



March 2016

# Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship

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## Mar 6 ALEX LEFF: In the Path of Resistance: Justice Beyond the Keystone XL Pipeline

In his incredibly timely environmental justice documentary, "In The Path of Resistance," student filmmaker Alex Leff explores the communities living along the proposed route of the Keystone XL Pipeline and their fight to stop the project. Alex will explain the making of the film, the story of the Keystone XL battle, and how everyday people across the country are organizing to confront the climate crisis. Recently released, the film was selected for the 10th Annual Colorado Environmental Film Festival. He is the grandson of our own FUF member Jonathan Leff.

Introduction: Don Sawyer

## Mar 13 ELAINE SNYDER-CONN: The Human Rainbow: A Biological Perspective

Our inherited genotypes are far more varied than XX and XY. What happens as a result of our inherited genotypes and the many influences during fetal development remains fixed for life, resulting in a true human rainbow. Elaine Synder-Conn will explain how, from the beginning of fetal development, we are influenced by a wide variety of factors that influence our organ development (including the brain), metabolism, behavior, disease, and sexual development and orientation. Elaine taught a variety of college-level biology courses in North Carolina and Alaska before joining the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as an environmental contaminants specialist, studying the effects of contaminants on invertebrates, fish, birds, and mammals.

Introduction: Jane Finger

## Mar 20 FRED NATION: Pharmacy in the Forest: Herbal Medicine in the South

Emphasizing plants native to southern Alabama, botanist, environmental consultant, free-lance photographer and writer, Fred Nations will explain the principles and practices of herbalism and describe the history and evolution of herbal medicine in the South. Nations is no stranger to anyone interested in wildlife in this area, having taught regular seminars on habitats and ecosystems for Weeks Bay Reserve and conducted frequent workshops on invasive exotic plant controls and plant identification for public and private agencies. His major activities include plant inventories, site assessments and restorations, and the control of invasive exotic plant species. He is the author of "Where the Wild Illicium Grows; Historic Plants of South Alabama and the Central Gulf Coast."

Introduction: Celeste Hinds

## Mar 27 PRAD MATHUR: Margaret Fuller, a Woman of Many Firsts

Margaret Fuller (1810-1850), contemporary of Ralph Waldo Emerson, is a woman of many "firsts." first American to write a book about equality for women; first editor of *The Dial*, the foremost Transcendentalist journal; first woman to enter Harvard library to pursue research; first woman journalist on Horace Greeley's *New York Daily Tribune*; first woman to engage in social work among prostitutes and in mental asylums. Prad Mather will explain how her story inspires us to follow her lead, think independently, freely exchange opinions, believe in the equality of all people, and be open to change. Mathur, a Unitarian since 1964, joined FUF in 2006.

Introduction: Gwen Snyder

## SUNDAY SERVICE 11 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 a.m. Current Events discussion group 10:15 am.

Children's Fellowship 11 – noon (Sept to May)

March 27: Last Sunday of the Month Potluck: Bring a dish and join us for fellowship and conversation.

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## MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP BUSINESS

### Summary – February Board Meeting

- The tempered glass window that protects the stained glass chalice was replaced.
- A new web site host will be tried out.
- Because Aaron Hinrichs will be leaving Fairhope at the end of March, the Board is looking for volunteers to learn how to operate the sound system. He and Edith will be greatly missed.
- The hard drive of the FUF office computer crashed but fortunately, after spending untold hours, Jim and Diana Gardner were able to restore it to use. Once restored, Diana and Pat Smith manually re-entered all the 2016 financial data from hard copies. Data prior to 2016 was also lost, but hard copies are available.
- All publications by FUF require Board approval before circulation.

*Submitted by Lynne Switzky, Recording Secretary*

### March Board Meeting Agenda

Friday, March 11, 2016, 10 a.m.

1. Approve February 2016 Board meeting minutes
2. Treasurer's Report
3. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. Website
  - B. Participating with Unity Church in Auction
4. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Membership Committee report
  - B. Program Committee report
  - C. Publicity Committee report
  - D. Yard Sale report

To add agenda items, please promptly notify Rodney Hoffman or Diana Gardiner. Board meetings are open to all friends and members.

