

July 2019



Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship

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Jul 7 **SONYA BENNETT: First Baha'i to the South, 1898**

Upon her arrival in Fairhope twelve years ago, Sonya Bennett began her search for the descendants of Paul Kingston Dealy, who arrived in Fairhope in 1898. Bennett will share information about Dealy and how the life of this unsung hero impacted the life of our community today. The role of religion in perpetuating racism in the Deep South, where Bennett was raised, challenged her thinking, forcing her to search for a faith that abolished prejudice. Her three-year volunteer experience at the Baha'i World Centre in Haifa, Israel in 1995, where she met hundreds of people from all over the world, created in her a desire to see our World as One. In Fairhope, Bennett works closely with those who desire change: the Hope Community, the Diversity Devotional, the Women for Peace, Wings to the Spirit, and several writers' groups, not to mention the wonderful time she has in the "Advice" Booth at Page & Palette twice a week.

Introducer: JD Crowe

Jul 14 **JOHN S. SLEDGE: Clio's Confederates: The Women Who Gave Me My Path**

Historian and author of *These Rugged Days: Alabama's Civil War*, John Sledge credits his love of history and, more specifically, his interest in Alabama's Civil War, to inspiration by a grandmother and an aunt. He will introduce us to these two women, both born in the Victorian era, and will provide a broad overview of his book. Sledge holds a bachelor's degree in history and Spanish from Auburn University and a Masters degree in historic preservation from Middle Tennessee State University. He is the author of six previous books, including *Southern Bound: A Gulf Coast Journalist on Books, Writers, and Literary Pilgrimages of the Heart*; *The Mobile River*; and *These Rugged Days: Alabama in the Civil War*. His latest title, *The Gulf of Mexico: A Maritime History* will be published this fall. He is senior architectural historian for the Mobile Historic Development Commission. He and his wife, Lynn, live in Fairhope.

Introducer: Giorgi Di Lemis

Jul 21 **TRAVIS YOUNGBLOOD, ME: Community in Action**

In a conflicted world, community is more relevant than ever before, and its potential for good is vast. Travis Youngblood will discuss the tasks of discerning our individual place in community, developing our individual gifts, and supporting each other, thereby building an intentional, action-oriented community. The Program Manager at Prodissee Pantry since 2017, she has served as President of the Fairhope Sunset Rotary Club, Board member of Family Promise of Baldwin County, Vestry member of St James Episcopal Church Fairhope, and member of Impact 100 Baldwin County. She is also the proud mom of one son.

Introducer: Giorgi Di Lemis

Jul 28 **PINKY BASS: LOIS SLOSSON SUNDBERG: Unheralded Turn of the Century Photographer**

AlabamaMosaic is a repository of digital materials on Alabama history, culture, places, and people, part of Alabama's Bicentennial Celebration. The Fairhope Public Library received a grant to scan the Slosson/Sundberg collection of images. FUF member, Pinky Bass will present photographs from Silverhill, Fairhope and Mobile by Lois Slosson Sundberg, made at the turn of the century using glass plate negatives. Bass spent the years of WWII in Fairhope with Sundberg, her grandmother, long before discovering photography at fifty, when she returned to school and earned her MFA. Bass worked as Artist in Education for the Alabama State Arts Council and has continued to research from Lois Sundberg's photo collection.

Introducer: Pam Perkins

SUNDAY SERVICE 11:00 AM

MUSIC PRELUDE BEGINS 10:45 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.

