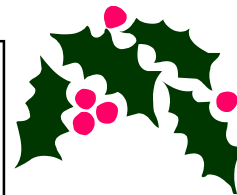


December 2010



# Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship

A Member of the Unitarian Universalist Association



**Dec. 5** **PINKY BASS AND RICHARD BOND: “SING, REMEMBER, RE-THINK”**  
*Music has always been and continues to be an important part of Southern culture. Come and join us in singing some of the old favorites, traditional songs and hymns you may remember from your past. These songs convey a variety of emotions and images of the human condition. Pinky Bass, an internationally recognized artist and musician, and Richard Bond, a retired professor of philosophy, will examine each of the songs in light of the seven Unitarian core principles. The goal is for everyone to have some FUN along the way.*

Introduction: Judy Bond

**Dec. 12** **ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FAIRHOPE UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
*Included will be the election of 2010 officers and approval of the 2011 budget.*

President Robin Fabel presiding

**Dec. 19** **RAY ABLES & THE CHILDREN’S FELLOWSHIP: “PERFORMANCE BASED ON RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER”**  
*This holiday program will feature a song by Ray, his narrative about the life of the creator of the song Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer; a shadow play by the Children of the R.E. class based on the song; and a poem by Bert Brun.*

Introduction: Bert Brun

**Dec. 26** **GAIL PARK: “GRATITUDE, FORGIVENESS, AND THE SPIRITUAL PATH”**  
*The talk approaches forgiveness from several cultural perspectives, including Buddhist, Christian and Native American. Several practices to help the audience work with forgiveness in their own lives will be presented.*

Introduction: Edith Hinrichs



**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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## HOLIDAY CONCERT DEC. 19 AT FUF TO BENEFIT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

To raise funds for our Fellowship's scholarship program, Jeanine "Dr. Jazz" Normand, in a program titled "Winter Solstice and Holiday Jazz Concert," presents holiday music plus sentimental and jazzy favorites on our grand piano Sunday afternoon, December 19, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

In addition, holiday baked goods will be for sale in the lobby. All contributions received for the concert and bake sale go directly to the scholarship fund that pays the tuition for a commendable nursing student in need at Faulkner State Community College in Fairhope.

Jeanine "Dr. Jazz" Normand was born in New Orleans, playing twinkling glamour piano and danceable jazz at festivals, high-end fundraisers, and the best venues across Europe and the USA. She debuted at 12 in her father's legendary Jack Normand Orchestra at the Grand Hotel in Point Clear, AL. She is a lifelong professional musician, starting as a concert pianist and becoming a bandleader, performing around the USA, in the Caribbean, and in Europe.

All music arrangements are by Normand.

While there will be no fee for admission, all free-will donations are gladly accepted. Please make checks payable to the Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship (and in the memo line, note that it's for the scholarship fund).



*Submitted by Jeanine Normand*

October 2010 FINANCIAL SUMMARY				
	October	Actual YTD	Budgeted YTD	Surplus/ (Deficit)
<b>Support and Revenue</b>				
Contributions	3,029	31,323	35,000	(3,677)
Other Revenue	1,772	4,426	4,167	259
<b>Total Support and Revenue</b>	<b>4,801</b>	<b>35,749</b>	<b>39,167</b>	<b>(3,417)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Building	2,242	24,100	26,117	2,017
Committees	1,351	8,374	9,883	1,509
Donations	900	1,800	3,167	1,367
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>4,493</b>	<b>34,274</b>	<b>39,167</b>	<b>4,893</b>
<b>Net Operating Increase/ (Decrease)</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>1,475</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,475</b>

## Special Lecture at FUF Dec. 2 “To Render a Life: The Poor in Alabama”

*Note: This information appears only in abbreviated form in the print copy of the December Newsletter. Information on this program was received late, but it seemed important that you receive all the details; fortunately, the flexibility of the electronic newsletter allows us to add an extra page. —RG*

