

Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship Feb 8, 2026

Attention: Please read. There will be NO potluck in February. Instead, there will be two in March. We will have potluck on March 1 and on March 29. The *theme* is Casseroles. We are asking everyone to bring a casserole of their choice. You can bring any type, from entrée to dessert casseroles - your choice.

Music 10:45 *Phil Strniste & Trudi Rogier*: My Heroes Have Always Been Cowboys, I'm An Old Cowhand, Cattle Call, The Last Cowboy Song, Take Me Back to My Boots and Saddle, Back In the Saddle Again

Greetings and Call to Gather - *President Mary Anderson*

Welcome

Announcements

Chalice Lighting: *Whitney Davis*

Music and Collection: *Phil Strniste & Trudi Rogier*, Ragtime Cowboy Joe

1st Unitarian Principle: We covenant to affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person.

Moment of Silence

Reading: *Don Joffe*

Introduction of Program *Mary Anderson*

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The importance of sharing healthy food with those in our community who are hungry while protecting their dignity and providing connections to help address other needs. And, the general state of Prodissee Pantry and exciting expansion plans.

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. Personal care items are a big need too. A one reason person 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 Feb 8– Feb 14, 2026

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

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

Tuesday: FUF Board Meeting, 4:00 pm

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

Thursday: Thursday Club, 5:00-7:00 pm, Market by the Bay
on Church Street

Saturday: Tai Chi, 3:30 pm, at Fellowship

Program Next Week, 15, 2026

Harold W. Beu: "Begin with Hope"

One of most iconic phrases from scripture comes from 1 Corinthians 13: "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." Love is often seen as the ultimate goal—caring for people and affirming the worth and dignity of all, as expressed in our first UU principle. Faith can be understood as a system of belief that helps shape our lives and sustain us through life's challenges. This talk suggests, however, that hope must come first, because without hope, faith and love cannot endure.

In a time when many people are losing hope, this talk explores the important distinction between realistic and unrealistic hope, and invites reflection on what hope means in today's world.

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