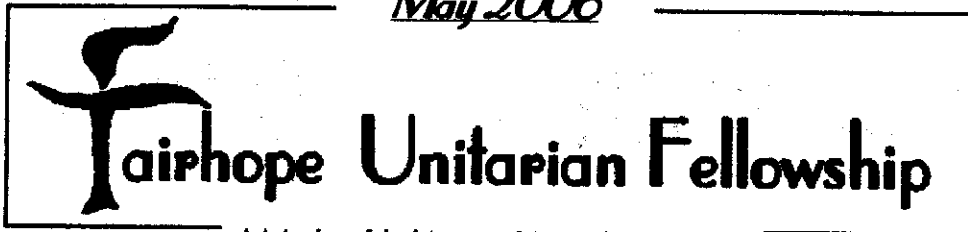


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May 7 ELAINE SNYDER-CONN: "Voyages of Darwin, Through Time, Space and Theology"

Zoologist, professor, consultant, dog musher, researcher, and environmental contaminant specialist Elaine Snyder-Conn has a rich background of experience from which to draw as she shares one of her keen interests with us.

Introduction: Henry Albers

Greeter: Ann & Stu Chapman

Cookies: Forrest Warrall & Joan Ross

May 14 HARVEY JOANNING: "The Changing Shape of Motherhood"

Fellowship member and psychologist Dr. Harvey Joanning will describe the evolution of motherhood from prehistoric times to the present day. The interplay of motherhood with women's role in contemporary society will be explored.

Introduction: Wilma Albers

Greeter: John & Debbie Jessup

Cookies: Ruth Greenbury & Jinx Bachtell

May 21 KEN NIEMEYER: "Where is the Bar?"

Longtime Unitarian Ken Niemeyer considers today's morals, ethics, politics, health, wealth, education and more, in comparison to the "good old days", and suggests raising the bar.

Introduction: Celeste Hinds

Greeter: Ruth Geraci

Cookies: Teko Wiseman & Otilie Halstead

May 28 VIVIAN BECKERLE: "Is There Any Justification for War?"

Vivian Beckerle served in the military for twenty years, retiring with the rank of Major. She currently practices law with her husband and daughter at Beckerle, Smith & Beckerle, and is a charter member and deacon of Hillcrest Baptist Church.

Introduction: Katherine Thompson

Greeter: Helen Earl

The Fourth Sunday potluck will follow the program. Please bring a dish to share.

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

April Fellowship Board Report

April 7, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. Board members present were Jon Leff, Diane Tracey, Diane Ehlers, Pam Perkins, Ruth Geraci, EJ Campfield, Wilma Albers, John Raby, and Ed Lawrence. Also present was Michael Patrick.

- Last month's minutes were approved.
- 21 responses to survey received to date. Survey data to be evaluated at next meeting.
- Budget for charitable contributions increased by \$1,000 due to memorial gifts.
- Summer season of low attendance and slow income may necessitate stepping up requests for more contributions.
- Mithril concert brought in less than expected; other concerts being considered with different artists.
- Building usage is less than anticipated.
- Several committee chair positions remain unfilled.
- Ruth Geraci will take over typing up the Sunday bulletin starting in May.
- New website is in beta testing.
- Citizens for Responsible Government requests permission to hold a debate in our building between candidates for U.S. House of Representatives.
- All participants in the spring resale shop event to be commended.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10.

Pam Perkins

Recording Secretary

Remembrance Celebration

On Sunday, May 7th at 3:00 pm at the Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship, Covenant Hospice will host a Remembrance Celebration to acknowledge those whose physical presence is no longer with us, and to honor you, their loved ones.

Please bring a picture of any loved one(s) you'd like to acknowledge, which will be displayed during the service. If you can't attend but would like your loved one's name mentioned, please call Lee Green at 251-626-5255.

Refreshments will be served.

Terri Mandell-Campfield

Saturday Evening Movies

Those attending our Saturday evening movies decided that they wanted two movies each month: a documentary on a current issue of concern (usually on the first Saturday), and a non-documentary (usually but not always on the third Saturday of the month). Movies are held at 7 p.m. at the Fellowship building. No charge for admission, but contributions are accepted. Movies for May are as follows:

Saturday, May 6 at 7 p.m.

"Liberty Bound". 2004, 87 minutes

This film explores the unanswered questions surrounding the attacks of 9/11, examines the U.S. government's reasons for war with Afghanistan and Iraq. It is about courage and fear, ignorance and knowledge, propaganda and rhetoric.

Saturday, May 13 at 7 p.m.

"Little Shop of Horrors" 1986, 94 minutes.

"The looniest, nuttiest, most outrageous movie musical comedy in years."

