



Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship

June 2022

A Member of the Unitarian Universalist Association

SUNDAY PROGRAM SPEAKERS

June 5 LUCY GAFFORD: “Redemption through Imagination”

Lucy Gafford is the Executive Director of the Mobile Arts Council. In this role, she concentrates on community outreach with Mobile-area artists and arts organizations, coordinates educational programs and annual public art initiatives, organizes fundraising events, and more. Lucy is also a visual artist whose artwork can be found throughout the greater Mobile area, including the Oyster Trail, the USA Moulton Bell Tower, the ArtGO! Trail, and Ripley’s Believe It or Not! In her early teenage years, Lucy snuck out of windows, threw eggs at houses, and was often reprimanded for her attention-seeking shenanigans. After embracing her creativity to make her mark on the world, she is now in Ripley’s Believe it or Not, has a new exhibition at the Mobile Museum of Art, and is bringing positivity through the arts at the Mobile Arts Council.

June 12 SHELIA CHAMPION: “Alternative Death Styles”

Shelia Champion, owner of The Good Earth, Alabama’s first green burial ground, in Hazel Green, north of Huntsville, is dedicated to being an end-of-life guide, educating people about funeral and green burial options many might not realize are available. Though death comes for us all, there is much most of us don’t know about death. Not just the mystery of what happens to our individual consciousness, but the variety of options we have with regard to what happens to our and our loved ones’ bodies. Shelia Champion has traveled to teach about the laws that regulate Death in Alabama and the various ways you may choose to put your loved one to rest.

June 19 RIAN HAMBY: “Fatherhood Beyond the Greeting Card”

Rian Hamby left home and struck out on his own at the age of sixteen. He worked construction, went into the army where he served as a medic. He attended school at UNC Chapel Hill, La UNAM in Mexico City, and University of Belgrano in Buenos Aires. After a year of working in New Zealand, he attended grad school in Portland, Oregon. He was recruited into the Portland Police where he served as a Street Crimes Investigator, Crisis Intervention Officer, Information Officer, and various instructor positions. After retiring, he moved to Fairhope. Now, after a year away, living in Sayulita, Mexico with wife Kerri and daughter Reina, they, along with their two dogs, three horses, and four hermit crabs—are here to stay. Rian Hamby has never been a fan of Father’s Day. His own father left him few positive memories. But after Rian met and fell in love with Kerri, the woman who would become his wife, he found himself learning about fatherhood from a whole new vantage point.

June 26 MEGAN HARDEN & ALEX PIKUP: “Kindness is a Chain Reaction”

Cousins Megan Harden and Alex Pickup grew up in Baldwin County and were always close. After college, Megan taught English in Colorado and Alex sold software in Texas. In 2020 both moved back and together started brainstorming about the possibility of opening what eventually became Kind Café, a local Fairhope coffee and bagel shop. As they outlined their plans for the cafe, they knew that kindness had to be core to their mission. Kindness is a chain reaction and has been shown to increase self-esteem, empathy, and mood. It stimulates the production of serotonin, leading people to a longer healthier life. Their goal is to start each morning with kindness and be an example of the way that small kind moments can make a big difference..

SUNDAY SERVICE -- 11:00 AM (MUSIC PRELUDE BEGINS 10:45 AM)

(“In person”and on Zoom--check [FairhopeUU/programs.org](https://www.fairhopeuu.org/programs.org) for zoom link)

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, 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.

FUF MISSION STATEMENT

To explore new ideas, to search for truth and knowledge, to take care of the earth, to enjoy fellowship with open-minded thinkers, to support and care for each other, and to create an atmosphere of love and understanding among our members and for those who come after us

FELLOWSHIP BUSINESS



Financial Summary,

April 2022

	April	YTD
Support and Revenue		
Contributions	2,848	10,839
Other Revenue	113	947
Total Support and Revenue	2,961	11,786
Expenses		
Building	1,402	9,861
Committees	254	2,642
Donations	450	1,000
Total Expenses	2,106	13,503
Net Operating Increase/(Decrease)	855	(1,717)

