ **Vivian McMurray 251.232.2841**

LITTLE FREE PANTRY

Please consider making it a weekly habit to bring nonperishable food items and/or toiletries for our Little Free Pantry! There is ***always*** a need for our Pantry! 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!**

MEMBERS & FRIENDS CONTACT LIST

An updated contact list of our current FUF Members and Friends is now available! If you are a current Member or Friend, you will be receiving an email the first week of September containing the contact list. A few printed copies will also be available through the office. We kindly ask that the list be used for personal connection only and kept confidential. Thank you!

Not on the list? Contact Mary Anderson to join as an FUF Member or Friend!



September Programs



**Kate Carver &
Sarah Laurio**

September 7

Baldwin Family Village: Transitional Housing for Homeless Women & Children

Dumas Wesley Community Center approaches poverty, homelessness and inequity by offering long term transformation. By using a connected web of services: transitional housing, youth enrichment, senior wellness, emergency aid and workforce training as well as food, clothing and transportation- the Center addresses a wide spectrum of human need. Dumas Wesley recently expanded its mission with the launch of the County's first housing program for homeless women and children in Fairhope.

Kate Carver has served in a number of key positions with the Salvation Army, the Mobile County Sheriff's Office and Volunteer Mobile. She is currently the Executive Director of the Dumas Wesley Community Center and has been leading the Center for 15 years.

Sarah Laurio is Associate Executive Director of Dumas Wesley Community Center overseeing the Sybil Smith Family Village & Baldwin Family Village.

September 14

The Work of Alabama Coalition for Immigrant Justice

Frank in conversation with Nick Coulson will talk about the history and role of the Hispanic immigrant community in this country. He will discuss the effect of the current administration's policies, and their impact on Hispanic communities. Email questions you would like to have asked to njcoulson@gmail.com

Frank Barragan is the Community Engagement Coordinator for the Alabama Coalition for Immigrant Justice and a mainstay of the local Hispanic community.



Frank Barragan



Mike Turner

September 21

Celebrating the International Day of Peace in Poetry and Song

Mike Turner celebrates the UN International Day of Peace (Sunday, September 21, 2025) with a selection of his original songs and poems to advocate peace and oppose war and violence.

Mike Turner is a songwriter/poet living in Fairhope. He was named 2025 Poet of the Year by the Alabama State Poetry Society. Mike has more than 450 poems published in over 100 literary journals and anthologies, and numerous original songs receiving radio and streaming play. His poetry collection, *Visions and Memories*, is available on Amazon.

September 28

Heroes and Other Mortals

Frye Gaillard will select stories from his most recent book: *Heroes and Other Mortals*. This is a collection of inspiring profiles Gaillard has written throughout his career, telling the stories of civil rights activists in the south.

Frye lives in Mobile, Alabama, and is the writer-in-residence in the English and History departments at the University of South Alabama. He is the author of thirty books, the winner of the Lillian Smith Book Award and the Gustavus Myers Award.



Frye Gaillard

Join us for Fellowship every Sunday!

10:45am—Musical Prelude

11:00am—Program with Guest Speaker

Coffee Hour to Follow (Potluck on September 28)



FUF Groups

All are welcome to join any group!

Weekly

Silent Meditation Group

(There will be no Silent Meditation Group meetings this month. The group will resume September 7.)

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 janef09@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 6:30pm on 9/16
at the McMurray's home
Afternoon Circle meets 1:30pm on 9/17
at the Joffe's home

Fiction Book Group

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



CARES AND CONCERNS

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.



September



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1  LABOR DAY 2pm-Uke Open Jam	2 9am-Men's Group (Kind Café)	3 3pm-4:30pm-Back Porch Folk Singers 4:45-5:45– Eastern Shore Strings	4 9:30am-Non- Fiction Group 11am-Women of Wisdom 5pm-Thursday Group (FH Market by the Bay)	5 1pm-ESIC	6
7  HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY 9:45 Silent Meditation 10:45 Musical Prelude 11:00-Program	8 2pm-Uke Open Jam	9 9am-Men's Group (Kind Café)	10 3pm-4:30pm-Back Porch Folk Singers 4:45-5:45– Eastern Shore Strings	11  9.11 PATRIOT DAY 5pm-Thursday Group (FH Market by the Bay)	12 12:30pm-Board Meeting 1pm-ESIC	13
14 9:45 Silent Meditation 10:45 Musical Prelude 11:00-Program 2:00pm -"The Survivor" Movie Showing	15 2pm-Uke Open Jam	16 9am-Men's Group (Kind Café) 6:30pm– Small Group Circle @ the McMurray's home	17 3pm-4:30pm-Back Porch Folk Singers 1:30pm– Small Group Circle @ the Joffee's home 4:45-5:45– Eastern Shore Strings	18 11am-Women of Wisdom 5pm-Thursday Group (FH Market by the Bay)	19 1pm-ESIC	20 7:30– Stand-up Comedy Jam 
21 9:45 Silent Meditation 10:45 Musical Prelude 11:00-Program 12:45pm-4pm- Grandmother's Circle Group	22  hello FALL 2pm-Uke Open Jam Rosh Hashanah	23 9am-Men's Group (Kind Café)	24 3pm-4:30pm-Back Porch Folk Singers 3:30pm-Fiction Book Group 4:45-5:45– Eastern Shore Strings	25 5pm– Eastern Shore Dems 5pm-Thursday Group (FH Market by the Bay)	26 1pm-ESIC	27
28 9:45 Silent Meditation 10:45 Musical Prelude 11:00-Program Potluck Sunday	29 2pm-Uke Open Jam	30 9am-Men's Group (Kind Café)	*All events are at FUF unless otherwise noted.			

Deadlines for Publications

Weekly Bulletin and FUF Weekender

Wednesdays by 5pm

Submit to Mary Matthews: matthewsmary29@yahoo.com

September Newsletter

Submit by September 24

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.*