

Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship October 11, 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 lively tunes, performed by Phil Storm

Meeting, 11:00am

Greetings and Call to Gather: Mary Anderson, FUF President

Welcome

Announcements

Chalice Lighting: Roxann Fahlberg

Collection Music: “Wade in the Water,” performed by Phil Storm

6th Unitarian Principle: The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.

Reading: Phil Storm

Moment of Silence

Introduction of Program

Program: 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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This Week at FUF – October 11 – 17, 2026

Sunday, October 11

9:45 AM — Silent Meditation

10:45 AM — Prelude Music

11:00 AM — Program Begins

Monday, October 12

2:00-4:00 PM — Open Uke Jam

Tuesday, October 13

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

4:00 PM — Grief Support Group

Wednesday, October 14

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

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

Thursday, October 15

11:00 AM — WoW (Women of Wisdom)

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

6:30 PM — Chalice Circle @ the McMurry's home

Friday, October 16

Saturday, October 17

7:00 PM — Comedy Jam

Next Week's Program October 18, 2026

Dr. Freya Sonenstein, "The League of Women Voters: Current Challenges to a Fully Representative Democracy"

The League of Women Voters has worked to empower voters and defend democracy in Baldwin County for more than a century. The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan, grassroots organization founded after women got the right to vote. Its mission is to protect and expand voting rights and ensure everyone is represented in our democracy. Dr. Sonenstein will describe the work of our local league as we prepare for the midterm elections.

Freya Sonenstein trained as a sociologist and is a professor emerita at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Her career was devoted to conducting social policy research intended to improve the welfare of families and children. After retirement she joined the League of Women Voters of Baldwin County and has worked with many others to build the league into an organization that promotes informed participation of everyone in our government and its policymaking.