



Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship

April 2022

A Member of the Unitarian Universalist Association

SUNDAY PROGRAM

Apr 3 ALINDA GYNES MCGOWIN: “Cataracts: Everyone Gets Them...Eventually”

A tour of the eye and how it works will be followed by a discussion of cataracts: what they are, how they are treated, and what to expect. Dr. McGowin is a board-certified ophthalmologist and cataract surgeon with Vision Partners and practices in both Mobile and Baldwin counties. Her 2008 graduation from UAB Medical School was followed by an internship at Georgetown/Washington Hospital Center in internal medicine and a surgical residency at the University of Tennessee Hamilton Eye Institute.

Apr 10 KIMBERLY PETTWAY:

“The Creation Of Race and the Re-Creation Of Racial Ideologies In America”

Kimberly Pettway will lead us in an exploration of the ideologies that led to the social construction of race and the legacies left behind. Additionally, she will explore why we continue to recreate racial narratives despite knowing that these concepts are fallacies. A Social Work instructor at the University of South Alabama, Ms. Pettway is also a seasoned activist and independent consultant specializing in issues surrounding equity and the dismantling of the racial narratives in America.

Apr 17 CARLA COURET: “The Flower and the Egg - Symbols of Rebirth”

On Easter Sunday, member Carla Couret will lead us in contemplation of two core symbols of rebirth and renewal—the flower and the egg. She invites members and friends to bring a bloom from their own garden or world to participate in the beautiful Unitarian Universalists tradition of Flower Communion while she shares readings and explorations of the flower and the egg. Having obtained degrees in Psychology and Nursing, Ms. Couret has managed three group homes for mentally disabled individuals: a girl's home, boy's home, and co-ed home. She now plans to combine these experiences as a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner. Along with being a registered nurse, Carla is also a human rights advocate, as well as the office administrator at this Fellowship.

Apr 24 CHARLENE LEE: “Building a Healthy Community—Step by Step”

The potential of Walking School Buses to be a transformative agent for school and community health and livability will be described by Fairhope Walking School Bus founder, Charlene Lee. Lee knows community. She helped create Fairhoppers Community Park, worked on community planning with Smart Coast, and partnered with Baldwin County Trailblazers to initiate and direct the first daily Walking School Bus in the state of Alabama. All in addition to her previous work teaching high school PE, coaching gymnastics, directing adventure therapy programs in adolescent psychiatry and alternative juvenile justice settings, and facilitating team building programs

SUNDAY SERVICE 11:00 AM

(“In person” and on Zoom--check FairhopeUU/programs.org for zoom link)

MUSIC PRELUDE BEGINS 10:45 AM

“A Chosen Faith” Book DISCUSSION GROUP 9:45 am

CHILDREN’S FELLOWSHIP 10:30 am

All visitors are warmly invited to participate as our guests.

Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship welcomes and embraces people of any age, race, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, ability, language, or cultural background.

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Unitarian Universalist Seven Principles

Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm and promote seven Principles, which we hold as strong values and moral guides, rather than dogma or doctrine. We live out these Principles within a “living tradition” of wisdom and spirituality, drawn from [sources](#) as diverse as science, poetry, scripture, and personal experience.

1. [1st Principle](#): The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
2. [2nd Principle](#): Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
3. [3rd Principle](#): Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
4. [4th Principle](#): A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
5. [5th Principle](#): The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
6. [6th Principle](#): The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
7. [7th Principle](#): Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Sources

- Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life;
- Words and deeds of prophetic people which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love;
- Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;
- Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;
- Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit;
- Spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

The seven Principles and six [Sources](#) of the Unitarian Universalist Association grew out of the grassroots of our communities, were affirmed democratically, and are part of who we are.

FELLOWSHIP BUSINESS



Financial Summaries

January, 2022

	January	YTD
Support and Revenue		
Contributions	2,108	2,108
Other Revenue	515	515
Total Support and Revenue	2,623	2,623
 Expenses		
Building	1,959	1,959
Committees	1,194	1,194
Donations	100	100
Total Expenses	3,253	3,253
 Net Operating Increase/(Decrease)	(630)	(630)

February, 2022

	February	YTD
Support and Revenue		
Contributions	2,085	4,193
Other Revenue	0	515
Total Support and Revenue	2,085	4,708
 Expenses		
Building	1,829	3,788
Committees	520	1,714
Donations	0	550
Total Expenses	2,349	6,052
 Net Operating Increase/(Decrease)	(264)	(1,344)

