

Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship August 16, 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: “Nature’s Melodies”, performed by Pinky Bass

Meeting, 11:00am

Greetings and Call to Gather: Mary Anderson, FUF President

Welcome

Announcements

Chalice Lighting: Jennifer Lyon

Collection Music: “Lillies,” performed by Pinky Bass

7th Unitarian Principle: Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Reading: Melissa Inge

Moment of Silence

Introduction of Program

Program: “Going Native! (With Plants)”

This talk explores the growing sustainability movement to convert lawns to native plants and pollinator-friendly landscapes with a wilder, more naturalistic design focus. The speaker will discuss the history of lawns and turf grasses, as well as the types of native plants best suited for pollinators in our area. This talk will also cover the initiatives the Landscape Committee has begun on the Fellowship grounds.

Growing plants and landscapes has been an interest of our speaker since the age of eight. She was a Master Gardener in Alabama and Tennessee from 2013-2019, completed her Advanced Master Gardener certification in Landscape Design in 2019, and passed the Alabama landscape design exam in 2018. She has volunteered at Cheekwood in Nashville, the Nashville Zoo, and the Gardens at South Illinois University of Edwardsville. In 2019, she also worked for three months on the 30-acre Edward Jones campus in St. Louis, Missouri.

This Week at FUF – August 15 - 21, 2026

Saturday, August 15

Sunday, August 16

10:45am—Prelude Music

11:00am—Program Begins

Monday, August 17

2:00-4:00pm—Open Uke Jam

Tuesday, August 18

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

Wednesday, August 19

1:30pm—Chalice Circle at the Joffe's home

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

Thursday, August 20

11:00am—WoW (Women of Wisdom)

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

*5:30-8:30pm—*Eastern Shore Democrats Subgroups*

6:00pm—Chalice Circle at the McMurry's home

Next Week's Program August 23, 2026

“UU History, Part 4: Into the Future—What UU Means to Me”

This interactive program will invite us to reflect on what Unitarian Universalism means in our own lives and to share those reflections with one another. Seating will be arranged in circles to encourage conversation and connection. Through personal reflection and small-group discussion, we hope to deepen our understanding of one another and strengthen our shared sense of becoming FUF's future.

Because our time together on Sunday will be limited, please give some thought beforehand to the question:

“What does UU mean to me?”

Moderator: Mary Anderson; Facilitators: Maggie Joffe, Virginia McClintock, Joanne Preston, Mark Preston, Freya Sonenstein