

Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship July 5, 2026

****Prelude Reminder**—Please keep conversations low in the foyer and enter the Main Hall quietly so everyone may enjoy the music and so our musicians can be heard. Thank you.*

Welcoming Music, 10:45am: “Some Nice Songs,” performed by Phil Storm

Meeting, 11:00am

Greetings and Call to Gather: Mary Anderson, FUF President

Welcome

Announcements

Chalice Lighting: Mia Manifold

Collection Selection: “American Grit,” performed by Phil Storm

5th Unitarian Principle: The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and society at large.

Reading: Juanie Noland

Moment of Silence

Introduction of Program

Program: Tom Czekanski, “The 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence”

We have all heard of the Declaration of Independence...but how many of us actually know what it says? Mr. Czekanski will read the Declaration. You may be surprised by what you hear!

A retired museum curator, Mr. Czekanski is enjoying his retirement in Silverhill, AL and sharing his interest in history.

This Week at FUF – July 5 – July 11, 2026

Sunday, July 5

9:45am—Silent Meditation

10:45am—Prelude Music

11:00am—Program Begins

Coffee Hour following the program

Monday, July 6

2:00-4:00pm—Open Uke Jam

Tuesday, July 7

9:00am—Men's Group, Kind Café in Fairhope

Wednesday, July 8

3:00-4:30pm—Back Porch Folk Singers Practice

Thursday, July 9

11:00am—Women of Wisdom

5:00-7:00pm—Thursday Group (contact Michael Patrick for current meeting location)

Friday, July 10

Saturday, July 11

2:00-5:00pm—Memorial for Pete Wegner, Waterfront Restaurant in Daphne

Next Week's Program July 12, 2026

Mary Anderson & Virginia McClintock, "UU History, Part 1: The Early Years"

Over the centuries, historical events suppressed and inspired religious thinking that led to Unitarian Universalism concepts. Unitarian Universalists over the ages have been radicals living in small minorities, often prolific writers and/or orators, who have brought us to who we are today. It began with Origen and Arius of Alexandria in the 3rd and 4th centuries proposing one God (Unity) rather than the Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit). This idea was suppressed under the Nicene Creed, the Crusades, European Wars of Religion, re-emerging through Reformation, Calvin's TULIP, the Renaissance, the Enlightenment, and Transylvania!

Mary Anderson moved to Daphne, Alabama in 2024 and is a 20-year Unitarian Universalist currently serving as President of FUF. Her other title is "Grandma" to a bunch of grands and greats—"It keeps you young and makes you old!"

Virginia McClintock chose Fairhope in September 2025 in large part due to the UU Fellowship and a hunch that she could meet quirky, interesting folks in Fairhope. She was an active member of First Unitarian Church in San Diego in the 1990's.