

August 2019



Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship

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Aug 4 FRED NATION: Looking for William Bartram in South Alabama



Environmental consultant, free-lance photographer and writer, Fred Nation, will describe Bartram's great journey (1772-1775), through what is now the Southeastern United States with particular attention to the local plants he saw, including those in Baldwin County. Fred teaches regular seminars on habitats and ecosystems for Weeks Bay Reserve and has developed nature trails and field guides for the Cities of Daphne and Fairhope, Blakeley State Park, Weeks Bay Reserve, Camp Beckwith, and the Baldwin County Parks and Recreation Department. He is the author of the book, *Where the Wild Illicium Grows; Historic Plants of South Alabama and the Central Gulf Coast*. He and his wife,

Maureen, live in Daphne.

Introducer: Del Armstrong

Aug 11 CAROL BAGGETT: Climate Change for the Hopelessly Confused

Looking for a good Whodunit? Scientists are hot on the trail of suspects in the big climate-change mystery, but who, or what, is the real culprit? What do we really know about the cause and effect of climate change? What is scientifically accurate and what's just "blowin' in the wind"? Carol Barrett will address these questions and provide some super-cool facts about a very hot topic! After having taught Geoscience at the middle school, high school, and college levels for over fifteen years, Barrett was awarded a Teacher in The Field fellowship in 2009 to study climate change in the subarctic. She earned a certification in environmental resource management from California State University Bakersfield and a MS in geoscience from Mississippi State University through its Teachers in Geoscience program.

Introducer: Ray Ables

Aug 18 LYNNE OLDSHUE: Learning to Listen



Learning to listen is the easiest gift we can give someone, including strangers. Healing comes from fully-present listening that understands who they are and shows their story and their life matters. An interview with photographer Vincent Lawson about his pictures of the homeless in Mobile, and a story about the city's bus riders, changed Lynne Oldshue's direction and were the catalysts for her the vignette series "Our Southern Souls." After almost 1,200 Souls interviews, including people who survive cancer, flee from war and persecution, take care of spouses with Alzheimer's, wait for acceptance letters into graduate schools and serve hot dogs to the homeless, Oldshue is an expert on listening. She is also the founder of the Nappi-award-winning "The Southern Rambler" blog/website and the "Community of Mobile" Facebook group, which helps to create a compassionate community that takes care of each other. The Mobile Arts Council named her their 2018 Cultural Innovator.

Introducer: Michael Patrick

Aug 25 ROSALIE STROMME: War of the Whales



Noise pollution is a concept we are all familiar with in the atmosphere surrounding us. But this is also true for oceans in which marine mammals must live, making it difficult for some species to survive amidst the sonic chaos below the waterline. A retired Real Estate Appraiser, Rosalie Stromme moved to Fairhope five years ago from the Rocky Mountains west of Denver. Here she volunteers in various local organizations including Alabama Coastal Foundation, Friends of the Fairhope Public Library Board Member, Mobile Symphony Orchestra and Impact 100. She also enjoys outdoor sports such as biking, swimming and golfing.

Introducer: Giorgi Di Lemis

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. August 25, 12:15 pm

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MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP BUSINESS

HIGHLIGHTS

July Board Meeting

Saturday, July 13



- Kay reported that the office computer, and the software on it, is very old and needs to be updated by January, when Windows 7 will no longer be supported. The current versions of Microsoft Office and QuickBooks will need updating as well. Diana Gardiner has offered to research the updates needed and provide a cost estimate, which Kay will present to the board.
- Ann Armstrong will serve as a backup for Treasurer, Kay Seymour, in addition to the current backups, Pat Smith and Diana Gardiner.
- The paver project is on hold until September or October, when members return from summer traveling. Forms will be distributed then.
- The new message addition to the sign in the front is functioning and all agreed looks great. One side still lacks the FUF name at the top, which Baldwin Signs will add in a week or two. Members will be asked to volunteer for one month each year to update the message each week with the next Sunday's speaker and program title. (See details in next column.)
- A \$2,000 check has been sent to the University of Alabama at Birmingham on behalf of Brisa Ables, this year's FUF scholarship recipient.
- As instructed by the city fire inspector during a recent inspection, the latch on the main door will be replaced with a keyed lock within a year. Assurance that all other doors are easily opened should an emergency exit be needed is also required and will be addressed by the board.
- Melita Willkie will resume teaching on August 18, after school resumes. On October 20, members of the children's program will present a program on mythology.

Submitted by Rec. Sec. Melita Willkie

AGENDA

August Board Meeting

Saturday, August 10, 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.

Eight More Volunteers Needed! For Weekly Sign Update



About 40 minutes, max, total time per week every Sunday *or* Monday for one month per year. (That's four or five times, depending on the month). Below is a brief summary of the process with estimated minutes to do each task. Volunteers will be trained.

