



September 2021

Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship

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A Member of the Unitarian Universalist Association

SUNDAY SERVICE SPEAKERS

Sept 5 MICHAEL PATRICK: “Don’t Mourn! Organize”

The Labor movement was a hard-won struggle that changed America. On every Labor Day those who led the struggle should be honored. One in particular deserves a special honor: Frances Perkins. Michael Patrick taught at the University of Missouri-Rolla and the University of South Alabama for a total of thirty-nine years. He was elected President of the Missouri Folklore Society for three terms, served as a Consultant at the University of Mississippi Center for Southern Studies, and was a Fellow at the University of North Carolina Center for the Southern Novel. He has published three books: *The Black West in Story and Song*, *We Are a Part of History*, and *Orphan Trains to Missouri*.

Sept 12 MIKE TURNER

“Visions and Memories – “Poetry Readings on Love, Loss, Compassion and Hope”

Fairhope songwriter and poet Mike Turner reads a selection of poems from his debut collection, “Visions and Memories” - poems reflecting on our common experiences of truth, beauty, love, loss and hope. Mike Turner retired to Fairhope in 2007 after twenty-seven years as a federal law enforcement executive, and took up songwriting and poetry. Mike has had a string of awards and recognition for his writing, including being featured on the “15 Minutes of Fame Stage” at the 2020 Monroeville Literary Festival and being named the “Poet of the Week” by the USA Libraries Art Galleries in April 2021. His poems and lyrics have been published in numerous journals and anthologies. His debut poetry collection, *Visions and Memories*, was published in July 2021.

Sept 19 MIKE AND STELLA DARBY “The Great Darby Road Trip 2013”

In September 2013, longtime FUF members Mike and Stella Darby drove to California and Oregon in a restored MG. They will regale you with their adventures and misadventures along the way.

Sept 26 T.K. THORNE “Behind the Magic Curtain: Secrets, Spies, and Unsung White Allies of Birmingham’s Civil Rights Days

Today’s polarized and changing environment in many ways reflects the turbulence of the civil rights era. The lessons learned from a deeper look into that time can help us navigate our present and choose our future. Holding a Masters degree in social work from the University of Alabama, Thorne served for more than two decades in the Birmingham police force and later served as executive director of City Action Partnership, a downtown business improvement district, until retiring to write full time. Her books and essays include two award-winning historical novels, *Noah’s Wife* and *Angels at the Gate*; two nonfiction civil rights era works, *Last Chance for Justice* and *Behind the Magic Curtain: Secrets, Spies, and Unsung White Allies of Birmingham’s Civil Rights Days*; and a dally with murder, mystery, and magic in *House of Rose*, the first novel in the Magic City Stories trilogy.

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 Summaries

	June '21	June	YTD
Support and Revenue			
Contributions		1,784	16,421
Other Revenue		524	862
Total Support and Revenue		2,308	17,283
Expenses			
Building		1,794	14,927
Committees		1,153	3,008
Donations		0	550
Total Expenses		2,947	18,485
Net Operating Increase/(Decrease)		(639)	(1,202)

	July '21	July	YTD
Support and Revenue			
Contributions		1,765	18,186
Other Revenue		151	1,013
Total Support and Revenue		1,916	19,199
Expenses			
Building		1,455	16,382
Committees		1,335	4,343
Donations		0	550
Total Expenses		2,790	21,275
Net Operating Increase/(Decrease)		(874)	(2,076)

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 dropping them in the basket each week. Down \$21,000 for the 2020, probably because of Covid, contributions in the 2021

AUGUST BOARD MEETING MINUTES



Attendees: Carl Couret, Thelma Topper, Sarah Bogdanovich, Burt and Freya Sonenstein, Jane Finger, Irene Wegner and Donna Orchard

1. Approved July Board meeting minutes with corrections.
2. Treasurer's July 2021 printed report hand-out presented. Both contributions (\$12,000) and expenditures (\$10,000) have been short of projections, leaving a \$2,000 deficit YTD.
3. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. New website on Wix.com and a Zoom account has been accomplished for FUF. Sarah reports an increase in web interest from public. Freya will review use instructions.
 - B. Camp-out planned for October 9-11 at Blakeley State Park. Twenty-seven people signed up, including folks from Mobile and Pensacola Fellowships. Eighteen people (need 25) have signed up for boat trip. At this point, there is no service planned at the Fellowship on October 11. However, the FUF service at the park (including presentation by naturalist from Five Rivers) will be available on ZOOM. Jane will post notice that car-pooling to Blakely will be offered. Park entrance fee will be waived for this service.
 - C. Music director/Youth Coordinator - no board action.
 - D. UU classes will be offered to fellowship and general public (e.g., 2X/year in conjunction with Sunday services) by Irene, Michael, Donna and Freya, who will design a number of UU informational programs for Sunday services. Irene will report their progress to the board.
 - E. Any future FUF Board planning meetings or retreats will be coordinated between new and old board members. Previous member survey will be reviewed.
 - F. Outdoor Committee: Joe Comer, landscape architect, has been informally consulted. Board chairman, with general board support, recommended a project plan be developed using a phased approach in design and construction that is consistent with expected goals, uses and budget. This plan would be reviewed/approved by Board before implemented. Follow-up meeting with Mr. Comer is planned.
4. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Administrative Assistant position: Burt Sonenstein has finished interviewing candidates and recommended Carla Couret Lambert for the position. The Board (chairman abstained) approved the selection with a \$25/hr salary and up to 20-hr work week. This is contract work which would include training and frequent attendance at Board Meetings and Sunday Services, as well as other administrative duties generally outlined in the Administrator Notebook. The Admin Asst will report to FUF President/Vice-President.
 - B. Scholarship Committee Report: Donna reported a substantial increase in contributions to fund. A stipend of \$2000 per student has been expended for 2021.
 - C. Member/non-member lists for the Weekender and Newsletter will be updated by the Administrative Assistant. The Sunday program list (which has been modified weekly by Sarah) will be part of the Administrative Assistant's responsibilities.
 - D. Review of fee policy for renting building space is pending. It was pointed out by Board that FUF facilities are available for rent only to groups or organizations approved by Board. A FUF member must be present when building is used by outside groups/organizations.