TED discussion group 9:30 am

Current Events discussion group 10:15 am

Last Sunday of the Month Potluck: Bring a dish and join us for fellowship and conversation. July 28, 12:15 pm

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HIGHLIGHTS

June Board Meeting

Saturday, June 8

- Robin Fabel expressed thanks to volunteers for their recent efforts:
- Installing new gravel in the parking lot: Harvey Joanning, Dana Roberts, Giorgi de Lemis, Carl Couret, Bert and Freya Sonenstein, Gwen Snyder, and Phil Strniste
- Power washing the portico apron: Giorgi de Lemis, Harvey Joanning, and Dana Roberts
- Cleaning and applying polyurethane to the front doors: Mike Darby
- Sanding and painting the benches at the entrance: Del Armstrong
- The sample of the memorial paver was approved. Pavers may be purchased by members, friends, and relatives for \$40 each as a fundraiser for creating a patio (with bench) under the crepe myrtle left of the main entrance where they will be installed).
- Rental fees for use of the Fellowship hall as a wedding venue were approved: \$100 per hour, \$50 per hour for AV services, and \$200 security deposit. Fellowship events and members' events would take precedence.
- Members present all agreed that the Fall dinner should be repeated (although not necessarily including a member survey. Michael and Carl suggested a luau theme with ukulele music).
- Anne Armstrong issued an e-mail scam alert regarding a charitable donation gift card sent to some members.
- The Back Porch Singers will provide song lyrics for congregational singing. beginning June 16.
- The choice of artwork created and donated by Jean Lawrence was approved. Its location will be determined by the art committee
- Scholarship recipient Brisa Ables will enroll at the University of Alabama at Birmingham this fall. Thanks were expressed to the members of the Scholarship Committee: Rodney Hoffman, Harvey Switzky, Elaine Snyder-Conn, Michael Patrick Diana Gardiner and Donna Orchard.
- The Board will offer to contribute FUF funds to offset expenses that Joyce Burkhart has generously planned on paying for Jule Moon's birthday party.
- Melita Willkie reported the youth classes will resume on Sunday, August 18, the Sunday after school resumes.

- The following donations made to non-profit organizations by the Social Action/Environmental committee were approved: Aid to Inmate Mothers \$100, Alabama Arise \$100, Alabama Free Clinic in memory of David Mauritson, M.D., \$150, Baldwin County Humane Society in memory of Nancy Martin \$100, League of Women Voters \$50, Meals on Wheels/Ecumenical Ministries \$100, Planned Parenthood in Mobile \$50. The total amount donated was \$750.
- Heather Nutting will return in the fall to lead the choir. Because of the challenge to find live music for some Sundays this summer CDs may be played on those dates.

Submitted by Rec. Sec. Melita Willke



AGENDA

July Board Meeting

Saturday, July 13, 1:00 p.m.

Care and Concerns of our members
Approve minutes of April Meeting
Treasurer's Report

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Paver Program
- B. A Frame Sign Options

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Publicity Committee
- B. Membership Committee
- C. Building Committee
- D. Program Committee
- E. Education Committee

To add agenda items, please promptly notify Donna Orchard or Robin Fabel. Board meetings are open to all friends and members.

Important Reminder From Ray Ables

If anyone would be willing to give a presentation or would like to suggest a potential speaker, please contact Ray Ables at spanishinterpreter@msn.com. There are currently dates available starting in September.



Financial Summary

May, 2019

	May	Year-to-Date
Support and Revenue		
Contributions	1,786	29,853
Other Revenue	1,448	1,521
Total Support and Revenue	3,234	31,374
Expenses		
Building	1,505	11,262
Committees	395	4,919
Donations	0	550
Total Expenses	1,899	16,731
Net Operating Increase/(Decrease)	1,335	14,643

SOCIAL ACTION/ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COMMITTEE

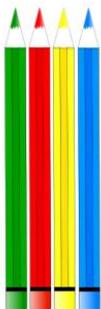
Nursing Scholarship

Thanks to two donations from FUF members we were able to send a scholarship to Coastal Alabama Community College for the FUF Nursing Scholarship for the summer trimester. As soon as I hear which deserving student has been awarded the scholarship, I will announce it in the newsletter. Because the fund is extremely low now, we will be able to offer a scholarship for fall and winter only if more members make donations.

Collecting School Supplies

It's time to collect school supplies to fill the basket under the bulletin board in the hall. Even though many charities assist families with school supplies in the fall, we have learned that the supplies we collect are used to help families replenish supplies as they get used up during the school year. This is also the time of year that items like markers, glue sticks, pencils, erasers and notebooks are on sale at bargain prices. We'll keep that collection up for July and August.

