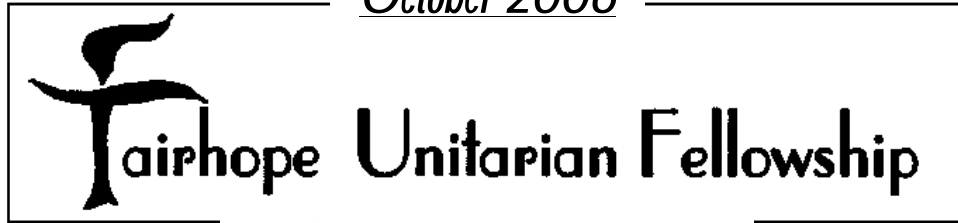


October 2006



A Member of the Unitarian Universalist Association

**ROBIN DELANEY: “Sources of Strength”**

Oct. 1 *Robin Delaney returns to continue his conversation on the meaning of community. As a television and real estate professional, he believes contemporary community development and the communications revolution share a responsibility to bring people into a spirit of community. This Sunday, Delaney explores how church congregations can bring together this same spirit of community through modern practices of group meetings as a form of "communion".*

Introduction: Teko Wiseman

**KRISTEN CAMPBELL: “Religion in Black and White ”**

Oct. 8 *Kristen Campbell will share her experiences as The **Mobile Press Register**'s religion editor. She also maintains an Internet blog site entitled “For the Love: News and Trends in Spirituality and Ethics.”*

Introduction: Henry Albers

**MARY LOIS TIMBES ADSHEAD: “Finding Fair Hope”**

Oct. 15 *Writer and Actress Mary Lois Timbes Adshead maintains an Internet blog on Fairhope. She will focus her talk around her upcoming book, **When We Had the Sky**, and her current book, **Meet Me at the Butterfly Tree**, which describes some of the characters who lived in Fairhope in the 50's, and why they chose Fairhope. Of special interest will be Verda Horne, founder of our Unitarian Fellowship.*

Introduction: Frank Laraway

**ED LAWRENCE: “Henry George: The Relevance of His Philosophy Today”**

Oct. 22 *Nineteenth century economist, journalist and social activist Henry George was the author of **Progress and Poverty**, and the inspiration behind the founding of Fairhope as a Single Tax Colony in 1894. In addition to his proposal that a tax on land become the only tax (i.e. the “single tax”), Henry George had many other things to say about economics, poverty, and the role of government. Are his ideas still relevant today? Fellowship president Edward Lawrence will give his opinion on this.*

Introduction: Flo Schneider

**The Fourth Sunday potluck following the program will be held at the home of Frank & Pat Laraway, 12600 CR 48, Fairhope, several miles east of the Fellowship. Please bring a dish to share and join us for fellowship and good conversations.**

**RALPH BUCKLEY, MD: “Revisiting the Uninsured in America”**

Oct. 29 *Fellowship member, cardiologist, and an active participant in the Free Clinic, Dr. Ralph Buckley will discuss a topic which continues to concern him.*

Introduction: David Mauritson, M.D.

## In Memoriam

### **Annabelle Snyder (1921-2006)**

Annabelle Snyder was a charter member of our Back Porch Folk Singers and a committed member of our Fellowship. She enjoyed an active life including college at Iowa State, and 25 years in Gulfport, MS where she ran her own kindergarten, taught Junior High Biology, and obtained a Master's Degree in Library Science, as well as participating in civic activities. Upon retiring to Fairhope she helped plan a solar home that her family built, and served on the boards of ESILL, the Sierra Club and our Fellowship. Annabelle is survived by her husband Bayne, daughters Elaine, Janet, Gwen, and Marilyn and their spouses and grandchildren.

### **Daniel Erik Mandell (1990-2006)**

Until the age of seven, Daniel was a normal, healthy boy who loved to swim and ski, ride bike, play video games, build with Legos and travel. He contracted metachromatic leukodystrophy (MLD), a progressively degenerative disease, and within five years lost the ability to walk or talk, but was full of life and laughter until the end. He frequently attended Fellowship programs until just a few weeks before his death. Daniel is survived by his mother, Terri Mandell-Campfield, his stepfather, E.J. Campfield, and his father, Jim Mandell of Santa Monica, CA.

