



Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship

January 2022

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A Member of the Unitarian Universalist Association

SUNDAY PROGRAM

Jan 2 MICHAEL PATRICK: “It’s a Long Way From Nicea To Here”

Bishop Arius was declared a heretic at the Nicean Council in 325. Are 21st century Unitarians still ARIANS? Michael Patrick taught literature and folklore at the University of Missouri Rolla for 34 years. He moved to Fairhope and taught Alabama and Southern Folklore at the University of South Alabama Baldwin County from 1995-2000. He has been President of the Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship several times, most notably from 2001-2003 when the building was constructed.

Jan 9 IRENE WEGNER: “I Didn’t Know They Were Unitarians”

In the second of our January programs on what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist, Irene Wegner, will lead the Fellowship in an interactive visit from a number of American Unitarian Universalists that have made a difference in our lives today. The former Director of Religious Education at North Shore Unitarian Church of Chicago, Wegner also served, as an AARP lobbyist, Director of Livable Communities.

Jan 16 RAY ABLES & JANE FINGER: “Unitarian Universalists - Principled and with Purpose”

In the third of our January programs on what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist, Jane Finger and Ray Ables will explore Article II of the Unitarian Universalist Association's Bylaws. Far from the yawn-inducing content of many bylaws, the UUA's Article II contains the Seven Principles, Six Sources, and Declarations of Purpose, Inclusion, and Freedom of Belief that are the foundation of Unitarian Universalism. Born and raised in South America, a former teacher and now a state and federal certified court interpreter, Ables has served this Fellowship as Director of Religious Education, Program Chair, President, and Chairman of the Board. Finger also has served in various positions during her twenty-year FUF membership.

Jan 23 FREYA SONENSTEIN “Unitarian Universalism of Today and of the Future”

In our fourth January program on what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist, FUF member Freya Sonenstein will speak on Modern Unitarian Universalism and how it is evolving to stay relevant to both its current membership and the changing world of the years and decades to come. A professor emeritus at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and former Director of the Center for Adolescent Health there, Sonenstein is the author of “Explaining the Teen Years: A Guide to Healthy Adolescent Development,” which translates recent scientific evidence for parents and program provider.

Jan 30 TBA .

SUNDAY SERVICE 11:00 AM

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

MUSIC PRELUDE BEGINS 10:45 AM

TED DISCUSSION GROUP 9:30 am

CHILDRENS FELLOWSHIP 11:00 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.

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.

For more information visit [uua.org](#)

FELLOWSHIP BUSINESS



**Board Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2021**

Present: Carl Couret, Michael Patrick, Pat Smith, Thelma Topper, Mary Matthews, Freya Sonenstein, Jane Finger, Dana Roberts, Harvey Joanning, Maggie Joffe, Lynne Switzky (by Zoom)

- 1. Approval of November Minutes
- 2. Treasurer's Report - Pat Smith

The Budget Deficit for 2021 to be reported to the congregation at the AGM stands at \$7,363.00. It is hoped that anticipated end of year contributions will reduce this figure going into 2022.

3. Old Business

A. Annual General Meeting Agenda for December 12th 2021. Reviewed and corrections made.

A motion was proposed by Michael Patrick, seconded by Pat Smith, that the by-law requirement of one year's membership of Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship prior to serving as a Board member be waived to permit Sarah Fisher to be Program Chairperson if elected to this position at the AGM. Agenda will be circulated to membership prior to the meeting December 12th.

B. Outdoor improvements and maintenance

- 1. Re-roofing is currently in progress. It was decided that the full cost of the new roof be paid from the Lawrence Fund in accord with the Lawrences's wishes.. It was also suggested that any remaining funds be used to repaint the interior ceiling of the fellowship later.
- 2. Status of vacant Publicity Chair - request for volunteer to be announced at congregation meetings
- 3. Vacancy for Grounds Committee Chair - Freya Sonenstein will approach Suzanne Tormoen and Winn Levert. Twice yearly congregation clean-up will be scheduled as part of the Sunday morning programs.

C. Current mask-wearing policy will remain in effect.

4. New Business

- A. Confirmation per By-Laws that the Program Chair is a Board position.
- B. Per the By-Laws the Education and Membership Chairs are not Board positions.
- C. Motion that the Fellowship honor the Administrative Assistant Contract of up to 20 hours work per week until December 31st 2021 passed.
- D. Freya Sonenstein reported she is meeting with Brian Wilkie to set up the Zoom presentation on Fellowship full screen. She will also address Lynne Switzky's concern re quality of Sunday meeting transmissions.