### Financial Summary

January, 2016

	January	Actual YTD	Budgeted YTD	Surplus/ (Deficit)
<b>Support and Revenue</b>				
Contributions	3,546	3,546	3,750	204
Other Revenue	88	88	750	662
<b>Total Support and Revenue</b>	<b>3,634</b>	<b>3,634</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>(866)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Building	3,678	3,678	3,021	(657)
Committees	593	593	1,204	611
Donations	0	0	275	275
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>4,271</b>	<b>4,271</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>229</b>
<b>Net Operating Increase/(Decrease)</b>	<b>(637)</b>	<b>(637)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(637)</b>

### Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship Committee Chairs

Our Fellowship has many functions that require the time and attention of members in order to keep the FUF running smoothly and be of service to our group and the community. We have 31 committees, 30 of which are currently active. Thank you to the new chairs including Melinda Hicks who agreed to chair the Art Committee, Ben Gall who has agreed to take on Helping Hands, Brian Willkie who will become Sound Manager, Trudi Rogier for Game Night, Harvey Switzky on being

elected Chair of the Social Action Committee and Don Sawyer for chairing the combined Publicity and Event committee. Thank you also to all of the continuing Committee Chairs for their continued service. Following is a list of the committees and chairs grouped by categories. The FUF Volunteer Handbook contains information about the duties and membership of these committees. That information is being updated thanks to Juanie Noland and will be distributed in the near future.

## FUF COMMITTEE CHAIRS

### Arts and Entertainment Committees

1. Art *Melinda Hicks*
2. Music *Helen Garrett*
3. Game Night *Trudi Rogier*

### Building and Maintenance Committees

4. Building Maintenance *Trudi Rogier*
5. Building Usage Manager *Elin Shallcross*
6. Building Grounds *Nathell Dian & Pat Cassady*
7. Living Memory Garden *Phil Strniste*

### Financial Committees

8. Finance/Budget *Pat Smith*
9. Fundraising *Event Organizer is Chair*

### Media Committees

10. Bulletin Board *Nathell Dian*
11. Newsletter *Jane Finger*
12. Sunday Bulletin *Mary Matthews*
13. Information Technology *Diana Gardiner*
14. Library *Pam Perkins*
15. Publicity and Events *Don Sawyer*
16. Publications Manager *Nancy Darby*

17. Historical Records *Michael Patrick*
18. FUF Facebook Page *Michael Patrick*
19. Sound Manager *Brian Willkie*
20. Memory/Honor Book *Robin Fabel*

### Members and Friends Support Committees

21. Caring & Concerns *Sheena Patrick*
22. Helping Hands *Ben Gall*
23. Membership *Irene Wegner*
24. Education *Ray Ables*
25. Youth Educator *Melita Willkie*
- Teen Educator *Kate Mercer*

### Social and Environmental Action Committees

26. Environmental Action *Currently Vacant*
27. Social Action Chair Rotates *Currently Harvey Switzky*

### Sunday Program Committees

28. Chalice Lighters (Sundays) *Pam Perkins*
29. Readers (Sundays) *Michael Patrick*
30. Hospitality *Jule Moon*
31. TED (Sundays) *Michael Delaney*

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

### “Souper” Sunday Success



The first of our Souper Sundays series was a resounding success. We had twenty-eight participants from whom we gathered questions, concerns, suggestions, and ideas. We'll include a summary in the April newsletter. Our next Souper Sunday is March 13. Last time we had to turn a few who didn't sign up away for lack of soup. So be sure to reserve your space on the sign-up sheet that will be out the two Sundays prior to the 13th. For more information see the last page of this newsletter.

*Submitted by Jane Finger, Committee Member*

## SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE NEWS

### March Macaroni Madness

In March, SAC will collect macaroni and other non-perishable food items, especially items related to **pasta** for the **Food Pantry** in memory and celebration of Nancy Martin, former President of FUF. March Macaroni Madness was Nancy's brainchild – a wonderful example of how she combined her joie de vie and social responsibility. Look for the labeled basket in the lobby. Questions – ask a Social Action Committee member.

Let's collect more packages of pasta and jars of sauce than ever before!!!

*“You can give without loving, but can never love without giving.” Anonymous*

*Submitted by Serena Low, Committee Member*

CULTURE COMMITTEE EVENT

# IN THE PATH OF RESISTANCE



Filmmaker Alex Leff is a senior at Hampshire College in Massachusetts, where he studies documentary film.

