Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship November 1, 2026

Daylight Savings Time ends this weekend—Set your clocks back 1 hour Saturday night!

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: "Normal Noodle," performed by Pinky Bass

Meeting, 11:00am

Greetings and Call to Gather: Mary Anderson, FUF President

Welcome

Announcements

Chalice Lighting: Nancy Oehler

Collection Music: "More," performed by Pinky Bass

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

Reading: Melissa Inge

Moment of Silence

Introduction of Program

Program: Cynthia Tucker, "A Republic if You Can Keep It"

A Republic if You Can Keep It, co-authored with Frye Gaillard, is a slim volume of essays describing our current political moment and the dangers to our democracy. How do we move forward from here?

Cynthia Tucker is a Pulitzer-Prize winning journalist who spent much of her career as a reporter, columnist and editor at newspapers. She is currently Journalist-in Residence at the University of South Alabama.

This Week at FUF – October 31 – November 7, 2026

Saturday, October 31 – *Happy Halloween!*

6:00 PM – Game Night

*Set your clocks back 1 hour tonight!

Sunday, November 1 – Daylight Savings Time ends

9:45 AM — Silent Meditation

10:45 AM — Prelude Music

11:00 AM — Program Begins

Monday, November 2

2:00-4:00 PM — Open Uke Jam

Tuesday, November 3 – *Election Day*

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

7:00 AM – 7:00 PM – Polls are open—Go exercise your right to vote!

Wednesday, November 4

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

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

Thursday, November 5

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

Friday, November 6

Saturday, November 7 –

7:00 PM – Back Roads and Back Stories concert

Next Week's Program November 8, 2026

Patricia Foster, "The Hidden Narrative: Uncovering Trauma and Revelation"

Drawing from her new memoir, *A Marriage in Startled Air*, Patricia Foster explores how her husband's rare cancer diagnosis transformed their marriage and brought his hidden childhood trauma and PTSD to light. As Patricia and David confront the past, they discover a new depth of intimacy. What emerges is something sweeter and deeper—a connection in which the very things that seemed to break them become a source of healing.

Patricia Foster is the author of five books and Professor Emerita in the University of Iowa's MFA Program in Nonfiction. Her honors include the 2026 Alabama Truman Capote Award, a PEN Award, a Pushcart Prize, the Hall-Waters Prize for Excellence in Southern Writing, the Clarence Cason Award, and a fellowship to Yaddo. A graduate of the Iowa Writers' Workshop, she has taught in France, Australia, Spain, Italy, and the Czech Republic.