Submitted by Lynne Switzky for the Committee



Stop Abortion Bans Protest

A big THANK YOU to everyone who came out to support this national protest on May 21.



Hot Enough for You?!

Every day on the news or in the newspaper are climate-related stories (largest dead zone, record flooding, harmful effects on and from agriculture, record temps, etc.). Just a sampling of the past two months:

- 5/22/19 - Baldwin County drought monitor chart--abnormally dry (3" to 7" below normal)
- 5/22/19 - EPA wants to take away \$400 million from studying the effects of pollution on our and our childrens' health so they can roll back pollution controls. [HeadlineNews/Lynn Smith](#)
- 5/22/19 - LINKTV Bioneers: Rebecca Moore, Using Google Earth and Maps to fight illegal timber/lumber/fishing activities
see www.globalforestwatch.org and www.globalfishingwatch.org
- 5/25/19 - Pensacola, FL broke 2012 record of 94 degrees F., new record 95 degrees F.
- 5/26/19 - Mobile, AL broke record, new record 96 degrees F.
- 6/7/19 - 5.5" precipitation over 48 hours - NWS Flood Stage of 11' at Fish River in Silverhill, AL (waterdata.usgs.gov/al/nwis site #02378500): daily discharge cubic feet per sec (cfs): Min. 2007 37.1, 25%=55, median=71, 75%=99, mean=113, max 2017=1140, most recent instantaneous value=1710.
- 6/4/19 - Sierra Club meeting - www.AlabamaRivers.org (Alabama Rivers Alliance) short films by www.southernexposurefilms.org - "Ashes to Ashes" see www.MobileBaykeeper.org, "If They Build It, What Will Come?" see www.SavetheCahaba.org and "Water, Plan For It," see www.AlabamaWaterPlan.org
- 6/8/19 - World Oceans Day - "Treat the oceans as if your life depends on it, because it does." Sylvia Earle, PBS News Hour, Brief but Spectacular - 5/23/19
- 6/9/19 - AL.com Nation & World, p. A19 "White House Blocks Climate Testimony" Rod Schoonover, Office of the Geographer and Global Affairs, State Department of Intelligence and Research: "The document lays out in stark detail the implications of what the administration faces in light of rising carbon emissions that the world has failed to curb. Absent extensive mitigating factors or events, we see few plausible future scenarios where significant—possibly catastrophic--harm does not arise from the compounded effects of climate change."
- 6/18/19 - "Ice on Fire" HBO climate documentary by Leonardo DiCaprio
- 6/19/19 - CNN Bill Weir, Climate Change Correspondent, "Climate Crisis" Obama's Clean Power Plan rolled back.
- 6/20/19 - LINKTV - "Planetary," climate change/mindfulness documentary. NASA astronauts, environmentalists and philosophers show/tell that all life on the planet is inseparably interconnected. www.weareplanetary.com

Upcoming: Elders Climate Action Day in Washington, DC 7/12/2019
email: info@eldersclimateaction.org

Climate Justice: Extending our Reach, a conference to renew the self and care for our planet
www.themountainrlc.org August 4 - 9/2019, Highlands, NC \$570, 828-526-5838 (UU sanctioned)

Ask yourself, "Why am I interested in this issue?" "
Why am I interested in becoming active in our organization?"

EASAC meets 3rd Sunday after FUFellowship.
Respectfully submitted, Riva Fralick

FUF HIGHLIGHT



Jule Moon's Birthday Party

Jule's niece and nephews came from afar to celebrate with her.



To all my friends in our Fellowship

Thank you for all your many expressions of friendship you extended to me at my birthday celebration. And most appreciated of all was your coming to be with me and being present to help me celebrate. Jule Moon



Once again Joyce Burkhart has organized, planned, and cooked for a beautiful event with a packed crowd at the FUF. Jule Moon's 100th birthday party brought out her friends and family from other cities and from all walks of life in Fairhope. We enjoyed standing and telling Jule what we may not tell her every Sunday (because she is in the kitchen) that we love and admire her life and work. Thank you to all who helped Joyce in the kitchen and to all of the FUF Fellowship members who made our guests feel welcome in our beautiful space.

