

Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship October 18, 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: “Hard Travelin’,” “Hard Times Come Again No More,” “Wilson, That’s All,” “Happy Days Are Here Again,” “Lucretia Mott,” and “America the Beautiful,” performed by The Back Porch Folk Singers

Meeting, 11:00am

Greetings and Call to Gather: Mary Anderson, FUF President

Welcome

Announcements

Chalice Lighting: Jennifer Lyon

Collection Music: “Poison Ivy,” performed by The Back Porch Folk Singers

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

Reading: Joanne Preston

Moment of Silence

Introduction of Program

Program: 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.

This Week at FUF – October 18 – 24, 2026

Sunday, October 18

9:45 AM — Silent Meditation

10:45 AM — Prelude Music

11:00 AM — Program Begins

Monday, October 19

2:00-4:00 PM — Open Uke Jam

Tuesday, October 20

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

4:30 PM — Board Meeting

7:00 PM – Musical Journey Through Bavaria

Wednesday, October 21

1:30 PM – Chalice Circle @ the Joffe's home

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

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

Thursday, October 22

4:30 PM – FUF Fiction Book Group

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

Friday, October 23

Saturday, October 24

Next Week's Program October 25, 2026

Dr. Harvey Joanning, "The History of Farming"

Humans have been changing the animals and plants they live with for over 300,000 years. This presentation will briefly summarize those changes and focus on how modern agriculture has evolved over the last 200 years. From simple hoes to plows to combine harvesters, the technology of farming will be described along with how society has changed as farming has evolved. Bring your seed corn cap and bib overalls.

Dr. Joanning is a recovering Iowa farm boy turned university professor. He is an Emeritus Professor at Iowa State University, and an Adjunct Professor of Psychology at the University of South Alabama. He still has a farm in Iowa.