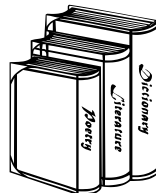
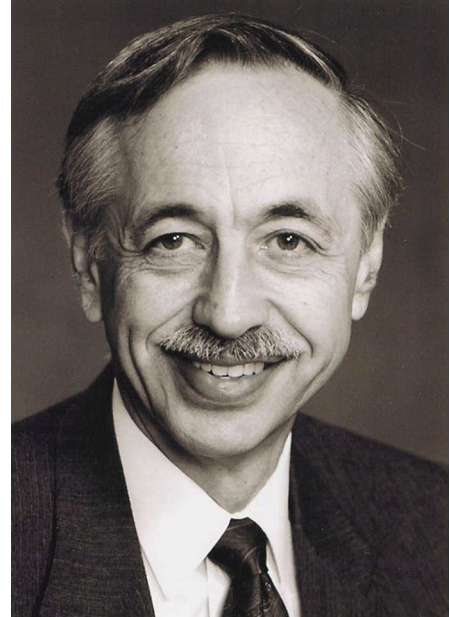
**Dr. Wayne Flynt** will be a special guest lecturer at the Fellowship on Thursday, December 2 at 7 p.m. His topic will be “To Render a Life: The Poor in Alabama.” The talk will include comments and questions from the audience, followed by light refreshments. The public is invited to attend. There is no charge for admission.

Flynt explains, “Most Americans (and Alabamians in particular) believe the poor are mostly people of color, recent immigrants, or other marginal people. Actually, most poor Americans are white, and live in four largely rural contiguous areas, three of them in the South: Appalachia, where most poor are white; the historic cotton belt, where most are black; the Rio Grande Valley, where most are Latino; and the Southwestern Indian reservations. Many poor people have rich oral cultures and most work some portion of every year. Few poor Americans are poor for a lifetime or even a long time, though the total numbers of the poor have remained fairly constant since the 1970s.”

Flynt received his Ph.D. from Florida State University in 1965, and since that time has spent a lifetime devoted to humanitarian efforts. Along with his 40 year teaching career at Samford and Auburn universities, he has been a community activist. He has won many awards, not only for his teaching, but for his service on behalf of disadvantaged people. He was a founder of both the Alabama Poverty Project and Sowing Seeds of Hope. He has served on the boards of Voices for Alabama’s Children.

His honors included: selection in 1992 as Alabamian of the Year; Friend of the Children Award, Child Advocacy Award; Hugo Black Award for service to Alabama and the nation; Leadership Alabama Lifetime Achievement Award. He has been the subject of two Alabama Public Television documentaries.

Among the eleven books he has authored are “**Poor but Proud: Alabama’s Poor Whites,**” and “**Alabama in the Twentieth Century.**” His books have won awards from the Southern Regional Council, the Alabama Library Association, the Alabama Historical Association, and the University of Alabama Press.



## AGENDA FOR FUF ANNUAL MEETING, DECEMBER 12, 2010

**ROBIN FABEL,  
PRESIDENT, PRESIDING**

- I. Approval of the Minutes of 2009 annual meeting.
- II. Treasurer's Report: Pat Smith
- III. Reports: Committee chairs are asked to file their annual written report with the Secretary. These will be available in the January newsletter
- IV. Old Business: None
- V. New Business
  1. Proposed 2011 Budget: Pat Smith, Chair of the Budget Committee
  2. Election of 2010 Officers: Ruth Geraci, Chair of the Nominating Committee
- VI. Adjournment

*--Submitted by Michael Patrick  
Chairman of the Board*

Reminder: While all are welcome to attend the Annual Meeting, only Members of the Fellowship may participate in voting.



### Thank You!

Generous donations at the scholarship benefit piano concert in November brought in enough money to pay for a full semester scholarship.

Jeanine "Dr. Jazz" Normand donated her talents. And we couldn't have done it without the volunteers who did all of the extra work to put on the concert and bake sale, thanks to them. Essentially, there were no costs so all contributions went to the scholarship fund and are greatly appreciated. Thank you very much!

*Submitted by Jeanine Normand*

## NOVEMBER Board Meeting Summary

At its November meeting, your Board of Directors:

Approved the minutes and Treasurer's report;

Discussed repairs to be done to the building and how best to complete those repairs;

Sent a letter of appreciation to Stu Chapman for his years as building maintenance chair;

Discussed upcoming programs and the annual meeting;

Discussed contract to supply a cabinet for our new electric screen;

Decided there is a need for an A/V committee;

Heard the nominating committee's recommended slate of officers for next year;

Heard the budget committee's recommendations for next year;

Decided that written committee reports will be printed in the January newsletter;

Discussed our relationship with UUA and the importance of maintaining our tax exempt status;

Discussed independent contractors vs employees vis-à-vis Workers' Comp.