Anne Armstrong
Pat Smith

Gwen Snyder
Phil Strniste

Eloise Rogers
Jane Finger

Lynn Switzky

ART COMMITTEE



Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship Members Art Show: September- November 2019

Opening Reception Saturday September 7, 3-5 pm

Exhibition submission rules

1. No boundaries or size limits
2. FUF Members only
3. Submit up to three works. Depending on number of submissions, may have to display only one per artist. Artist should number them by preference.
4. Items can be for sale.
5. Should be framed and ready to hang – nine pedestals for sculpture available
6. Attach to each work: Artists name, title, price or NFS.

Also SPECIAL Invitation....

We welcome our Food ARTISTS who can provide food for the opening. We will post pictures of your submission. Please tell Julie Brent what you will be bringing for the opening by Tuesday, Sept. 3.

Deliver to fellowship on Thursday, Sept. 5 between 1:30-3 pm. Possible Friday morning delivery if you make prior arrangements with Pinky Bass.

Show will be hung Friday afternoon, Sept 6

Contact Julie 251.504.5328 juliebrent@gmail.com if you have questions.

Pat will make labels.

GROUP ACTIVITIES



SUNDAY TED DISCUSSION

The "TED Talk Discussion Group" meets every Sunday morning at 9:30 sharp in the room adjacent to the Children's Classroom. Often moderated, the group chooses among several 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.

GAME NIGHT

A great way to meet Fellowship members and friends, Game Night meets the second and fourth Saturday of each month at 6:30 p.m. We have a variety of board and card games, and new games are always welcome. New players are invited to learn a game or share one they know. For information contact Pam Perkins – perkinsp947@gmail.com.

FUNCTIONAL LIFESTYLE YOGA CLASS

FLY meets at 6:00 pm every Wednesday. Specifically tailored toward "functional fitness", this class also incorporates principles of yoga. "Functional fitness" refers to the ability to maintain independence and reduce risk of injury or accident due to diminished or dysfunctional physical capabilities of the activities performed for daily living. The class is designed around the fitness levels of the participants and all are welcome. (Please bring a yoga mat and towel.) There is no charge but donations will be accepted gratefully to help cover the cost of opening the facility during these hours.



2019 FUF OFFICERS

Chairman of Board – Donna Orchard
President – Robin Fabel (May-Aug)
Vice President – Dana Roberts
Treasurer – Kay Seymour
Recording Secretary – Melita Willke
Corresponding Secretary – Pat Cassidy
Program Chair – Ray Ables

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

CHILDREN & TEENS FELLOWSHIP

The Children and Teens Fellowship will not meet during June and July. Look for the August date to resume in that month's Newsletter.

Regularly Scheduled Events

Sundays

9:30–10:45 TED Discussion Group (Pls be on time)
10:15 Current Events Discussion Group
10:45 Pre-program Music
11:00 Sunday Service
3rd Sun: Social / Environmental Action Com., 12:20
Last Sunday, every month: Pot Luck Lunch, 12:15

Wednesdays

3:00 – 4:30 Back Porch Folk Singers Practice
5:00 – Weekly Bulletin Deadline
6:00 – 7:00 Functional Lifestyle Yoga

Other Events

Thu, Jul 11: Non-Fiction Book Group, 9:30 am
Sat, Jul 13: FUF Board meeting, 1:00 pm
Game Night, 6:30 pm
Sun, Jul 21: Environ'l/Social Act. Com, 12:20 pm
Wed, Jul 24: **Aug. Newsletter Deadline, 5 pm**
Thu, Jul 25: Non-Fiction Book Group, 9:30 am
Sat, Jul 27: Game Night, 6:30 pm
Sun, Jul 28: Pot Luck Lunch, 12:15

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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