

Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship October 4, 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: “Medley of Ballads,” performed by Pinky Bass

Meeting, 11:00am

Greetings and Call to Gather: Mary Anderson, FUF President

Welcome

Announcements

Chalice Lighting: Suzanne Tormoen

Collection Music: “Ballad Without Words,” performed by Pinky Bass

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

Reading: Divia Avritt

Moment of Silence

Introduction of Program

Program: Dr. Edith Langford, “How the Political Landscape Has Changed the Profile of Addiction”

Today's America has changed the profile of those struggling with addiction. Are they still considered worthy of dignity?

Edith Langford is a psychotherapist and ethnographic researcher licensed in New York and Alabama. She earned her Ph.D. from the University of Virginia in Research, Statistics, and Evaluation. One of her specialties is addiction. Her writing on the subject includes the Guardian op-ed “Keep One Eye on Grandma During the Super Bowl” and the USA Today piece, “I Have Watched Alcohol-Related Cancers Kill My Family.”

edithlangford.com

This Week at FUF – October 4 – 10, 2026

Sunday, October 4

9:45am—Silent Meditation

10:45am—Prelude Music

11:00am—Program Begins

Monday, October 5

2:00-4:00pm—Open Uke Jam

Tuesday, October 6

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

4:30pm—FUF Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 7

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

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

Thursday, October 8

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

Friday, October 9

Saturday, October 10

Next Week's Program October 11, 2026

Bernadette Allen, "Introduction to Alabama Arise"

Alabama Arise uses three interconnected approaches to advance public policies; policy analysis, statewide organizing, and citizen advocacy. Through Arise, groups and individuals join together to promote public policies to improve the lives of Alabamians who are marginalized by poverty. Their membership includes faith-based, community, nonprofit and civic groups, grassroots leaders and individuals from across the state. The members select the annual legislative agenda, focusing on the issues that matter most to alleviate poverty and its effects. Arise envisions an Alabama where all people live with concern for the common good and respect for the humanity of every person.

Bernadette is the Southwest Organizer for Alabama Arise where she began her second career on May 19, 2025. Prior to that she was employed by the federal government in various agencies until her retirement on May 16, 2025. Bernadette is a proud Army veteran who earned her B.A. in Behavioral Science and her M.S. in Human Services, with an emphasis on public policy and social justice.

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