Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship November 8, 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: A selection of George Strait hits, performed by Phil Strniste and Trudi Rogier as a tribute to Kay Seymour and her many contributions to music at FUF.

Meeting, 11:00am

Greetings and Call to Gather: Mary Anderson, FUF President

Welcome

Announcements

Chalice Lighting: Jean Hume

Collection Music: "Troubadour," performed by Phil Strniste and Trudi Rogier

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

Reading: David Hume

Moment of Silence

Introduction of Program

Program: 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.

This Week at FUF –November 7 - 14, 2026

Saturday, November 7

7:00 PM – Back Roads and Back Stories concert

Sunday, November 8

9:45 AM — Silent Meditation

10:45 AM — Prelude Music

11:00 AM — Program Begins

Monday, November 9

2:00-4:00 PM — Open Uke Jam

Tuesday, November 10

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

4:00 PM – Grief Support Group

Wednesday, November 11 – Veterans' Day

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

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

Thursday, November 12

11:00 AM – WoW (Women of Wisdom)

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

Friday, November 13

Saturday, November 14

Next Week's Program November 15, 2026

Tom Czekanski, "A Tale of Two Cemeteries"

More than 600,000 soldiers died in the American Civil War, transforming how the military cared for its fallen and leading to the creation of two of the nation's most significant cemeteries: Arlington and Gettysburg. This presentation explores the stories behind these hallowed places.

Tom is a historian and retired curator from the National WWII Museum in New Orleans. He enjoys uncovering the stories behind historical events and sharing them with others. He has also participated in Civil War reenactments, portraying soldiers from both the North and the South.