*—Submitted by Pam Perkins*

## DECEMBER BOARD AGENDA

The Board will meet at 10am Friday, December 3 at the Fellowship. Agenda items include:

- Building Maintenance Report
- Program Committee (Bert Brun)
- Electric screen (Aaron Hinrichs)
- Change in insurance policy
- New committee chairs
- SAC Report

Fellowship members are reminded that all FUF Board meetings are open and any member is welcome to attend.

*—Submitted by Michael Patrick*



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## SUPPORT AND REVENUE

### Support:

Contributions

42,000.00      42,000.00

### **Total Support**

**42,000.00      42,000.00**

### Revenue:

Miscellaneous Fund Raisers

2,000.00      2,000.00

Building Usage

Concerts & Events (net)

Yard Sales (net)

3,000.00      3,000.00

### **Total Revenue**

**5,000.00      5,000.00**

### **TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE**

**47,000.00      47,000.00**

## EXPENSES

### Building Expenses:

FSTC Lease

1,400.00      1,400.00

Grounds

4,750.00      4,750.00

Insurance

7,500.00      7,500.00

Janitorial Services

6,000.00      6,000.00

Maintenance

5,000.00      5,000.00

Utilities

6,690.00      6,690.00

### **Total Building Expenses**

**31,340.00      31,340.00**

### Committee Expenses:

AdminOffice

600.00      400.00

Art

600.00      800.00

Caring/Concerns

200.00      200.00

Education

3,000.00      3,000.00

Membership

100.00      100.00

Music

3,280.00      3,280.00

Newsletter

800.00      800.00

Program

2,800.00      2,800.00

Publicity

480.00      480.00

### **Total Committee Expenses**

**11,860.00      11,860.00**

### Charitable Donation Expenses:

National UUA

1,200.00      1,200.00

MidSouth UUA

600.00      600.00

SAC Nursing Scholarships

1,000.00      1,000.00

Other Donations

1,000.00      1,000.00

### **Total Charitable Donation Expenses**

**3,800.00      3,800.00**

### **TOTAL EXPENSES**

**47,000.00      47,000.00**

**NET OPERATING INCREASE/(DECREASE)**

**0.00**

**0.00**

## Nominees for 2011 FUF Board Officers Announced

The following slate of officers for 2011 has been proposed by the current FUF Nominating Committee which consists of Phil Strniste, Diana Gardiner, and Ruth Geraci, chair. The slate was approved by the Board of Directors for presentation to the FUF Membership to vote upon at the Annual Meeting:

**President: Michael Patrick**

**Chairman of the Board: Robin Fabel**

**Vice President: Bert Brun**

**Vice President for Programs: Jessie Rose**

**Treasurer: Pat Smith**

**Recording Secretary: Juanie Noland**

**Corresponding Secretary: Thelma Topper**

According to the Fellowship's Bylaws, other nominations for 2011 Officers can be proposed by FUF Members from the floor at the Annual Meeting December 12, 2010, however, intent to do so and consent of those to be nominated shall be made known to the presiding officer at least one week prior to the election so that a secret ballot may be arranged for positions for which two or more persons shall have been nominated. (Article VII, Sect.4.)

### You Can Still Drop.... And Shop!

Now that the autumn sale is over and done, the yard sale committee is ready to begin receiving items in the garden shed again. Please keep in mind that our space is limited, and be sure your items are clean and in good repair. You are also invited to come out and shop as long as the weather permits.

—submitted by Pam Perkins

### Invitation to March for Peace

The Fairhope Annual Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, Dec. 4 this year. As in years past the Eastern Shore Peace Association will be represented by all who choose to walk for peace in the parade. We will have a "CHOOSE PEACE" banner, and as many candles in jars (filling the bottoms with sand works well) as you bring. Our assigned spot is #13 with the line-up starting on Morphy and Section St. and going back towards the bay. Just look for the banner between #'s 12-14. Please be in line by 6:30. If you have any questions call Holly 928-1010.

