

Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship March 22, 2026

There is a Special Event at the Fellowship on Friday, *Stand-Up Comedy Jam*
March 28, 7:30 – 9:30.

Potluck will be March 29. The entrée is ham. The following Weekend is Easter, so you might want to keep that in mind if you have a favorite dish.

Welcoming Music 10:45 am: Juanie Noland, piano (Civil War songs)

11 am Meeting

Greetings and call to Gather: President, *Mary Anderson*

Welcome

Announcements

Chalice Lighting: *Nick Coulson*

Offertory Selection: Juanie Noland, piano, Ashokan Farewell, Joy Unger

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

Moment of Silence

Reading - *Mark Preston*

Introduction of Program -

Program: Tom Czekanski

“The Civil War in Baldwin Co. Alabama, a Brief Overview”

Mr. Czekanski will provide a brief overview of historic events in Baldwin County Alabama during the Civil War from the occupation of Fort Morgan to the Battle of Mobile Bay and the Surrender of Ft. Blakely, the last major battle of the war.

A retired museum curator, Tom has been employed by Beauvoir, The Last Home of Jefferson Davis, The Louisiana State Museum and The National WWII Museum. He participated in Civil War reenactments for over 15 years as both a Confederate and Federal Soldier recreating battles at historic sites across the country including many locations in Baldwin County. He is currently enjoying retirement in Silverhill with his spouse Annette Chioma.

This Week at FUF March 22 - March 29, 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: Fiction Book group 4:30 pm

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

Friday: Stand –Up Comedy Jam, 7:30 – 9:30.

Sunday: March 29, Potluck 12:15

Jacqueline Allen Trimble “Why Poetry Matters in an Unjust World”

Even though empathy has been said to be detrimental, it is in fact what makes us human, bends the arc of the universe toward justice, champions equity, and encourages our compassion for each other. Poetry has long been a reflection of that empathy. It is often our earliest interaction with language and teaches us what is required, while challenging and calling out our baser impulses. Poetry matters in an unjust world.

Jacqueline Allen Trimble is the Poet Laureate of Alabama, a National Endowment for the Arts Creative Writing Fellow (Poetry), a Cave Canem Fellow, and a two-time Alabama State Council on the Arts Literary Fellow. Her poetry has appeared in numerous journals including *POETRY*, *The Louisville Review*, *The Offing*, *Salvation South* and *Poet Lore*. Her work has been widely anthologized, most notably in Kwame Alexander's *This is the Honey: An Anthology of Contemporary Black Poetry*, and has been featured by the Poetry Foundation's Poem of the Day, American Academy of Poets' Poem-a-Day, and Poetry Daily.