



October 2021

Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship

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SUNDAY SERVICE SPEAKERS

Oct 3 CARL COURET: “Humboldt and the Invention of Nature”

During the first half of the 19th century Alexander Von Humboldt was considered by his peers as the most famous man in the world (after Napoleon). He was the nexus of the scientific community during his time and has more namesakes around the globe than any other person. Thirty-four-year field biologist with US Fish and Wildlife Service, Carl Couret, will explain why today Humboldt is virtually unknown to most.

Oct 10*MIKE BUNN: “Fourteenth Colony: The Forgotten Story of the Gulf Coast During America’s Revolutionary Era”

The British colony of West Florida, which once stretched from the mighty Mississippi to the shallow bends of the Apalachicola and portions of what are now the states of Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana, is the forgotten fourteenth colony of America. Director of Historic Blakeley State Park and Chair of the Baldwin County Historic Development Commission, Mike Bunn, will describe the tumultuous political history and the compelling saga of struggle and perseverance that brought about the end of the colony’s days under the Union Jack.

*This program will take place only at Blakely State Park. See Page 5 for details.

Oct 17 MARY PALMER: “The Truth is in the Tree: Boyington Oak: A Grave Injustice”

Award-winning author, playwright, and college English professor, Mary Palmer, will explain the significance of this now 186-year-old tree in the 1834 execution of a young Mobile man later proven innocent. Her book, “**Boyington Oak: A Grave Injustice**” was published in 2019. Palmer will be introduced by Shannon Brown, who edited the book.

Oct 24 To be Announced

Oct 31 HARVEY JOANNING(AND COMPANY): “Nothing Like it in the World:

The Transcontinental Railroad”

The building of the Transcontinental Railroad was an engineering feat greater than the Pyramids or Great Wall of China. “It can’t be done!” was the common belief. Emeritus Professor at Iowa State University and Co-Director of the Neurobiology of Relationships Study in the Department of Psychology at the University of South Alabama, Harvey Joanning, will tell us how it *was* done.

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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MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP BUSINESS



Financial Summary

August '21

Support and Revenue

Contributions	2,374	20,560
Other Revenue	16	1,029
Total Support and Revenue	2,390	21,589

Expenses

Building	1,500	17,882
Committees	1,364	6,057
Donations	450	1,000
Total Expenses	3,314	24,939

Net Operating Increase/(Decrease) (924) (3,350)

Zoomers and others who choose to wait a little longer to attend Sunday programs in person, don't forget to mail your normal contributions as regularly as if you were there in person.

FUF DONATION FOR VICTIMS OF HURRICANE IDA

As you know, the New Orleans area took a hard hit from Hurricane Ida. At the Board meeting last week, a motion was approved to donate money to a Unitarian organization in the area affected by the storm. Based on information provided by Dana and Harvey on the three UU organizations in the area, the Board decided that a donation would be sent to the North Shore Unitarian Universalists, located in Covington across Lake Pontchartrain from New Orleans. If anyone in the Fellowship would like to add to this donation, you may drop off or send a check (with note re: purpose) to the Fellowship Administrator (1150 Fairhope Ave, Fairhope 36532)

Submitted by Carl Couret, FUF Board Chairman

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FUF Administrator Carla Couret would like to remind members that volunteers are greatly needed. We are experiencing a shortage of personnel to serve as Sunday Program greeters, to bring cookies and/or flowers, and to assist in making coffee for after-Sunday-Program socializing. If you are would to help, please pick your pleasure by adding your name and preferred dates on the sign-up sheet on the snack table after every Sunday Program; or you can email Carla at FairhopeUnitarianFellowship@gmail.com and she will write it in for you. All assistance is greatly appreciated!

(Carla has printed details on "how to make coffee" and there will be someone around to help. You will need to be at the FUF at 10:30.)

Readers for the Sunday Program are also needed. Please contact Burt Sonenstein or Donna Orchard.



SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Friday, September 10, 11:00 am

Attendees: Carl Couret, Michael Patrick, Thelma Topper, Pat Smith, Sarah Bogdanovich, Freya Sonenstein, Jane Finger, Irene Wegner, Mary Mathews, Lynne Switzky (via Zoom), Donna Orchard, Dana Roberts, Harvey Joanning and Carla Couret Lambert.

