



February 2018

Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship

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A Member of the Unitarian Universalist Association

Feb 4 KOSI AVOTRI: Traditional African Religion with Focus on Ghana

Born and educated in Ghana, Koshi Avotri was brought up as a Presbyterian Christian against the background of a traditional African religion. He will present ideas of God, worship, and life after death, as well as rules to live by from this traditional African religion. A graduate of the University of Ghana and a pediatrician, Dr. Avotri has practiced in Dayton, Ohio; Gadsden, Alabama and Laplace, Louisiana. He began attending UU churches in 2001 and became a member of the New Orleans UU church.

Introducer: Ken Hudson

Feb 11 PRAD MATHUR: Emersonian Values in Public Life

FUF Member Prad Mathur will present a narrative of public life—political and diplomatic—of two relatively unknown Unitarian public servants who cast a larger than life influence in their spheres. John G. Winant was the governor of New Hampshire and later became an American envoy to London. Chester Bowles was governor of Connecticut and became an American envoy to New Delhi. Initially a law professor in his native India, Mathur earned a Ph.D in anthropology at Michigan State University and taught anthropology at Central Michigan University, but his academic and professional interests remain in law: insurance, international law, wills, guardianship, and probate. He is interested in the writings of the Founding Fathers and philosophers of that time together with reading current events and examining various viewpoints of the day.

Introducer Donna Orchard

Feb 18 GENTRY HANKS: Diabetes and the Discovery of Insulin

Cases of diabetes are on the rise in every country in the world. While it may seem like a new phenomenon, diabetes has a long history. Everyday life with diabetes is much different now than it was before the discovery of insulin. The discovery of insulin by Drs. Banting and Best did not happen in a vacuum, but in an emotion-fueled race to find a “cure.” While we are still seeking a cure, many treated with insulin in the early 1920s felt that insulin was, in fact, a cure because it meant escaping an early death. Gentry Hanks will explore what life was like for those first treated with insulin. A graduate of LSU, as part of her PhD candidate program Hanks studies the emotional landscapes of everyday life with diabetes. She loves traveling and living abroad and has lived in El Salvador, The Netherlands, Japan, and Canada. She now lives in Fairhope with her husband and their young daughter.

Introducer: Donna Orchard

Feb 25 CHRIS PETERS: AnomalyBot

Witness the rise of digital robots! When someone says the word “robot,” one might picture a machine in an automotive factory or in a laboratory, but there is a different kind of robot that may already outnumber physical robots: a digital robot. Anomaly detectors work in code on computers and perform work in chatrooms alongside humans. Chris Peters will show pictures of these robots doing work and discuss some of the important tasks “bots” do today, and may do in the not-too-distant future: life-saving medical anomaly bots, fraud-detecting bots, or bots that curate human knowledge. Now a statistician/data scientist at Zapier, a company that believes computers should do more work, Chris previously worked at a company that teaches people in all lifestyles how to code. He has a passion for free software, data visualization, and programming, and is grateful that he gets to work in an unparalleled time of sharing.

Introducer: Brian Willkie

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 9:45 am. Current Events discussion group 10:15 am

Teens' Fellowship 10:00 – 11:00 am. Children's Fellowship 11:00 – 12:00 pm

Spirit Enrichment Group 5:00 – 6:00 pm

Last Sunday of the Month Potluck: Bring a dish and join us for fellowship and conversation. February 25, 12:15 pm

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MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP BUSINESS

January Board Meeting HIGHLIGHTS

Saturday, January 13, 2018

- The Publicity Committee and the Membership Committee both need chairs.
- Harvey Switzky has volunteered to serve as Education Chair
- The Program Committee chairs may schedule movies at 1:00 pm after Sunday Pot Luck if they wish to show a documentary film that exceeds the time allocated for the program in the eleven o'clock service. Lunch will still begin at noon.
- The Spiritual Enrichment Program attendance was down for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve but is picking back up again.
- Sheena Patrick resigned as chair of the Caring and Concern committee.

Submitted by Sheena Patrick, Recording Secretary

February Board Meeting AGENDA

Saturday, February 10, 2018, 1:00 p.m.

1. Approve January 2018 Board meeting minutes
2. Treasurer's Report
3. OLD BUSINESS
4. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Publicity Committee
 - B. Membership Committee
 - C. Welcoming Committee
 - D. Building Committee
 - E. Program Committee
 - i. Wednesday, March 7th Concert
 - F. Education – FUF UU Youth class
 - i. Scholarship for FUF Students
 - G. New Speaker for small groups

To add agenda items, please promptly notify Keith Ward or Ray Ables. Board meetings are open to all friends and members.