FUF April Board Meeting

The next meeting will be on Friday, April 15 at 10:30 until noon. Anyone wishing to add an item to the agenda please notify Harvey Joanning, joanning@iastate.edu, and include a description/summary of the item so board members can read and think about it before the meeting. Items will be added until noon Thursday, April 14. The final agenda will be sent out that afternoon, April 14. (Cont'd next page)



To save time during the meeting, comments should be kept as short as possible. Members will be called on to speak one at a time. Carl Couret will keep track of who speaks next based on when members raised their hand. It is hard for the Chair to watch everyone if focusing on the speaker and trying to summarize what they are saying. That is why Carl will monitor whose turn it is. After all Board members have spoken, the Chair will ask audience members if they have comments. In the interest of finishing the meeting by noon, no new items will be added during the meeting.

Submitted by Harvey Joanning, Board Chair

What Would We Do Without the People Below?

For the year of 2022, these members are in charge of coordinating the different activities that go on regularly at the Fellowship

Readers : Michael Patrick patrick36532@bellsouth.net

Chalice Lighters: Thelma Topper topfairhope@yahoo.com

Sunday Music : Gwen Snyder snydergwen@yahoo.com

Newsletter: Jane Finger jane09@gmail.com

Sunday Bulletin & Weekender: Mary Matthews matthewsmary29@yahoo.com

Sunday Speakers: Sarah Rutledge Fischer sarahrutledgefischer@gmail.com

Art Exhibits: Mark Oehler 1pot1fish@gmail.com>

Free Pantry: Donna Orchard donnaforchard@gmail.com;

Irene Wegner hgbiker44@gmail.com>

FUF information distributed via email: Carla Couret fairhopeunitarianfellowship@gmail.com

FUF Board Chairman: Harvey Joanning joanning@iastate.edu

President: Carl Couret ccouretjr@yahoo.com

Committees Still in Need of Chairpersons

Building Usage (non-member usage, rentals)

Education (but there are members)

Fundraising (other than music)

Helping Hands (for members in need)

Hospitality (Kitchen)

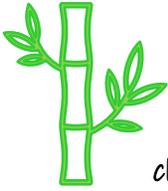
Special Events (other than music)

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE



New Members. If you've joined the Fellowship in the (unusual) last two years, we want to get to know you. Won't you please tell us anything you'd like us to know about yourself to publish in a future Newsletter--include a picture if you'd like to. Send to Newsletter editor, jane09@gmail.com