1. Approved August Board meeting minutes with corrections (add Mary Mathews to attendees list).
2. Received Treasurer's Report (August 2021 report hand-out). Costs continue to be more than revenue (net deficit~\$3000). Pat re-iterated that this deficit should be considered when developing 2022 budget. Burt Sonenstein agreed to chair 2022 Budget Committee.
3. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Wix and Zoom accounts - Freya reported a microphone problem with Zoom which appears to be computer related.
 - b. Music director - no board action due covid 19 concerns. Grounds Coordinator - Thelma suggested hiring out to private company; Pat and Carla will follow-up. Youth Program Coordinator - 4 or 5 names were suggested for this paid position. Donna, Irene and Harvey will follow-up and a committee will be formed to include a parent. Carla offered to be part of this committee.
 - c. UU programs will be offered to Fellowship and general public (e.g., 4X/year in conjunction with Sunday services) by Irene, Michael, Donna and Freya. Group will have a brain-storming session later this week.
 - d. FUF facility rental fees are in the Administrator Guidance Binder (created by Anne Armstrong). Board recommended that Binder be updated to include limitations for public use of the piano. Pat proposed, and seconded by Freya, that Administrators use the Administrator Guidance Binder for primary guidance in their duties. Board approval was granted.
 - e. FUF Membership List status - Carla reported over 100 members/friends on the list, including 8 new members since beginning of August, but requested Board help in finding members without email addresses (e.g., Liz Conway). She recommended improvements for enrolling and recognizing new members. Carla also provided a New Member Welcome Letter for Board review and approval.
 - f. Sarah sent out a design proposal for review re: outdoor improvements (roof extension, fencing, moving sculpture, pergola) from Espalier. Board suggested additional bids.
 - g. Care and Concerns - Donna reported that Julie Moon is back home again.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Membership Committee (Burt) - tabled until next meeting.
- b. Michael proposed the Board designate a new memorial tree for Lil Totten with a plaque which was approved.
- c. FUF credit card - Pat indicated the problem with setting up an FUF credit card is that an individual (i.e., Treasurer) must sign as the responsible party. Pat recommended a pre-paid credit card or direct payments from FUF checking account, and decision be deferred to incoming 2022 Treasurer.
- d. Designating Nominating Committee for 2022 - Michael said this was a function of the Board and suggested we search for a chairperson to this committee. Maggie Jaffe is volunteering for Treasurer position and has been Treasurer for other UU congregation. She has been under training by the current Treasurer since March 2021 when she became a FUF member. Michael recommended we waive the minimum 12-month FUF membership criterion in order to be a Board member in Maggie's case and the Board agreed.
- e. Michael made a motion to send a donation to UUs in New Orleans in the wake of recent Hurricane Ida. Three UUs are in the general N.O. area (First UU, Community UU and North Shore UU). After some discussion, Michael withdrew his motion when Harvey and Dana volunteered to investigate UU needs in the general N.O. area and provide recommendations.
- f. October 9-10 Campout and Service at Blakeley State Park - Sarah reported that the Park Pavilion is available for FUF Sunday service and several dozen people have signed up for the \$25 boat ride (44)/no-fee campout (31). (More information will be in the October Newsletter).
- g. Sunday TED Talks - Andrea Cherry will be the coordinator and TED talks will begin on Sunday (Sept. 19) at 9:30AM.
 - h. Flyer has been posted for the October 2021 Bird Fest at FUF.
 - i. Little Free Food Pantry - Irene/Donna report "issues" with use of food pantry which now will only be open and supervised on Mondays and Wednesdays for 2 hours. Longer open hours would require additional volunteers.

5. TECHNOLOGY - the TED room now has a replacement key board, provided by Jim Gardiner who continues to assist us with computer needs. Thanks Jim!

Respectfully submitted by Thelma Topper and Carl Couret.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The RE (Religious Education) Committee, a combination of parents and volunteers, will be adding structure to classes for children and teens during the Sunday Program.

SOCIAL ACTION

Little Free Pantry

"Give What You Can, Take What You Need"

Thank you to everyone for your supplies/and or money to buy emergency food for people in our community. We have had some challenges and have decided to designate hours that the Pantry will be open. We will put the supplies in increments into the pantry with only a small amount at any one time. We continue to need your donations. The Pantry will be open on Sundays as usual, as well as the following times: Monday: 8-10

Wednesday: 12-3

Friday: 12-3

Sunday: 10-12:30 *Submitted by Donna Orchard*



Thanks to all the musicians who have played for Sunday's programs thus far. As music coordinator I keep a calendar of those who are scheduled a month or two in advance. If you would like to schedule yourself or someone else for a particular date please check with me FIRST before assuming that date is available. I can sometimes accommodate you but if there is a conflict the first person scheduled has priority for that slot. Do not assume that if you are giving the program that includes the music too. With multiple people involved I understand there will be some blips here and there. My phone number is 251 -928-4311. We screen incoming calls, so wait for the answering machine and leave a message if no one answers. *Submitted by Gwen Snyder, music coordinator*

NEW MEMBERS



If you've joined the Fellowship in the 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 janef09@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENT

Sarah Bogdanovich has reserved space at Blakeley State Park for **October 9-11** for camping by members and invited guests. A pontoon boat tour that regularly departs from the park has been scheduled. She suggests that having a Sunday program on-site with the boat tour beforehand might draw non-camping members to the park. A naturalist at Five Rivers AL Delta Resource Center will describe the natural environment at Blakeley. Anyone Interested in taking the boat tour should contact Sarah immediately as the signups are close to the maximum number allowed. Anyone who needs a ride or who would give a ride to Blakeley for the Sunday Program please contact Sarah. (smbogdanovich@gmail.com or (727) 421-7321) More details below:

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

All events are weather-permitting

SATURDAY, October 9th

10am-NOON: Check in and set up @ Tensaw Group Site (1)
NOON-6pm: Free time!
6pm: Dinner & campfire at campsite

SUNDAY, October 10th

9-10:30am: Delta Explorer Boat Tour (2)
11am: Sunday Program @ Old Home Site Pavilion (3)
6pm: Dinner & campfire at campsite

MONDAY, October 11th

10am-NOON: Pack up and head out!