Next Board meeting will be January 14th, 2022 (second Friday) at 11.00am.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Thelma Topper

Tentative Board Meeting Agenda

January 14, 2022

Treasurer's Report

Board Election for Members-at-Large to Serve for 2022

Old Business:

- A. Completion of Roof
- B. Status of Grounds Chair and Publicity Chair including Website

New Business:

- A. Distribution of By Laws
- B. Discussion of Day of the Week for Board Meetings
- C. Report from Dana Roberts on Updating Volunteer Handbook
- D. Contract Revision for Administrative Assistant based on 2022 budget



Financial Summary

	November	YTD
Support and Revenue		
Contributions	3,945	28,988
Other Revenue	1,213	2,373
Total Support and Revenue	5,158	31,361
Expenses		
Building	1,441	22,525
Committees	4,378	14,862
Donations	0	1,450
Total Expenses	5,819	38,837
Net Operating Increase/(Decrease)	(661)	(7,476)

Different Way to Donate

Many of you will remember FUF member, Angela Flowers, who spent winters here..Sadly, a medical condition precludes her making the journey from Canada, so she is selling her house. She has kindly donated all its contents in return for donations to the Fellowship. After the recent announcement at the Sunday program the response has been terrific. While most items have been taken, the following are still available: daybed, rocking chair, stool, chest of drawers(tall), two end tables, coffee table, upholstered occasional chair (armless, small), and other smaller miscellaneous items. Anyone interested in seeing the items should contact Thelma Topper or Pat Smith. Thank you, Thelma and Pat, for taking charge of this process.

Job Description for Much-Needed Publicity Chair

Duties of this recently vacated position include setting up and managing Zoom; updating website with weekly program information and attaching (not creating) the monthly FUF Newsletter; and coordinating publicity with *Fairhope Courier*, *Natural Awakenings* magazine, etc. Anyone with these skills who would like to know more about the position should contact the previous chair, Sarah Bogdanovich.

Thank you, Sarah, for your commitment and able service in the last year-and-a-half during such a challenging (pandemic) time.

New Members



If you've joined the Fellowship in the (unusual) last year and a half, we want to get to know you. Won't you please and 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.

SOCIAL ACTION/ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Little Free Pantry

"Give What You Can, Take What You Need"

I want to say THANK YOU for keeping our FUF Pantry well stocked for the first few months. Since we opened (with a few fits and starts) we have helped many people nearby with food for their tables. We have had cash contributions for over \$400. Two huge bins filled with cans of food were put in the foyer by an anonymous donor! Some of the same people come by each week and count on our help. We need food as well as nonfood items. Food insecurity has become more of a problem the last few months because of rapid inflation of groceries and gasoline.

Ongoing needs

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

I put a box in my car to remind me to grab the 2 for 1 items and throw one of them in for the pantry.

Submitted by Donna Orchard

GROUP ACTIVITIES



SUNDAY TED DISCUSSION

The "TED Talk Discussion Group" meets every Sunday morning at 9:30 sharp in the room to the right of the children's room. Led by Andrea Cherry, the group chooses a video from suggested TED Talks and other short videos on a wide variety of topics. After the group watches the video, an interesting discussion often follows. All ideas are welcome.



2022 Officers & Executive Board
President: Carl Couret
Vice President: Thelma Topper
Chairman of the Board: Harvey Joanning
2nd Vice Pres/Programs: Sarah Fischer
Treasurer: Maggie Joffe
Recording Secretary: Liz Conway
Corresponding Secretary: Dana Roberts

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Regularly Scheduled Events at FUF

(Masks optional for vaccinated members)

Sundays

9:30–10:45 TED Discussion Group (Pls be on time)

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

Other Events

Thu, Jan 6: Non-Fiction Bk Group, 9:30 am

Fri, Jan 14: FUF Board meeting, 11:00 am

Thu, Jan 20: Non-Fiction Bk Group, 9:30 am

Sun, Jan 16: Envir'l/Soc'l Act'n Com, 12:20

→ Mon, Jan 24: Feb Newsletter deadline, 5 pm

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.
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