Submitted by Keith Ward, Chair

Publicity Chair Responsibilities Clarified

Several appeals from the podium and in print for someone to assume the role of Publicity Committee Chair have not been effective. Some members have said they are willing to serve on the committee, but don't want to be the chair. Perhaps the reluctance to take on this responsibility by anyone considering it is the expectation that it means scheduling and promoting special events (mostly concerts) that we have enjoyed in the recent past. If you are one of those who would like to contribute more to the life of our community in this way but have neither the experience nor interest in producing special events, then you may rest assured that this responsibility will not be included in your duties. The primary duties of this committee is to make the broader community know that we are here and what we are all about. For such an important part of our overall program, surely there is someone willing to give it a try (it's only one year). If you're that person, contact Keith Ward.

Financial Summary

	December	Actual YTD	Budgeted YTD	Surplus/ (Deficit)
Support and Revenue				
Contributions	9,522	50,998	48,375	2,623
Other Revenue	569	6,212	9,000	(2,788)
Total Support and Revenue	10,091	57,210	57,375	(165)
Expenses				
Building	2,283	32,954	37,200	4,246
Committees	1,417	12,174	16,800	4,626
Donations	450	3,702	3,375	(327)
Total Expenses	4,150	48,830	57,375	8,545

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Items For the Collection Basket

DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE



In January and February we will be collecting items for **The Lighthouse**, Baldwin County's shelter for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Cleaning supplies, paper goods, small and large plastic bags, toiletry items for women, and snacks for children are some of the items needed. Copies of the complete list of needs are available in the foyer.

Social Action Committee Members

Harvey Switzky, Chair
Brisa Ables
Kathleen Fendelman

Angela Flowers
Vivian Gooding
Serena Low

Mary Matthews
Heart McQueen
Jeanine Normand

Eloise Rogers
Freya Sonenstein
Sharon Spielman

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Mission Statement

Scholarship for Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship Students Accepted at a College or University

The objectives of a Scholarship Fund for the young teen members of the Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship are multifaceted. An award of a scholarship to a young member confers recognition of their meaningful participation in the activities of this Fellowship. The gift of a scholarship creates a celebratory connection with the young recipients who make a transition from one stage of life to another, as they leave to learn and grow in a new academic environment. As they matriculate from high school and end their active relationship with the FUF, a scholarship will provide a bridge for their continued connection with us while they are away. The creation of a Scholarship Fund will underscore the intergenerational process of the transmission of values and the promotion of community association. The founding objectives represent our collective responsibility to nurture our young adult community. This Fund is an invitation to each of us to make our affirming contribution and extend our support to the graduating teen members of the Fellowship. To show care and concern for one another is central to Unitarianism.

The amount of the scholarship will depend on the contributions received each year. The committee will determine how much of the Fund to disburse each year in awards and how much to retain. The members of the congregation may make contributions anytime during the year with a check made payable to the FUF Scholarship Fund.

A scholarship applicant should be responsive to the following criteria:

1. The applicant should have been active in the Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship for two years.
2. The applicant must have been accepted at an accredited college or university.
3. The applicant must have at least a 2.5 grade point average.
4. The applicant will write about his or her activities relative to the seven Unitarian Principles.

An application may be renewed each year until graduation.

The final date for sending an application request will be April 1 each year. The scholarships will be awarded the last Sunday of May at the 11 o'clock service.

The founding members of the committee are as follows:

Michael Patrick
Diana Gardiner

Harvey Switzky
Prad Mathur

Donna Orchard
Elaine Snyder-Conn

Rodney Hoffman

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION, Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

E-Mail Address _____

A. How long have you been attending the Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship?

B. Please describe the ways you have promoted any or all of the Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism. Use additional paper if needed.

1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person.
2. Justice, equity and compassion in human relations.
3. Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregation.
4. A free and responsible search for truth and meaning.
5. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregation and in society at large.
6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.
7. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

C. In what ways have you contributed to the activities of the Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship?
(Examples: participated in a play for the Fellowship; presented a program for the Fellowship or Youth Class.)

D. Please list the leadership roles you have held in school or outside of school. (Examples: sports, student council, volunteering, committees.)

E. Please list the AP, IB or college classes you have taken or are now taking.

F. Grade Point Average (GPA)

! _____ 3.5-4.0!!!