To the Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship:

We thank you for all the help and support you've offered us during the time of our son Danny's transition. The love and concern shown by individual members and the generosity shown by the Fellowship as a whole are deeply appreciated. You not only helped us get through this unimaginably difficult time, but also helped cement our sense of belonging and friendship as newcomers to Fairhope. Love, gratitude and blessings to you all.

TERRI AND E.J. CAMPFIELD

### **Diane Tracey (1932-2006)**

As a member of our Fellowship, Diane is remembered for her leadership with the Care and Concerns Committee as well as her active participation in the Fellowship Book Group. After raising two sons, Diane had earned a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature from the University of Central Connecticut, and worked as an administrator for the American Shakespeare Theatre in Stratford, CT. She was also executive assistant to the president of Save the Children Federation until her retirement in 1995. Diane was active in Fairhope, performing volunteer work for the Humane Society and the Eastern Shore Art Center. She is survived by her two sons, and granddaughter, and nieces.

### **Caring & Concerns Committee Provides Support to Members, Friends and Families**

Members and Friends of the Fellowship are encouraged to keep in mind the presence of our Caring & Concerns Committee. This committee can coordinate meals for families in distress, send cards, make hospital visits, help with special arrangements, and more.

We would like to know when there is a need of help — illness, accident, death in family, etc. Please contact any of the following committee members regarding needs, recommendations or ideas:

Joyce Burkhart (625-0022)

Diane Ehlers (928-4387)

Mary Ellen Hoffman (929-2510),

Sarah Katz (990-6769)

Sheena Patrick (990-8203)

Katherine Thompson (928-7257).

—Diane Ehlers

## Things to Do at the UU



### Documentary Film Oct. 7

#### *“The Future of Food” (2005, 88 min.)*

a documentary film, will be shown October 7 starting at 7 p.m. at the Fellowship, as part of The First Saturday of the Month Documentary Series. Everyone is welcome; admission is free but contributions will be accepted.

The movie offers an in-depth investigation into the disturbing truth behind the unlabeled, patented, genetically engineered foods that have quietly filled U.S. grocery store shelves for the past decade.

From the prairies of Saskatchewan to the fields of Oaxaca, this film gives a voice to farmers whose lives and livelihoods have been negatively impacted by this new technology.

The health implications, government policies, and push towards globalization are all part of the reason why many people are alarmed by the introduction of genetically altered crops into our food supply.

Shot on location in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico, *“The Future of Food”* examines the complex web of market and political forces that are changing what we eat as huge multinational corporations seek to control the world’s food system. The film also explores alternatives to large-scale industrial agriculture, placing organic and sustainable agriculture as real solutions to the farm crisis today.

#### **Future Documentaries:**

Saturday, Nov. 4 *“Iraq for Sale: The War Profiteers”* —This 2006 movie takes you inside the lives of soldiers, truck drivers, widows and children who have been changed forever as a result of profiteering in the reconstruction of Iraq.

Saturday, Dec. 2 *“Green Plans”*— how Holland and New Zealand are dealing with key environmental issues.

### Author Discussion Group



The Author Discussion Group (formerly called the Book Discussion Group, now renamed to avoid confusion with the nonfiction book discussion group) selects one author whose works are read and discussed on the second Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. Join us for stimulating conversations. Upcoming authors:

October 12: Gustave Flaubert

November 9: Al Gore & Michael Creighton

December 14: May Sarton

January 11: Bill Bryson



### Non-Fiction Book Review Group

The Nonfiction Book Review Group meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Office. The founders of this group have designed it to be as informal and undemanding as possible. Everyone is given an opportunity to mention nonfiction books they are reading if they wish, or they may pass and just listen.

All are welcome to join in the lively discussions and share favorite nonfiction

### Fellowship Game Night Second Saturday



Last month’s game night attendees enjoyed Scattergories®, Bridge, Scrabble, and Poker. New players and new games are always welcome at our monthly get-together.