Ed Lawrence

Thank You! to all Resale Shop Volunteers

Our biggest fundraiser of the year, our "Resale Shop", was an unparalleled success. The net profit as of this writing is \$2657.90, with a few items still out on consignment or waiting to be sold in other ways.

Our volunteers were energetic and numerous, too many to mention individually.

So, How Do We Thank You?

- ◆ We thank you for donating your excellent clean, good quality, salable items.
- ◆ We thank you for picking up and hauling items to the sale.
- ◆ We thank you for sorting the merchandise.
- ◆ We thank you for displaying the items in the most attractive manner.
- ◆ We thank you for pricing the hundreds of donations.
- ◆ We thank you for the publicity and for putting out the signs.
- ◆ We thank you for rushing to set up the sale at 6 a.m. Saturday.
- ◆ We thank you for coming to work all three days.
- ◆ We thank you for cashiering, selling, and supervising the Resale Shop.
- ◆ We thank you for your donations of food to sustain the hungry workers..
- ◆ We thank you for cleaning up after the sale.
- ◆ We thank you for hauling the unsold items to charities.
- ◆ We thank you for your good humor, good companionship, and good will.

We're delighted that our unsold items were donated to other good causes. Goodwill received a vanload of items, as

did Sister Julie's Eastern Shore Affordable Housing. We're happy that what we don't sell can be given to other local groups. Our donations are never wasted. We make sure that someone else can receive benefit from what we don't use.

As a Fellowship which asks each person to be generous in his or her own way, and which has proudly avoided having to ask for pledges, we depend on our fundraisers to keep us financially healthy. We thank you for helping to maintain that fiscal health.

We thank you, Robert Browning, for inspiration. As he would have said, "*How do I love you? Let me count the ways.*"

We say that, too.

Jean Lawrence

Fellowship Website Up and Running

The Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship website has a bright new look and is now faster and easier to navigate than ever before. Check the website frequently for information on Sunday speakers as well as updates on fellowship activities and special music, movie and art events. Visit the website at

www.fairhopeuu.org

And beginning with this issue, you can help us save paper and postage by downloading the monthly newsletter to print out yourself or read right on your computer screen. Just click on the "Newsletter" link in the navigation box and follow the prompts. A repository of back issues will be kept on the page for access and downloading too.

You can send program and activity information and images for posting on the website to the Fellowship's webmaster E. J. Campfield at

ejcampfield@bellsouth.net

"Gospel of Judas"
To Be Presented June 1

The "Scholarly Perspectives on Historical Christianity" discussion series presented by E. J. Campfield continues Thursday evening, June 1, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship.

We will be viewing and discussing *The Gospel of Judas*, a 90-minute National Geographic special that premiered in April. This controversial program explores the discovery and translation of "The Gospel of Judas Iscariot," an early Gnostic Christian text believed lost for over 1,700 years until a papyrus copy emerged in Egypt some 30 years ago. It explores the authentication process and reveals key insight gleaned from its laborious translation and interpretation.

In addition to historic recreations that portray the complex times in which this gospel was written, the program also examines the intriguing modern history of the document since it was found, including the exhaustive restoration and conservation process.

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

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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Thanks to RB7

Fellowship members have noticed and appreciated the work that goes into the design of the Fellowship's current Sunday Bulletin. We all owe a debt of thanks to Dr. Ralph Buckley (known to me primarily as RB7@bellsouth.net) for his efforts to provide a readable, attractive handout.

Ralph has requested a sabbatical from Bulletin preparation, due to his current professional workload.

I will take over putting together the Bulletin for the time being, and Pam Perkins will see that it gets printed for each Sunday. The wonderful color and design Ralph has created with his advanced computer skills and technology will be missed, but we will make every effort to continue the thoughtful and organized content.

Thanks, Ralph, we wish you well in your work, and hope you'll resume preparing the Sunday Bulletin sometime in the future.

Ruth Geraci

Mark Your May Calendar

Fri., May 5: Long-range Planning Committee Meeting. 9:30 a.m.

Sat., May 6: Saturday Evening Movies, "Liberty Bound". 7p.m.

Sun., May 7: Remembrance Celebration. 3 p.m.

Thur., May 11: Book Discussion Group. Author: Annie Proulx. 9:30 a.m.

Sat., May 13: Saturday Evening Movies, "Little Shop of Horrors." 7 p.m.

Thur., June 1: "Scholarly Perspectives on Historical Christianity" discussion series: "The Gospel of Judas". 7-9 p.m.

Regular Weekly Meetings:

Tuesdays: Choir rehearsal, 2:50 p.m.

Wednesdays: Simple Gifts, 2 p.m.