Respectfully submitted by Thelma Topper and Carl Couret.

From the 26TH United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26)

Submitted by Riva Fralick, S/EAC Co-Chair

Manifesto from Times of Crisis
An interfaith response to COP26 and the climate crisis

Our planet is in crisis. As people of faith, we believe that

- Everyone has a right to a healthy environment
- We must act right now at every level of our society
- We are part of nature, interconnected and dependent upon it
- Nature can regenerate itself if humans support this process

Our faiths demand we protect and preserve the earth's resources and ecosystems, respect all life on earth, and live simply, avoiding greed and over consumption.

We recognise that the climate crisis and injustice are inextricably linked. Inspired by faith and science we ask governments, businesses and all those in power to:

1. Learn from traditional ecological knowledge and the sustainable practices of indigenous communities; and to support Indigenous people's land rights
2. Stop investment in and subsidy of all fossil fuel energy sources, and to make an urgent and just transition to renewable energy
3. Transform unsustainable food systems to prioritise local food production, the environment, human health, and animal welfare over profit
4. Work with communities and civil society to ensure that new jobs are created in a green economy
5. Ensure COP26 agrees action that limits global warming to 1.5°C; and agrees a delivery plan for the \$100 billion promised annually to the countries experiencing the worst loss and damage due to climate change
6. Urgently accelerate our work towards zero carbon emissions globally. The obligation on the global north to reach zero carbon emissions quickly is greatest.
7. Protect and restore the biodiversity of the land and the ocean, and to cease our dumping of hazardous waste into sea, land or air
8. Protect and restore the world's forests and stop unnecessary deforestation

We hold ourselves to these standards and ask you to do likewise.

COP26 Interfaith Working Group

REMINDERS 2.0

Help with Coffee Hour

We still need more volunteers. If two people at a time sign up for a Sunday and we get ten or twelve volunteers, then each would serve only once every five or six weeks. We all like our coffee/social hour, but without volunteers, it won't happen!

Name Tags



Please remember to wear your name tag!

It really helps newcomers, not to mention those of us who have a difficult time remembering names.

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 jane09@gmail.com

Music Program

As the new Sunday morning music coordinator (taking over the job Helen Garrett had for many years) I am interested in anyone who either sings or plays an instrument and would like to perform music for Sunday preservice and collection. Please contact me at 251-928-4311 (and leave a message as we audit our calls) so I can include you on my schedule. Or see me on Sunday. I am especially interested in you closet musicians that have not yet shared your talent with us.



Submitted by Gwen Snyder, music coordinator

Little Free Pantry

"Give What You Can, Take What You Need"

The Little Free Pantry needs immediate stocking with any kind of non-perishable food, and paper and toilet supplies. Thank you in advance.

COMING EVENT

Group Camp Out and Boat Tour

Sarah Bogdanovich has reserved space at Blakeley State Park for **October 9-11** for camping by members and invited guests. Depending on interest, a pontoon boat ride for those who would like to pay \$25 for the tour that regularly departs from the park can be 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 soon to determine if there is sufficient interest to reserve the boat for that day. Anyone who needs a ride or who would give a ride to Blakeley please contact Sarah.([smbogdanovich@gmail](mailto:smbogdanovich@gmail.com) or (727) 421-7321)

FROM A MEMBER

March For Our Lives

March For Our Lives young people have sent out their new agenda for America:

1. Demanding accountability for the gun lobby.
2. Confronting the everyday gun violence perpetrated by the institutions that are meant to "protect and serve".
3. Building a real democracy that abolishes Jim Crow-style voting laws and harnesses the voices of the most marginalized people.
4. Making it harder to get a gun than a driver's license.
5. Leveraging the power of the presidency to act now.

Submitted by Donna Orchard, Moms Demand Action member

IN MEMORY

Kathleen Fendelman

*May 17, 1940
August 19, 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.

EASTERN SHORE STRINGS REHEARSALS

Sponsored by the Mobile Symphony and led by their Education Director and Violin & Viola Suzuki Registered Teacher, *Daniela Pardo*, this youth ensemble invites every middle and high middle and high school string player with 3+ years of experience to join the group. Rehearsals meet on Wednesdays, beginning August 25, on the FUF stage. For more information contact MSO Education Director at: daniela@mobilesymphony.org

NON-FICTION BOOK GROUP

Unlike in most book groups, participants in this one don't all read the same book or author. Instead, each reads and reports on whatever he or she is reading at the time. Usually it is a book but may be a pithy article or pamphlet. Participants summarize their reading in ten minutes or so, before general discussion. No topics are banned, except fiction. The group meets at 9:30 every other Thursday unless public holidays clash. Everyone is welcome, especially newcomers.

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 be on time and wear masks)

Mondays

2:00(Sept 6th, 20th), 5:00(13[&], 27th) 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, Sept 2: Non-Fiction Bk Group, 9:30 am

Sat, Sept 10: FUF Board meeting, 11:00 am

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

Sun, Sept 19: Envir'l/Soc'l Act'n Com, 12:20

➔ **Tues, Sept 21: Oct. Newsltr Deadline 5pm**

Thu, Sept 30: Non-Fiction Bk Group,

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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