Bring your own beverage, and a snack if you wish. A voluntary collection will be taken, in the form of a 50/50 raffle. Half the proceeds go to the Fellowship, the other half to a lucky ticket holder.

Join us starting at 6:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. on Saturday, October 14. Questions? Email

## Bargains Galore from the Fun and Fund-Raising Group



The Fellowship's annual Fall re-sale shop will be in business Saturday October 28.

Look around your home -- is it time to clear out the clutter? Aunt Matilda's teapot may be taking up space and collecting dust. Let us sell it to someone who will love it, while making dollars for the Fellowship coffers.



Good reasons we work hard every year to make the sale a success:

The Fellowship budget benefits from the proceeds.

The sale provides inexpensive goods for members, friends and the less fortunate in our community.

Workers enjoy the time together. It's a good opportunity for fun and fellowship.

I enjoy having items in my home purchased at the sale. Right now I'm using a lamp donated by Marge Owen, a wine

rack contributed by Janine Raby and place mats Otilie Halstead bought in Guatemala. Some years I donate things I bought the previous year. Carolyn Garbett entertains with china donated by Ruth Greenbury. Bud Worrall donated a boat that sold for a good price. I think it was John Jessup who contributed a motorcycle one year.

### What will you contribute?

Call me any time early this month and I'll be glad to receive your items for the sale. We especially want good clean dishes, kitchen equipment, antiques, and really pretty sweaters, purses, jackets and bric-a-brac. Jule Moon will sell your jewelry, both costume and gem quality.

And be sure to come shop and join the fun on October 28 at 8:30, even if you have nothing to donate.

—Celeste Hinds, 928-6526

## Historical Christianity Discussion Series Continues October 26

As part of the Adult Religious Education program, the "Scholarly Perspectives on Historical Christianity" discussion series, presented by humanist minister E. J. Campfield, continues Thursday, October 26, from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship. Two topics will be discussed with a short break between them.

Our first hour topic will be "How Christianity 'Went Platinum'." Early Christianity differed dramatically from Rome, to Greece, to Palestine and Syria, to Egypt and beyond. Our discussion will profile the major proto-Christian rivalries from the time of Paul to the reign of Constantine as we trace how "orthodox" Christianity emerged as the most powerful

theology in modern history.

Our second hour topic will be "The King James Conundrum." Many Christian fundamentalists still regard the "Authorized 1611 King James Version" as the only divinely inspired, inerrant translation of their Bible. Our discussion will focus on the KJV's origins and history and explore the reasoning of those who insist the King James Bible is the literal and unquestionable "Word of God."

Participants should note that these discussions are historical-critical rather than faith-based.

For further details, E. J. Campfield may be reached at (251) 929-1961.

## Social Concerns Committee Plans Film Project

The Social Concerns Committee is buzzing right along with preplanning a project of significance, i.e. producing a documentary film of residents and residences of Fairhope, a human interest film to involve cooperation between community groups that will speak to the issue of integration/diversification without proselytizing.

Among ideas generated by Sterling Bingham of our Fellowship who is volunteering his film-making expertise: creating a historical film shot on location, making children a focal point but also using a cross section of people, eliciting cooperation of as many churches as possible, use of more than one narrator, utilizing interns to help with production, applying for grants, and getting the film into the media. The film is to be respectful and carry a hopeful message to the community.

Rev. John Whitfield, Pastor of Mt. Zion Church and housing promoter for the Ecumenical Association is providing advice. Dr. Whitfield has been a guest speaker at our Fellowship. Pat Smith, committee member, has also received a positive response from her friend, Terry Dale, at the African-American church on Twin Beech Road.

Coincidentally, this endeavor supports a project called "Bridges IV" sponsored by the Quest for Social Justice and the Bay Area Women's Coalition. Their goals are:

*"to promote genuine and substantive interaction across a broad spectrum of area citizens; to increase awareness and understanding of racial issues and to share personal stories; to inspire action (individual and collective) on challenging and divisive issues."*

A Social Concerns Committee member Bert Brun attended their 9/21/06 dinner/discussion at Trinity Lutheran Church in Mobile. He

Anyone interested in this or other activities of the Social Concerns Committee is invited to attend the next meeting: Sunday, October 1, 12:15 p.m. in the office/library, immediately after the coffee.

