

Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship September 6, 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: “Trois Gnossienes” and “Gymnopédie,” by Erik Satie, performed by Kathryn Firsching

Meeting, 11:00am

Greetings and Call to Gather: Mary Anderson, FUF President

Welcome

Announcements

Chalice Lighting: Mary Anne Hodges

Collection Music: #175 “We Celebrate the Web of Life”

1st Unitarian Principle: The inherent worth and dignity of every person.

Reading: Courtney Allen

Moment of Silence

Introduction of Program

Program: Mike Turner, “A Celebration of American Labor in Poem and Song”

In observance of Labor Day, Fairhope poet/songwriter Mike Turner shares a selection of poems and songs that celebrate the American Worker.

Mike Turner was named 2017 Male Gospel Entertainer of the Year by the North America Country Music Associations International; featured performing his original songs about life on the Gulf Coast at the 2020 Monroeville Literary Festival; and is president-elect of the Alabama State Poetry Society, which previously named Mike as its 2025 Poet of the Year.

This Week at FUF – September 5 – September 12, 2026

Saturday, September 5

7:00pm—Hiroya Tsukamoto concert

Sunday, September 6

10:45am—Prelude Music

11:00am—Program Begins

Monday, September 7

Labor Day

Tuesday, September 8

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

4:00pm—Grief Support Group

Wednesday, September 9

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

**4:45-5:45pm—Eastern Shore Strings Practice*

Thursday, September 10

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

Friday, September 11

Saturday, September 12

Next Week's Program September 13, 2026

Tom Czekanski, "Alabama, Iron Maker for the Confederacy"

In 1865, approximately 70 percent of the iron used by the Confederacy was produced in Alabama. Mr. Czekanski will explore the rise of the iron industry in Alabama, the current historic sites associated with production, and the efforts of the Union Army to stem the flow of iron to the Confederacy.

Retired museum curator Tom Czekanski is enjoying his time in Baldwin County and his association with the other members of the Fairhope Universal Unitarian Fellowship. He enjoys sharing his interpretations of history with the Fellowship.