SUNDAY PROGRAM INFO

Mike Bunn, Director of Blakeley State Park will be our speaker. **Bring a chair** and enjoy a lovely outdoor program at the Old Home Site Pavilion (3). *There will NOT be a Program at the Fellowship building on the same day. All members and friends are encouraged to join us at Blakeley*

BOAT TOUR

Guided boat tour of the Mobile Delta on the Delta Explorer will leave from the boat launch (2) at 9am. There is parking available at the launch site.

COSTS & PAYMENT

Camping - \$10 per person
Boat Tour - \$25 per person
Payment via Venmo (@Sarah-Bogdanovich), Paypal (@SarahBogdanovich), cash or check

CAMPING INFORMATION

CAMPSITE: We will be camping at the Tensaw 1 Group Campsite (1) on map below. There is running water and 3 large picnic tables.

FOOD & WATER: Each family will be responsible for their own food/drinks. There is a spigot with potable water. Be sure to secure your food when not in use so that wild animals and hungry children don't get into it...

BATHROOMS: There are two bathrooms located at the campsite. There are NOT showers.

PARKING: There is limited parking at the group campsite. To keep it from looking like we're camping in a parking lot, please park in the designated parking areas. For those who are camping, you can pull your car in to unload, then take it to the parking lot.

ACTIVITIES: We will have some arts & crafts activities for everyone. No activities other than the boat ride and program are pre-planned. Enjoy the spontaneity of the outdoors!

MUSIC: Calling all musicians! We will have some sing-along songbooks with chords for the musicians among us. Plan to sing around the campfire each evening!

PETS: Unfortunately, we are not allowed to bring our pets to the campout.

FROM A MEMBER

Slowing Down

I first noticed you behind me today, following a little too close in your silver Toyota SUV. When the light at 104 & 181 turned yellow and I stopped instead of accelerating, I could tell you were pissed. You banged your steering wheel, made a gesture and I could almost read your lips. And I understood your anger and frustration with, construction, a person ahead of you doing the speed limit, etc. You were probably tired and hungry and heading home at 4 p.m. on a Friday. I noticed a young child buckled in the seat next to you. Maybe you were late for something and in a hurry to get there. I hope you'll forgive me. You see, four weeks ago today, a friend of mine, Robert Harston, was killed by a speeding driver in South Florida. I swore I would never speed again or run a red light if I could help it. I would never be in such a rush traffic that I would possibly harm someone else or someone riding in my car. Robert was someone's son, brother, friend and coworker. We are devastated. You would have liked him if you had known him. Robert worked as a bus attendant on the bus for special needs kids in the Broward County Public School system. Please say a prayer for him. Let our loss be a lesson to slow down. You'll get there when you get there. You might be late, but better late than never. *Submitted by Riva Fralick*

IN MEMORY

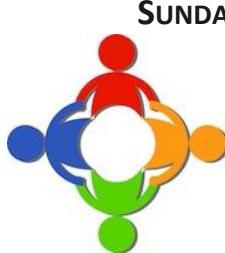
Many of us who knew former FUF members Jeanie and Don Perkins and their daughters, Kate and Jill, were saddened to learn of Kate's recent death. Jeanie's Facebook post (provided by Michael Patrick) moves us all. "My family's heart is forever broken. We have lost our remarkable, kind, amazing girl, who lived beyond our wildest dreams. Our beautiful, loving, ultra-creative daughter, Kathleen Adele Perkins, who became Kate Horowitz and mother of Alexander Perkins Horowitz, advocate of everyone she knew. There are no words to express our sorrow. She was so loved by so many. There was simply no one like her. May 11, 1987 - September 12, 2021. Thousands of hopes and dreams packed into her 34 mere mortal years." Anyone who would like to send condolences should email janef09@gmail.com for her email or physical address.



Kathleen Adele Perkins Horowitz

May 11, 1987 September 12, 2021

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.

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. In pre-Covid days, with presentations done, some members would head for lunch and more talk at a local cafe. When healthier times return we shall resume that habit. May it be soon!

Submitted by Robin Fabel, Moderator

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Regularly Scheduled Events

Sundays

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

10:45 Pre-program Music

11:00 Sunday Service (Pls wear masks)

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, Oct 7: Non-Fiction Bk Group, 9:30 am

Fri, Oct 8: FUF Board meeting, 11:00 am

Sun, Oct 17: Envir'l/Soc'l Act'n Com, 12:20

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

Mon, Oct 25:Nov. Newsltr Deadline 5pm

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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