### Habitat for Humanity Project

Please note that Habitat for Humanity is finishing a home in Fairhope and is starting others in the area. They seek help from anyone wanting to experience the physical and emotional satisfaction of hands-on help for people right here at home. They can also use help in their Re-Sale Shop in Robertsedale. Their newscast flyers will be posted on the bulletin board.

—Ann Chapman

### Mid-South UUA Conference Scheduled October 14 in Macon, GA

The Mid-South Unitarian Universalist Association is holding the 2006 "Healthy Congregation" Conference in Macon, Georgia, on Saturday, October 14, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

This is the conference for training and networking current and emerging leaders! Workshops will be offered in: Leadership, Stewardship, Ministry and Worship, Membership and Communications, Religious Education, Social Justice, and Youth.

Registration is \$25. on line, or \$30. at the door. For details, visit the UUA website:

[www.uua.org/msd](http://www.uua.org/msd), or email June Bryant at [junebryant@cox.net](mailto:junebryant@cox.net)

Fellowship members are encouraged to consider attending this important conference. Social Concerns Chair Ann Chapman (929-0892) has offered to coordinate transportation so that several people can go together.

### NEWSLETTER

Submit calendar events or articles specific to the Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship for publication one week prior to the last Sunday of each month.

Members and Friends are invited to submit poems, quotations or other brief words of wisdom to be published in the newsletter as space allows.

Provide written copy or email to editor at:

**ruthdow@gulftel.com**

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We Need You At  
Our Lawn Party!



Your Fellowship needs you! Come as you are, but bring your gloves — gardening gloves, that is, and any other useful gardening tools you may have — to participate in our “lawn party” October 14, from 8-10 a.m. (November 4 is the rain date.)

What will we be doing at our lawn party? Weeding, trimming and raking are the primary activities planned, and they are much needed to beautify our Fellowship lawn.

If you would like to help, but can't make the October 14 date, just stop by anytime and weed. You can leave the lawn garbage in one of the smaller trash cans inside the fence at the kitchen door and I'll get it out for pick up.

—Mary Ellen Hoffman

### Mark Your Calendar

**Sun., Oct. 1:** Social Concerns Committee, 12:15.

**Thur., Oct. 5:** Non-Fiction Book Group, 9:30 a.m.

**Thur., Oct. 5:** Environment Committee, 7:15 p.m.

**Fri., Oct. 6:** Fellowship Board, 9:30 a.m.

**Sat., Oct. 7:** Saturday Night Documentary, “*The Future of Food*”, 7 p.m.

**Thur., Oct. 12:** Author Discussion Group, 9:30 a.m. Author: Gustave Flaubert

**Sat., Oct. 14:** “Lawn Party” (improving Fellowship landscape), 8-10 a.m.

**Sat., Oct. 14:** Fellowship Game Night, 6:30-9 p.m.

**Thur., Oct. 19:** Non-Fiction Book Group, 9:30 a.m.

**Sat., Oct. 21:** Saturday Night entertainment movie: TBA.

**Sun., Oct. 22:** Prof. James Kennedy speaks on African American Art, 4 p.m.

**Thur., Oct. 26:** Historical Perspectives on Christianity Discussion, 7-9 p.m.

**Sat., Oct. 28:** Semi-Annual Resale Shop, 8:30.

#### Weekly Meetings

**Tuesdays:** Choir rehearsal, 3-4 p.m.

**Wednesdays:** Back Porch Folk Singers, 3-4:30 p.m.

**Fridays:** Potluck Picnics at Fairhope Beach. Approximately 5:30 p.m.

**Sunday Service, Religious Education Classes and Toddler Care, 11 a.m., 1150 Fairhope Ave.**

Adult discussion group meets each Sunday at 10 a.m. Come join us!

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[www.fairhopeuu.org](http://www.fairhopeuu.org).