--Submitted by Holly Couret

### Help Us Brighten the Fellowship This Winter!

Fellowship Members Ruth Geraci and Diana Gardiner are collecting funds to provide multiple poinsettias to brighten the Fellowship this winter. While \$10 will definitely purchase an eight-inch potted plant, you are welcome to donate any amount toward this effort. Perhaps you'd like to purchase a plant and dedicate it to the memory of someone special, or honor someone you care about. We will put tasteful tags on the plants purchased for this purpose, and you can take them home when you wish, but hopefully not until January!

**We will collect donations Sunday, Dec. 5 in the foyer.** The poinsettias will be purchased from a local grower for the best price (which depends on the quantity purchased.). Any left over funds will go to the Fellowship, but we hope to have numerous poinsettias brightening our Fellowship in December. While considered by the ancient Aztecs to be symbols of purity, in today's language of flowers, poinsettias, the December birth flower, symbolize good cheer and success and are said to bring wishes of mirth and celebration.

—submitted by Ruth Geraci





## Christmas Dinner at FUF

As we've done for several years, we'll have Christmas dinner at the Fellowship this year! Members and friends who won't be spending the holiday with family or friends are invited to join in the festivities. Everyone who attends brings holiday foods which are special to them, and in the past this has always meant a feast!

We'll have a decorating party earlier in the week to put up the Fellowship Christmas trees. We'll announce the date ahead of time, and all are welcome to help!

We'll gather after four o'clock on Christmas Day for wine or punch and socializing. The buffet dinner will be served at five. Plan on helping with the planning or cleanup, and stay around for an evening of conversation and fun!

Signups for the dinner and committees will begin December 12. Sign up in the foyer.

*submitted by Jean Lawrence*

## "Guest at Your Table" Begins

The annual Guest At Your Table project is underway. Boxes in which you can accumulate change throughout the five-week collection time are available Sunday mornings in the foyer, along with flyers that describe some of the initiatives undertaken by the UUSC (Unitarian Universalist Service Committee). UUSC has a world-wide outreach to assist people and the environment, described in flyers also available in the foyer. The box collections are an assist in thinking about a guest-in-need as though that person were indeed with you, then drop change into your box each day. There are also envelopes for those who prefer to make a single donation. The date to return your donations is **Sunday, January 9.**

FUF utilizes UUSC's comprehensive organization for a wider outreach, whereas our initiatives stress local needs. —*submitted by Ann Chapman*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Wed., Dec. 1:** Back Porch Folk Singers 3-430pm  
**Thu., Dec. 2:** Non-Fiction Book Group 930am  
**Thu., Dec. 2:** Special Program at FUF 7pm  
**Fri., Dec. 3:** Show-Tunes Singers 3-4pm  
**Fri., Dec. 3:** Board Meeting 10am  
**Sun., Dec. 5:** TED Discussion Group 945am  
**Tue., Dec. 7:** Knitters' Group 1-330pm  
**Tue., Dec. 7:** Choir rehearsal 330pm  
**Wed., Dec. 8:** Back Porch Folk Singers 3-430pm  
**Fri., Dec. 10:** Show-Tunes Singers 3-4pm  
**Sat., Dec. 11:** Game Night 630-930pm  
**Sun., Dec.12:** TED Discussion Group 945am  
**Tue., Dec. 14 :** Knitters Group 1-330pm  
**Tue., Dec. 14 :** Choir rehearsal 330pm  
**Wed., Dec. 15:** Back Porch Folk Singers 3-430pm  
**Thu., Dec. 16:** Non-Fiction Book Group 930am  
**Fri., Dec. 17:** Show-Tunes Singers 3-4pm  
**Sun., Dec. 19:** TED Discussion Group 945am  
**Sun., Dec. 19:** Piano Concert, 230-430pm  
**Tue., Dec. 21:** Knitters' Group 1-330pm  
**Tue., Dec. 21:** Choir rehearsal 330pm  
**Wed., Dec. 22:** Back Porch Folk Singers 3-430pm  
**Sat., Dec. 25:** Christmas at FUF 4pm  
**Sun., Dec. 26:** TED Discussion Group 945am  
**Tue., Dec. 28:** Knitters' Group 1-330pm  
**Tue., Dec. 28:** Choir rehearsal 330pm  
**Wed., Dec. 29:** Back Porch Folk Singers 3-430pm  
**Fri., Dec. 31:** Show-Tunes Singers 3-4pm



## 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.

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