GROUNDS COMMITTEE



Spring Clean UP

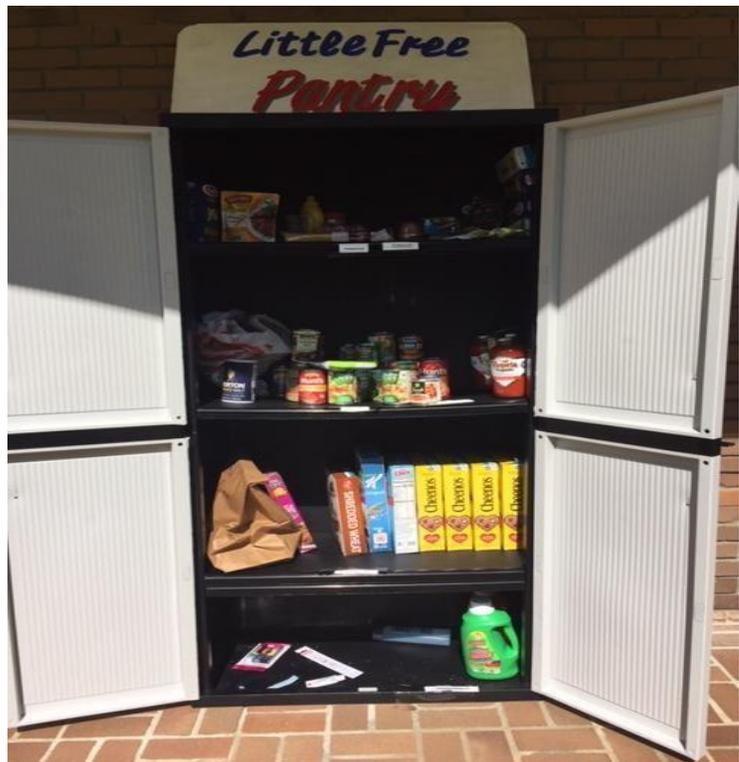


Many thanks to all who participated and worked so hard to clean up our grounds on March 20, especially our chair, Suzanne Tormoen and her very able assistants, Phil and Harvey. Robin did great job pruning all those tall bushes facing the street. Likewise, Nancy and Mark on those to the right of the entrance. It took practically a village to weed and prune the beds on the left: Thelma, Vivian, Suzanne, Rodney, even Julie Brent, (who has returned to Fairhope—welcome back, Julie). Don Joffe was all over the grounds pruning, raking, and collecting and dumping debris. If you haven't already, please notice the area to the right side of the shed where Josh, Phil, and Suzanne stayed overtime to turn a virtual hurricane debris pile into a soon-to-be beautiful display of Elephant Ears. Thanks also to all who contributed plants from their own gardens to transplant. Last, but not least, thanks to Dana for the delicious donuts, muffins, and satsumas to keep us nourished.

The Little Free Pantry Is Open Again.

Ongoing needs

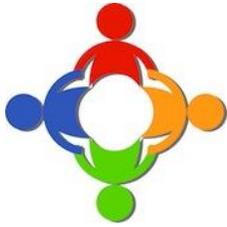
- Canned Meats
- Paper towels
- Pasta Sauce
- Laundry detergent
- Peanut butter
- Dish detergent
- Canned Fruits
- Canned Vegetables
- Dry Soup
- Soups with meat
- Jelly
- Diapers
- Baby wipe
- Tooth paste/brushes
- First aid items



Thanks to all our Donors!

GROUP ACTIVITIES

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



NON-FICTION BOOK GROUP

From its start individualism and consensus dominated the practice of our non-fiction group. Unlike most such groups, its members do not all read the same book or author. Instead, each reads and reports on whatever he or she is reading at the time. It may be a book or, equally well, an article or pamphlet. Participants summarize their reading in ten minutes or so, before general discussion and questions. History, biography, science, and current politics are favorite topics. Only fiction is unacceptable. The group meets at 9:30 every other Thursday morning in the FUF lobby, unless public holidays clash. With presentations done, some members head for lunch and more talk at a local cafe.

Submitted by Robin Fabel, Moderator

“BEER” DISCUSSION GROUP

Convening weekly at a local restaurant (currently Fish River Grill) where beer is sold—as well as food and other beverages--this free-wheeling discussion group welcomes all comers. (One doesn’t have to know anything about beer or even like beer to be an active participant in this group). Some choose to complement the discussion by ordering dinner.

Submitted by Michael Patrick

“A CHOSEN FAITH” BOOK DISCUSSION

Two separate small groups meet at the Fellowship, one every Sunday at 9:45 and one every Friday at 10:00, to discuss a chapter or two of the new edition of this classic introductory text on Unitarianism. Anyone interested is welcome to join either. For more information contact Jane Finger—or just show up at one of the meetings.

Submitted by Jane Finger, Moderator

Regularly Scheduled Events at FUF

Sundays

- 9:45 – 10:45 *Chosen Faith* Discussion Group
- 10:30—Children’s Fellowship
- 10:45 -- Pre-program Music
- 11:00 -- Sunday Service

Mondays

- 2:00 - 4:00 Uke Club

Wednesdays

- 3:00 – 4:30 Back Porch Folk Singers Practice
- 4:45 -- Eastern Shore String Rehearsal
- 5:00 – Weekly Bulletin Deadline

Thursdays

- 5:00 – 7:00 Beer Group (at Fish River Grill)

Fridays

- 10:00 -- *Chosen Faith* Discussion Group

Other Events

Thu, Apr 7: Non-Fiction Bk Group, 9:30 am

Sun, Apr 17: Envir’l/Soc’l Act’n Com, 12:20



Tues, Apr 19: May Newsltr deadline, 5 pm

(Unless otherwise noted, always 5 days before the last Sunday of the month)

Thu, Apr 21: Non-Fiction Bk Group, 9:30 am

SUNDAY BULLETIN DEADLINE
Wednesday at 5:00 pm is the deadline for information to be included in the weekly bulletin. Submit to Mary Matthews.

NEWSLETTER
Submit calendar events or articles specific to the Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship by the date 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,
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