Board Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2022



Attendance: Harvey Joanning, Dana Roberts, Carl Couret, Liz Conway, Sarah Fischer, Maggie Joffe, Michael Patrick and Thelma Topper. Guests: Carla Couret and Don Joffe

March Meeting Minutes were approved by the Board

Treasurer's Report was received and approved by the Board

Old Business:

- A. Completion of Security System-\$10,000 invoice for replacing Hunter Security System will be paid from Lawrence Fund.
- B. Update on online contribution-Contributions button now on FUF Website.
- C. Board meeting time and day survey-A revised survey regarding Board meeting time availability (rather than preference) will be distributed to Board members.
- D. Board member photos and bios-completed for use on website.(cont'd)

New Business:

- A. Table tennis equipment for use in the Fellowship-equipment basic cost is \$400. Motion made by Thelma Topper but tabled until equipment storage and art works protection are evaluated.
- B. Teen/Preteen Education-Motions was made by Michael Patrick, seconded and approved for Allyson Russell to provide a write-up of proposed activities/times/locations for Teen/Preteen Education programs for further consideration by the Board. This would not affect the existing programs/activities under Linda Ables' direction.
- C. Committee Survey-Sarah Fischer will provide survey results and develop a draft plan to re-organize FUF Committees for Board review.
- D. Building Use Policy-The Board designated Carla Couret as the Chairperson of the Building Use Committee (i.e., volunteer position to schedule meetings with user/building manage, review policy/issues with the Board, and promote building use). She will offer use policy/promotion suggestions at the next Board meeting. This is different than Administrator's Building Manager duties which include building use scheduling, fee negotiations, securing contract agreements/fees, as well as building set up, monitoring, and cleaning as necessary. The Board gave Carla Couret full authority to represent the Board in establishing building use contracts.
- E. Membership Management-the Board discussed the need to update, reformat and manage the existing membership list. A motion was made by Michael Patrick, seconded, and approved for the management and maintenance of the membership list to be an administrative responsibility to be handled by Carla Couret. The Board directed: (1) Membership Committee (Rodney Hoffman and Anne Armstrong) to develop an updated membership list (based on Board guidelines); (2) Administrator (Carla Couret) and Sarah Fischer to reformat the updated list to improve its usefulness; and (3) the Administrator to maintain and use the updated list to fulfill their duties. The Board indicated that direct access to sensitive personal information (i.e., master membership list, sign-in log, and membership request forms use will be limited to and safeguarded by the Administrator. The Board directed the Administrator to contact members and request the return of extra building keys. It was suggested that the existing UUA membership data system be used for updating/managing the membership list.
- F. Board Transition-The iss Rodue was raised by Sarah Fischer who proposed we consider modification of Board election and service rules. This issue was tabled because such changes would need further discussion and membership approval.

Committees Still in Need of Chairpersons

Education (but there are members)

Hospitality (Kitchen) Fundraising (other than music)

Special Events (other than music)

MUSIC COMMITTEE



Request for Summer Music Performers

As music coordinator I would like to thank all who participate in presenting Sunday morning music. As we roll into summer, many of us go on vacation, so there may be some Sundays with no preprogram music. For talkative UUs that should not be an issue. I am on the lookout for those who would like to perform this summer. Either new or seasoned musicians are urged to call me at 251-928-4311 to set a date for you to play.

Submitted by Gwen Snyder, Music Committee Chair

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

Reminder from Co-chair, Rodney Hoffman

Any communication with the membership committee should go to Rod_me@bellsouth.net

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Little Free Pantry:

There have been a number of Food Pantry changes and ALL of you have responded with enthusiasm and encouragement. We divided the congregation into four alphabet groups, A-F, G-M, N-R, and S-Z. You then brought assigned items to fill the Pantry. And fill it you did-for now! The contest winner was a dark horse, the Uke Club.

We will continue with the four Alphabet Teams. Four Team Captains have agreed to begin providing leadership, starting Sunday, June 5th: Team A-F, Sarah Bogdanovich; Team G-M, Don Joffe; Team N-R: Sheena Patrick; Team S-z Burt Sonenstein.

