

September 2011



# Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship

A Member of the Unitarian Universalist Association

## Sep. 4 J.D. CROWE -- *"Drawin Pigs and Throwin' Thangs"*

J. D. Crowe joined the staff of the Press-Register in 2000. Despite the pleas from Sound-off callers, he hasn't been fired yet. J.D. draws 5 editorial cartoons a week and writes a daily blog about his work. Prior to joining the Press-Register, Mr. Crowe worked as a freelance political artist/illustrator and travel writer for the Los Angeles Times, The Sacramento Bee, San Francisco Examiner and San Diego Reader. Earlier in his career, he served on staff for the San Diego Tribune and Fort Worth Star-Telegram. His work has been reprinted in hundreds of publications in the United States and Canada, including The New York Times, Chicago Tribune, The Washington Post, MSNBC and CNN. Mr Crowe has published four book collections of his editorial cartoons, including *"Smell the Love"* in 2007.

Introduction: Jule Moon

## Sep. 11 TERRY BEASLEY -- *"Words Matter"*

As adults, one of the greatest responsibilities we have to our children is to teach them that their words matter; that what they say and how they say it will either move them down the road of success or keep them from reaching their potential. But before we can truly teach it to our children, we must first practice it.

Terry Beasley has served as an educator in Mobile and Baldwin County School Systems for the past 32 years. He has held his current position as principal at Fairhope Elementary School since 1995. He has done extensive consulting work for the University of South Alabama, Troy State, and Auburn Universities, and several publishing companies. He was selected as National Distinguished Principal in 2000.

Introduction: Pat Smith

## Sep. 18 RUTH GERACI -- *"ESILL: Food for the Mind and Body"*

With neuroscientists now recognizing the plasticity of our brains, more information is available about maintaining a robust neural network in our golden years. Fellowship member and ESILL vice president Ruth Geraci will briefly review brain research, and link it to the opportunities available to local residents and visitors from the Eastern Shore Institute for Lifelong Learning (ESILL). ESILL offers physical, intellectual and social opportunities – The “School for the Fun of It” has something for adults of all ages. A brief history of the organization will be included.

Introduction: Juanie Noland

## Sep. 25 CAROLYN DOHN -- *"Elder Law in Alabama"*

Carolyn Dohn is a Certified Elder Law Attorney and holds a Master of Laws in Taxation from the University of Alabama. Her practice includes representation of elderly clients and their families but also emphasizes business planning, non-profit corporations, and commercial law. She is a frequent lecturer to both lay and professional organizations regarding elder law issues. She is a consultant to The Exceptional Foundation of Baldwin County, Inc., and other local non-profit organizations, and is a member of the Alabama State Bar Volunteer Lawyer's Wills for Heroes subcommittee. In addition Ms. Dohn has been active providing pro bono legal work with several local non-profit organizations including the Local Food Production Initiative.

Introduction: Elaine Snyder-Conn

### LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH POTLUCK

*Everyone is invited to attend following the September 25th program.  
Please bring a dish to share and join us for fellowship and conversation.*

**Sunday Service 11 a.m., 1150 Fairhope Ave.**

Adult discussion group meets each Sunday at 10 a.m.

Children's Fellowship each Sunday 11 a.m.—12 noon Come join us!

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## AUGUST BOARD MINUTES

During the August 5th Board meeting:

- Approved the minutes and the treasurer's report
- Welcomed new FUF Music Committee chair, Helen Garrett
- Discussed the Knitting Committee's proposal to host an afternoon tea in November or December, at which they would sell knitted craft items
- Discussed Jeanine Normand's proposal to offer a piano concert, possibly in October, and a "coffee house" event in January
- Approved the Social Action Committee's recommendations for donations to:

Aid to Inmate Mothers, Alabama Arise, Alabama Free Clinic, Baldwin County Humane Society, Ecumenical Ministries Meals on Wheels, The Lighthouse, Southern Alabama CARES, Southern Poverty Law Center, Planned Parenthood of Alabama.

—Submitted by Juanie Noland



## SEPTEMBER BOARD AGENDA

The FUF Board of Director's monthly meeting will be on Friday, September 2 at 10am. The current agenda includes:

1. Approval of Minutes of August Board meeting
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Old Business:-
  - a. Tornado Relief (Jeanine Normand)
4. New Business:-
  - a. Protocol for Welcoming Guests (Michael Patrick)
  - b. Citizens for the American Dream (Harvey Joanning)

Any member of FUF may attend its board meetings. Anyone with items to add to the agenda should let Michael Patrick or Robin Fabel know without delay.

—Submitted by Robin Fabel



***"The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing."***

—Albert Einstein

### July 2011 Financial Summary as submitted by Pat Smith

	June	Actual YTD	Budgeted YTD	Surplus/ (Deficit)
<b>Support and Revenue</b>				
Contributions	2,936	19,744	24,500	(4,756)
Other Revenue	200	925		925
<b>Total Support and Revenue</b>	<b>3,287</b>	<b>23,617</b>	<b>27,417</b>	<b>(3,800)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Building	2,176	25,519	18,282	(7,237)
Committees	207	5,741	6,918	1,177
Donations	0	925	2,217	1,292
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>2,383</b>	<b>32,185</b>	<b>27,417</b>	<b>(4,768)</b>
<b>Net Operating Increase/(Decrease)</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>(8,568)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(8,568)</b>

## UU Mid-South District: *Immigration as a Moral Issue*



UU Mid-South District's theme this year is **Immigration as a Moral Issue**. We will be learning and sharing insights on how this important issue of our times impacts our congregations and how we can impact our larger communities.