- 1) Select letters needed for next message from alphabetically arranged holders in building 5-10
- 2) Remove existing messages from two sides 5
- 3) Insert new message letters on two sides 10-15
- 4) Return removed letters to alphabetical holders in building 5-10

Please contact Janef09@gmail.com or call 251-928-5119 to volunteer.



Financial Summary June, 2019

| | June | Year-to-Date |
|--|---------------------|----------------------|
| Support and Revenue | | |
| Contributions | 2,945 | 32,798 |
| Other Revenue | <u>2,137</u> | <u>2,219</u> |
| Total Support and Revenue | 5,082 | 35,017 |
| | | |
| Expenses | | |
| Building | 2,108 | 13,371 |
| Committees | 1,378 | 6,297 |
| Donations | <u>450</u> | <u>1,000</u> |
| Total Expenses | <u>3,936</u> | <u>20,668</u> |
| | | |
| Net Operating Increase/(Decrease) | 1,146 | 14,349 |

SOCIAL ACTION/ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Nursing Scholarship

The following letter from the recent recipient of this scholarship is a strong incentive for all members to contribute to this Social Action Committee project.

Dear Members of the Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship,

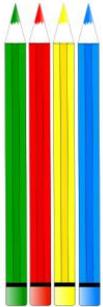
I would like to tell you how honored and grateful I am to have been selected as the recipient of your Fall 2018 and Summer 2019 Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship Nursing Scholarships. Since being named a recipient of these wonderful scholarships, my dream of becoming a registered nurse is becoming a reality at Coastal Alabama Community College. The award has made it possible for me to afford the textbooks required for my courses, as well as help to support my family while my husband and I are both full-time college students. As I pursue my nursing degree, he is at the University of Southern Alabama studying civil engineering. Together we have a 6-year-old son and a 3-year-old daughter. We started college for the first time 4 years ago, changing careers of 15+ years, he in the restaurant industry and I a licensed cosmetologist. When we started we had no idea how we could ever make it work, but we pushed through difficult times with faith and hard work, and every time we were faced with a season that seemed impossible, blessings like your scholarship would come along, affirming that we were on the right path and that there are amazing and generous people in the world.

I love what this scholarship represents and the seven principles that you affirm and promote. These too are guiding principles in my life as well as what I intend on bringing with me to my future career in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at USA Children's and Women's Hospital. I am

currently in my last semester working in my practicum in the NICU along with my classes at CACC. When I finish, I would love to come to thank you all personally.

Once again, thank you so very much. I am forever grateful for what the Fellowship represents. I am committed to my education and to the health care field, and one step closer to becoming a registered nurse, thanks to your continued generosity and the Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship Nursing Scholarship.

Sincerely,
Megan Naylor
Spanish Fort



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. Collection continues through August.

Submitted by Lynne Switzky for the Committee

ART COMMITTEE REMINDER

Members Art Show: September- November 2019

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 **September 7 opening reception**. 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

Pat will make labels.

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

GROUP ACTIVITIES



BACK PORCH FOLK SINGERS

If you enjoy singing, you might want to consider joining the Back Porch Folk Singers. No musical training or experience is necessary. Our focus is to meld together the talents of its members in both singing ability and instrumental proficiency. It meets regularly every Wednesday from 3-4:30pm. It was begun in 1986 and has flourished in the fellowship since. The medium of singing connects the body with what the mind sees and feels. This connection is not only a process of discovery, but is also downright fun to vocalize. Come join us and see for yourself!

Submitted by Phil Strniste

NON-FICTION BOOK GROUP

Just over ten years ago the late Ed Lawrence, then the highly respected president of the FUF, asked Charlie Earl to form a Non-Fiction Book Group. From the start individualism and consensus dominated its practice. Unlike most book 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. Usually it can be a book, but may be a pithy article or pamphlet. Participants summarize their reading in ten minutes or so, before general discussion. History, biography, economics, and current politics are favorite topics, but nothing is banned, except fiction.

The group meets at 9:30 every other Thursday morning in the FUF office unless public holidays clash. After a couple of hours someone will mention lunch. The hungry convivial will then adjourn to a local café chosen by consensus.

Despite its negative name, newcomers joining the Non-Fiction Book Group could have a positive experience.

Submitted by Robin Fabel

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 – (vacant)
Program Chair – Ray Ables

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

CHILDREN & TEENS FELLOWSHIP

The Children's Fellowship will resume meeting on August 18.

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, Aug 8: Non-Fiction Book Group, 9:30 am

Sat, Aug 10: FUF Board meeting, 1:00 pm

Game Night, 6:30 pm

Sun, Aug 18: Children's Fellowship Resumes, 11:00

Environ'l/Social Act. Com, 12:20 pm

Thu, Aug 22: Non-Fiction Book Group, 9:30 am

Sat, Aug 24: Game Night, 6:30 pm

Sun, Aug 25: Pot Luck Lunch, 12:15

Tue, Aug 27: Sept. 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.

Provide written copy or email,

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

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