

Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship Feb 15, 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. For March 1, the *theme* is Casseroles. We are asking everyone to bring a casserole of their choice. You can bring any type, from entrée to desert casseroles - your choice.

Music 10:45 *Heather Nutting, piano*: Childhood Scenes by Robert Schumann: Of Foreign Lands and People, A Curious Story, Pleading Child, An Important Event, Reverie, The Knight of the Hobby Horse, Frightening, The Child Falling Asleep, The Poet Speaks

Greetings and Call to Gather - *President Mary Anderson*

Welcome

Announcements

Chalice Lighting: *Whitney Davis*

Music and Collection: *Heather Nutting, piano*: To a Wild Rose by Edward MacDowell

4th Unitarian Principle: We covenant to affirm and promote a free and responsible search for truth and meaning.

Moment of Silence

Reading: *Harold W. Beu*

Introduction of Program *Mary Anderson*

Program *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.

Harold W. Beu is a retired Unitarian Universalist minister who served congregations for over 30 years in California, Idaho, New Hampshire and Michigan. He has also worked as a high school teacher, teaching history, civics, psychology, and math.

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 15– Feb 22, 2026

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: WOW, Women of Wisdom, 11:00

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

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

Sunday, February 22 No Potluck this Month

Program Next Week, February 22, 2026

Member Support Committee, "Gifts and Gratitude"

The Member Support Committee is sponsoring a celebration to:

- * Recognize our volunteers,
- * Describe connection opportunities through committee
volunteering and participation in Fellowship community offerings,
- * Encourage regular financial giving.

We give in gratitude of our time, talents and treasures, and in doing so, we also receive.

Member Support Committee: Mary Anderson (Chair), Annette Chioma, Susan Hammack, Charlene Lee, Deborah Little, Vivian McMurry, Irene Wegner