On **Saturday, October 8th**, the **2011 MSD Healthy Congregation Conference** will take place at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta. Registration and additional information is now on the MSD web site at [www.msduua.org](http://www.msduua.org)

The featured guest presenter at the **October 8<sup>th</sup> Healthy Congregation Conference** will be **Jerry Gonzalez**, a strong advocate for Latino rights who serves as the first executive director of the Georgia Association of Latino Elected Officials (GALEO). At GALEO he is charged with developing a legislative agenda and directing programs that promote the involvement of the Latino/Hispanic community in the legislative process. He will speak about the need for national comprehensive immigration reform. He will then be joined by other UU's for a panel discussion on how our state legislatures are approaching immigration.

In the afternoon several workshops will explore other ways our congregations can learn skills to live out our values. They will include:

- Plaza Fiesta Immersion Experience Field Trip led by Pat Kahn and the Faith Development Council. This **multigenerational program** (children, youth and adults) will discuss "What's the big deal about immigration?" and go to nearby Plaza Fiesta for a hands on experience and service project.
- Laurel Amabile, Director of Annual Program Fund at the Stewardship and Development Office of the UUA will explore the importance of structuring our congregational **stewardship** programs and re-energizing our fundraising efforts to better fund our mission and values.

-Tim Atkins of UUCA and Laura DeCastro, Communications Trustee on the MSD Board will talk about how to get the word out about your social justice work using **social media** in a session titled "Can WE create a revolution using social media?".

Rev. Fred Hammond will continue this discussion about how to work on **immigration justice** in our small, medium and large congregations UU Mid-South District's theme this year is **Immigration as a Moral Issue**. We will be learning and sharing insights on how this important issue of our times impacts our congregations and how we can impact our larger communities.

—Submitted by Jessica Curren



I have neglected my job of overseeing lawn care – plus the summer heat has done a number on the shrubs. It is time for someone else take over the lawn care management.

Duties include overseeing contract mowing and calling for volunteers to do minor chores from time-to-time. Volunteer days should be in spring and fall.

### [More Help Wanted](#)

Our beautiful double doors to the main entry are in need of a big-time refinishing. They need to be stripped, then finished with 3 coats of a certain liquid.

Please call me at 928-6526 if you are willing to discuss either of the above jobs.

—Submitted by Celeste Hinds

## Memory/Honor Book

The Fellowship Memory/Honor book is for recording special contributions in honor or memory of a member or friend of the Fellowship.

It is available for anyone to view and is usually placed on the Chalice Table the second Sunday of every month. If you wish to make a donation please add a note with your check saying for whom the donation is made. Your check may be placed in the Sunday collection basket or sent directly to Treasurer Pat Smith.

—Submitted by Celeste Hinds

**GAME NIGHT** is a great way to meet Fellowship members and friends — come join in the fun starting at 6:30 p.m.! We have a variety of board and card games, and new games are always welcome. New players are invited to learn a game or share one they know.

Game Night is held on the second and fourth Saturday nights of each month.

For information contact Ruth Geraci, 251-970-3407  
or [uuruthg@gulftel.com](mailto:uuruthg@gulftel.com).



—Submitted by Ruth Geraci

## NEWSLETTER

Submit calendar events or articles specific to the Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship for publication one week prior to the last Sunday of each month **OR** as noted in the newsletter calendar section. For events, please include all pertinent information. Members and Friends are invited to submit poems, quotations or other brief words of wisdom to be published as space allows.

Provide written copy or email to editor at:

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Fri., Sep. 2:** September Board Meeting 10am  
**Sun., Sep. 4:** TED Discussion Group 945-1045am  
**Sun., Sep. 4:** Current Events Discussion Group 10am  
**Tue., Sep. 6:** Knitters' Group 1-330pm  
**Thu., Sep. 8:** Non-fiction Book Group 930am  
**Fri., Sep. 9:** Authors Discussion Group 930am  
**Sat., Sep. 10:** Game Night 630-9pm  
**Sun., Sep. 11:** TED Discussion Group 945-1045am  
**Sun., Sep. 11:** Current Events Discussion Group 10am  
**Tue., Sep. 13:** Knitters Group 1-330pm  
**Wed., Sep. 14:** Back Porch Folk Singers 3-430pm  
**Sun., Sep. 18:** TED Discussion Group 945-1045am  
**Sun., Sep. 18:** Current Events Discussion Group 10am  
**Sun., Sep. 18:** SAC Meeting 1230pm (All welcome!)  
**Tue., Sep. 20:** Knitters' Group 1-330pm  
**Wed., Sep. 21:** Back Porch Folk Singers 3-430pm  
**Thu., Sep. 22:** Non-fiction Book Group 930am  
**Sat., Sep. 24:** Game Night 630-9pm  
**Sun., Sep. 25:** TED Discussion Group 945-1045am  
**Sun., Sep. 25:** Current Events Discussion Group 10am  
**Sun., Sep. 25:** Last Sunday Pot Luck 12noon  
**Sun., Sep. 25:** October newsletter deadline 5pm  
**Tue., Sep. 27:** Knitters' Group 1-330pm  
**Wed., Sep. 28:** Back Porch Folk Singers 3-430pm



*If all the cars in the United States were placed end to end, it would probably be Labor Day Weekend.*

~Doug Larson

## 2011 FELLOWSHIP OFFICERS

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