

Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship May 17, 2026

****Join us Saturday, May 30, 2026 at 4pm for a special Irish concert featuring Don Penzien and Gerry O'Connor. Tickets are only \$20!****

Welcoming Music 10:45 am: *Pinky Bass*

11 am Meeting

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

Welcome

Announcements

Chalice Lighting: *Maggie Joffe*

Collection Selection: *#100 I've Got Peace Like a River*

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

Reading – *Mark Oehler*

Moment of Silence

Introduction of Program—*Kelly Childress: “Council on Aging”*

Kelly will discuss resources available in Baldwin County for the aging population. The Council on Aging's mission is to serve as an advocate for Baldwin County seniors. To educate and enlist the support of all levels of government, service agencies and private organizations that can assist with securing resources and implementing programs. The Council on Aging is dedicated to preserving dignity, independence, and peace of mind for the senior citizens of Baldwin County. Born and raised in Baldwin County, Kelly has been employed with the Council on Aging for 26 years.

This Week at FUF- May 17, 2026 – May 23, 2026

Sunday: New Member Orientation

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

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

Tuesday: FUF Board Meeting, 4:30pm

Wednesday: Small Group Circle, the Joffe's home, 1:30pm

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

Thursday: Thursday Dinner Club, 5:00-7:00 pm

For Information, Contact Michael Patrick 251-233-3176

Thursday: Small Group Circle, the McMurry's home, 6:30pm

Next Week 5/24/26

Kelly Childress: “Flower Communion”

The Flower Communion is a UU celebration originated in 1923 by Rev. Norbert Capek, a Unitarian minister in Czechoslovakia. His wife Maja Capek, also a Unitarian minister, introduced it in 1940 at the Bedford Massachusetts Unitarian Church where she was serving at the time. The program will include information on the Capeks, the historical era of WW II and his acquaintance with Rev. Waitstill and Martha Sharp who are featured in the Ken Burns documentary, *Defying the Nazis*.

This ritual is not a historical reenactment, but an affirmation of our continuity with the generations of struggle for liberty. **You are each asked to bring a flower to the Fellowship**, from your gardens, field, or roadside. Upon entry, we will place these flowers in a vase. At the end of the service, each of you will take from the vase a different flower from the one you brought. This symbolized the uniqueness of each individual and the coming together in communion to share this uniqueness.

Mary Anderson has been a Unitarian Universalist for over 20 years and currently serves as President of the Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship. Originally from Minnesota, she now resides in Daphne. Mark Preston has been involved with Unitarian Universalism for two years and serves as FUF's Second Vice Chair and Program Coordinator. Originally from New York, he now lives in Fairhope with his wife, Joanne.