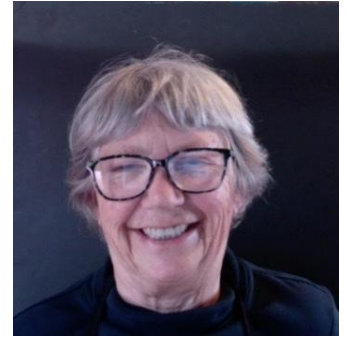


Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship: April 2024 Programs. 11 a.m. Sundays 1150 Fairhope Avenue

April 7th: Elaine Snyder-Conn: Pesticides: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

There are more than 1000 pesticides available now. What are their benefits and costs? Elaine will look at healthy and unhealthy foods, and how to protect yourself from the health risks posed by pesticides, herbicides, insecticides and fungicides. Politicians have dodged strict regulation, with the EPA pesticides often headed by a former pesticide company executive. Recent link-ups between pesticide producers and the drug industry will likely exacerbate this.



Elaine Snyder-Conn was a Contaminant Specialist in U.S Fish & Wildlife for 18 years researching pesticides in water, arctic snow, sediments, birds, fish & invertebrates. She served as National Integrated Pest Management Coordinator for the Service, reviewing pesticide use in national wildlife refuges and hatcheries in the U.S.



April 14th: Anne Perez: A History of Modern Israel

This talk will look at the beginning of the Zionist movement through the foundation of Israel in 1948 and some of the main characteristics and turning points of the country since then: the role of religion in the government and society and its relationship to the Palestinians.

Anne Perez is an historian of modern Jewish and Israeli history. Her first book, *Understanding Zionism: History and Perspectives*, released with Fortress Press this past May. She is an adjunct History instructor at the University of South Alabama and she and her family are members at Christ United Church in Mobile.

April 21st: Randal Wright: The Story of the Fairhope Public Library

This presentation will share the role of the Library Board in maintaining and protecting the Fairhope Public Library in our Community. We raise money for programming, equipment, & activities beyond what city budget allows. We have just spearheaded a major campaign: Love Our Library raising over a million dollars for the library's upstairs renovation. We safeguard the future by advocating with City Council members. This is our mission for over 60 years.



Randal Wright is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Fairhope Public Library. Having spent 38 years as the wife of an Army helicopter pilot, 28 years as a public school teacher, 43 years as the mother of 2 incredible daughters, and 64 years as the daughter of Arvah and Becky Lou, Randal Hopkins Wright was thrilled to call Fairhope, Alabama her permanent home in 2012.



April 28th: Alabama Arise: Building an Alabama that works for all of us

Dev will cover developments in public policy through the lens mainly of the State House. This may be a legislative recap by that date, but it may also include some late-session advocacy opportunities. I'll cover some networking and power-building opportunities broader than those at the State House as well.

Dev Wakeley is Alabama Arise's worker policy advocate. His policy work has covered criminal justice including the death penalty, predatory lending, voting rights,

He currently covers workers' rights policy and equitable economic development, housing and transit.