His previous film, *Students & Goliath: How the Youth Took on the Fossil Fuel Industry* was featured by 350.org



ashbournefilms.com

## Justice beyond the Keystone XL Pipeline

**"An essential film for teaching climate justice"**

Two college students adventure along the proposed route of the KXL pipeline to meet those living on the frontlines. On the Gulf Coast, Black and Latin@ activists stand up for their communities, which are surrounded by refineries and chemical plants. In the Sandhills of Nebraska, a 92-year-old grandmother, a retired rancher, young woman taking over her family farm, and others unite to stop the KXL. On the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, Lakota activists see the pipeline as part of a legacy of oppression and resistance. When ranchers meet with Native Americans, they forge an unexpected alliance.

In this groundbreaking film, activists share their personal stories of empowerment and the many ways they fight for their communities. Some are just finding their voices, learning how to organize and speak out. Others have been at it for a long time. But for all of them, this is their first time speaking out together. They begin by trying to stop TransCanada ... and end up starting a movement.



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**Come and meet the filmmaker, Alex Leff, who will answer questions after the documentary as part of a panel of local environmentalists who will discuss the impact of pipelines in our region and other environmental issues. Panelists will include Joe Womack from Africatown, where a pipeline was recently rammed through their community without consultation or compensation. Find out how you too can fight back. Free Admission and Refreshments.**



**Saturday March 5, 2:00**  
FUF Hall -- 1150 Fairhope Ave, Fairhope, AL  
Phone:(251) 929-3207

## FUF GROUP DETAILS

### “IN THE PATH OF RESISTANCE”

#### DOCUMENTARY – MARCH 5

A great documentary on community resistance to the Keystone XL pipeline will be shown March 5, at 2:00 pm at the Fellowship Hall. The filmmaker will be here to premier the film in Alabama, so mark it down. We will have a forum to discuss local environmental issues after the screening. Panel members will include Joe Womack of Africatown, whose community has battled industrial incursion and pipelines for generations.

*Submitted by Don Sawyer*

#### SOUPER SUNDAYS CONTINUE MARCH 13

The Membership Committee will be serving soup and bread again immediately after Sunday coffee and cookies (around 12:20). The purpose of these monthly lunches is to generate discussion of issues related to our obtaining UU “Welcoming Congregation” certification. We invite anyone and everyone to participate in the Q&A (and lunch, of course) and offer suggestions, ideas, and concerns. The committee needs to know how many to cook for so please sign up at the Sunday program on February 28 or Mar 6. If you forget to sign up and want to attend call or email Irene Wegner at 517-7248 or [Hgbiker44@gmail.com](mailto:Hgbiker44@gmail.com) before noon on Wednesday, March 9, to add your name.

#### SUNDAY TED DISCUSSION

The “Ted Talk” group meets every Sunday morning at 9:45 sharp in the room adjacent to the Children’s Classroom. Michael Delaney or Julie Brent leads the group and begins each session by suggesting a few short TED talks on various topics for viewing. The group decides which one seems most interesting. The video of the talk then is viewed and an always-interesting discussion follows.

#### WEDNESDAY MORNING COFFEE PLUS

Every Wednesday morning, people gather at 10:00 and enjoy coffee and conversation until 11:30. 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!

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Regularly Scheduled Events

#### Sundays:

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

10:15 Current Events Discussion Group

10:45 Pre-program Music

11:00 Children’s Fellowship

11:00 Sunday Program

Third Sunday: Social Action Committee, 12:20

Last Sunday of every month: Pot Luck Lunch, noon.

#### Tuesdays:

3:30 Choir Practice

#### Wednesdays

10-11:30 UU Coffee Plus

3:00- 4:30 Back Porch Singers

5:00 Weekly Bulletin Deadline

#### Other Events

**Wed., Mar 2:** New Member Orientation 6:30–8 pm

**Sat., Mar 5:** “In the Path of Resistance” Film & Forum  
2:00 pm

**Wed., Mar 9:** New Member Orientation 6:30–8 pm

**Thu., Mar 10:** Nonfiction Book Group, 9:30 am

**Fri., Mar 11:** FUF Board meets, 10:00 am

**Sat., Mar 12:** Game night, 6:30 pm

**Sun., Mar 13:** Souper Sunday, 12:20 pm

**Thu., Mar 24:** Nonfiction Book Group, 9:30 am

April Newsletter deadline, 5:00 pm

**Sat., Mar 26:** Game Night, 6:30 pm

### NO GENTLE YOGA IN MARCH

Julie E. Brent will be out of the country, so her yoga class will be suspended during March.

### SUNDAY BULLETIN INFO DEADLINE

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

*Submitted by 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 to editor at:

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