! _____ 3.0-3.4

! _____ 2.5-2.9

G. In a few paragraphs on another sheet of paper, explain why you are the best candidate for this scholarship.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sumi-e Painting Demonstration

Friday, February 2nd, 10:30 am
Nationally recognized artist and Eastern Shore Art Center instructor, Maria Papp, will give a free demonstration on Sumi-e painting, the technique used in the artwork currently displayed at the Fellowship. All are welcome to attend this free demonstration.



Art Exhibit Opening Reception

Saturday, **March 3rd**, 3 – 5pm

The exhibit will feature the photography of the Eastern Shore Camera Club. Come join the fun and meet our local photography “shutter bugs”.

Submitted by Melinda Hicks, Chair



Documentary Film

Sunday, February 25th, 1:00 pm
FUF(following Pot Luck Lunch)

ATTICUS VS THE ARCHITECT:

THE POLITICAL ASSASSINATION OF DON SIEGELMAN

Former Governor Siegelman will attend and be available after the film.

A link to the documentary's trailer: <https://vimeo.com/209816360>

FUF ACTIVITY DETAILS

SPIRIT ENRICHMENT GROUP

Each service is a conventional UU Service with prelude, chalice lighting, a reading, inspiring music, meditation and a prayer from the UU hymnal acknowledging human suffering in the congregation and in the world. A video presentation of a thought-provoking sermon by a UU minister follows on topics such as compassion, kindness, love, atonement, life purpose, beauty, spirituality, UU history, and theology. A closing UU hymn precedes the chalice being extinguished.

February Programs – 5:00 pm

Feb. 4 “Love: A Force or a Farce?”

Bishop Carlton D. Pearson for MLK Day

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mB7hgIz5cKs>

Feb. 11 “Black Lives Matter”

John Whitely

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Txz8_2Bp_b4

Feb. 18 “Stupid Things White People Say”

Rev. Tamara Lebak

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Zp8a1g_1Cg

Feb. 25 “The New Jim Crow”

Rev. Dr. Marlin Lavanhar

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hnEuj3kMIBM>

SUNDAY TED DISCUSSION

The "TED Talk Discussion Group" meets every Sunday morning at 9:45 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 often discussion follows. All ideas are welcome.

MEDITATION/DISCUSSION

The FUF Board has approved a new weekly event of meditation, presentation, and discussion proposed by Andrea Cherry. It is held on Wednesday afternoons from 4:30 to 5:45 in the Ted Talk room.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON COFFEE PLUS

Every Wednesday morning, people gather at 3:00 and enjoy coffee and conversation until 4:30. Some bring craft projects and others just come for the pleasure of getting together. There's no need to sign up...just show up. Everyone is welcome!

SUNDAY BULLETIN DEADLINE

Wednesday at 5:00 pm is the deadline for information to be included in the weekly bulletin. Submit to Mary Matthews.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Regularly Scheduled Events

Sundays

9:45–10:45 TED Discussion Group(Please be on time)

10:00 – 11:00 Teen’s Fellowship

10:15 Current Events Discussion Group

10:45 Pre-program Music

11:00 Sunday Program

11:00 Children’s Fellowship

5:00 – 6:00 Spirit Enrichment Group

2nd Sunday: Environmental Action Committee, 12:20

3rd Sunday: Social Action Committee, 12:20

Last Sunday of every month: Pot Luck Lunch, 12:15

Tuesdays

3:30 – 4:30 Choir Practice

Wednesdays

3:00 UU Coffee Plus

3:00 – 4:30 Back Porch Folk Singers Practice

4:30 – 5:45 Meditation/ Discussion

5:00 Weekly Bulletin Deadline

6:00 – 7:00 Functional Lifestyle Yoga (Except Feb 7)

Other Events

Fri, Feb 2: Sumi-e Painting Demonstration, 10:30 am

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

Game night, 6:30 pm

Thu, Feb 8: Nonfiction Book Group, 9:30 am

Sun, Feb 11: Environmental Action Committee, 12:20

Sun, Feb 18: Social Action Committee, 12:20 pm

Tues, Feb 20: February Newsletter deadline, 5:00 pm

Thu, Feb 22: Nonfiction Book Group, 9:30 am

Sat, Feb 24: Game night, 6:30 pm

Sun, Feb 25: Documentary Film, 1:00 pm

Sat, Mar 3: Art Exhibit Opening Reception, 3:00-5:00

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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