We will fill the Pantry on Sundays and Wednesdays. However, we need people to take the food items you will be bringing on Sundays to the food closet. We also will need folks to fill the shelves of the closet and the Pantry on those days. If your Team Captain asks for you to volunteer, please help out. Each team only has to be responsible for one week a month. Such a deal!

Please remember that school will be letting out and kids will need additional individual and healthy snacks. Powdered lemonade and ice tea are summer additions as well.

Again, thank you for your continued support. Together we will make this a successful community outreach program!

Submitted by Irene Wegner



A Habit.

It can become second nature in as little as 18 days. Many of you have the "Pantry Habit" already.

Thank you!

Please continue to -or begin- to bring an essential Pantry item each week.

There will be a tub in the foyer for your item.

Pantry Essentials

Cereal
Rice
Boxed Meals
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Tuna
Other Canned Meats
Hearty Soups
Pastas
Personal Health Items
Diapers
Household Cleaning Aids



FUF Table at **Color Fairhope With Pride** Event

June 18 from 1-5pm.

We will have giveaways, bracelet making, and coloring pages. All FUF members and friends are invited to help. Shifts are 12:30-2pm, 2-4pm, and 4-5:30 pm.

Please contact Sarah Bogdanovich (smbogdanovich@gmail.com or 727-421-7321) if you would like to help out!

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Thank you to all who have so generously supported the Scholarship Fund since its inception in 2019.

The gift of a scholarship creates a celebratory connection with our young adult community, the intergenerational process of transmission of values and a place to continue to learn and grow. The four young women will present a program on August 14th. Let me remind you that the FUF Endowment will match every gift to this Fund. If you write a check please put, "Scholarship Fund" at the bottom so Maggie Joffe, our treasurer, will know where it goes. Also, thank you, Sarah Fischer for placing "Scholarship" on the list of choices on the new FUF PayPal Account.

The first of our recipients for the four years will graduate in 2023! Congratulations to Brisa Ables and Lucy Mercer. Sophia Mercer and Linda Ables are still at University.

Scholarship applications or reapply should be sent by June 15th to
Donna Orchard, 22727 Circle Drive, Robertsedale, Alabama 36567.

You may ask about applications for this scholarship from any member of the Scholarship committee: Michael Patrick, Heather Nutting, Rodney Hoffman, or Donna Orchard.

Warm regards to a loving congregation, Donna
Submitted by Donna Orchard, Scholarship Committee Chair

UPCOMING CLASSES

Let's Write!

July Memoir Writing Classes

July 5, 12, 19, and 26 10 -11:30 at the Unitarian Fellowship



What you will need:

A copy of *On Writing Well* by William Zinsser

If you write on your computer, bring it. If you are still writing on paper like I do, please bring a spiral. You will be referring to your own writing often.

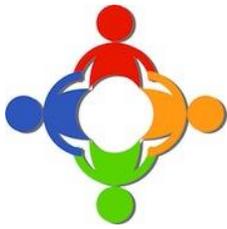
Your experience level does not matter. You will be able to start from where you are to increase confidence, enjoyment, intention and integrity.

See you in July

Submitted by Donna Orchard

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 June 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

“SUNDAY MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION

On June 5 this group will begin its discussion of Siddhartha by Herman Hesse. Anyone who would like to be part of the group contact Jane Finger (janef09@gmail.com)—or just show up on Sunday morning.

Submitted by Jane Finger, Moderator

Regularly Scheduled Events at FUF

Sundays

- 9:45 – 10:45 Book 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)

Other Events

Thu, Jun 2: Non-Fiction Bk Group, 9:30 am

Thu, Jun 16: Non-Fiction Bk Group, 9:30 am

Sun, Jun 19: Envir’l/Soc’l Act’n Com,12:20



Tues, June 21: July Newsltr deadline, 5 pm

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

Thu, Jun 30: 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

2022 Officers & Executive Board

President: Carl Couret
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 Chairman of the Board: Harvey Joanning
 2nd Vice Pres/Programs: Sarah Fischer
 Treasurer: Maggie Joffe
 Recording Secretary: TBA
 Corresponding Secretary: Dana Roberts

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,

“FUF Newsletter” Subject In, to Janef09@gmail.com

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