



April 2018

Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship

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A Member of the Unitarian Universalist Association

Apr 1 MICHAEL PATRICK AND PHIL STRNISTE: An Explication of Amerian Pie

Phil Strniste and the Back Porch Singers will perform Don Mcleane's "Bye, Bye Miss American Pie." Michael Patrick will explicate the symbolism of the song. The duo, along with the Back Porch Singers, have been doing programs together since the 20th Century at FUF and at the University of South Alabama where Michael taught Southern Folklore and Alabama Folklore.

Introducer: Michael Patrick

Apr 8 MICHELE HARMON: Speak Your Truth Even if Your Voice Shakes

Judge Roy Moore's continual denial and discredit of his accusers reminded Michele Harmon of her own #MeToo stories. A stay-at-home mom, Harmon became an activist shortly after the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill, walking the local beaches for five years taking photographs of continued oiling in the form of tar balls and filing countless reports with the US Coast Guard. When the #MeToo movement began in 2017, Michelle found out that Roy Moore was coming to Fairhope. She and other local women said, "We have to do something!" Within an hour, The Handmaid's Protest against Roy Moore was set into motion.

Introducer: Serena Low

Apr 15 JOSH FOSTER: The Greatest Talk on Narcissism Ever Told

Josh Foster will introduce listeners to the science of the narcissistic personality, a complex personality trait that is commonly misrepresented in the popular media. Dr. Foster will focus on what narcissism is and is not, its causes, demographic distribution, and pros and cons. Foster is member of the Behavior and Brain Sciences faculty (Psychology Department) at the University of South Alabama where his principal areas of research are personality and individual differences (most notably, narcissism), psychometrics and statistical modeling. His work has been featured in The New York Times, The Boston Globe, The Wall Street Journal and The Huffington Post.

Introducer: Harvey Joanning

Apr 22 HEATHER NUTTING: String Quartet 101

This program answers the question "What is a string quartet?" Along with some music history and music appreciation, Heather Nutting will give examples from the Mozart String Quartet, K.465. The Marks String Quartet, with which Nutting is the 2nd violinist, will then play the quartet nicknamed "The Dissonant." The members of the Marks Quartet are: Barbara Flechsenhar, violin; Heather Nutting, violin; Julie Marks, viola; and John Marks, cello. A member of FUF and its choir director, Nutting earned a Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance from Oberlin Conservatory of Music and has played in orchestras and chamber music groups her whole adult life. She is best known to the Fellowship as the warm, wonderful, and often humorous choir director who has perfect pitch and who is kind to us who don't.

Introducer: Helen Garrett

Apr 29 RAY MALLISHAM: God in Your School Life

School life and its many influences cause some youth to reject God and faith. Ray Mallisham will describe how a young person of strong faith handles and balances school life. A four-year International Baccalaureate student at Daphne High School, he is a member of the National Honor Society, the DHS the band, and the varsity football, track and wrestling teams, and also is a church usher and secretary of his Sunday school.

Introducer: Sulayman Akbar

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* *will not meet Apr. 1

Spirit Enrichment Group 5:00 – 6:00 pm

Last Sunday of the Month Potluck: Bring a dish and join us for fellowship and conversation. Apr 29, 12:15 pm

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MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP BUSINESS

March Board Meeting

HIGHLIGHTS

Saturday,
March 10, 2018



- Recommended that publicity be increased in *Natural Awakenings*, *Langniappe* and *Fairhope Courier*.
- Appointed Anne Armstrong as chair of Membership and Lucy Mercer as chair of Publications.
- Approved FUF participation in Mobile Pride Fest at Cooper Riverside Park.
- A Welcoming event will also be planned by FUF for Pride Week.
- Approved art display by Nall planned for July and August at FUF.
- The youth group will participate in the activities of the Caring Concerns Committee under the leadership of Kate Mercer. The adult committee will continue as before but still needs a chair.

Submitted by Sheena Patrick, Recording Secretary

April Board Meeting

AGENDA

Saturday,
April 14, 2018, 1:00 p.m.



1. Approve March 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
 - F. Education

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

Financial Summary

	Actual	Budgeted	Surplus/
February	YTD	YTD	(Deficit)
Support and Revenue			
Contributions	3,331	6,682	(1,651)
Other Revenue	219	503	(726)
Total Support and Revenue	3,550	7,185	(2,377)
Expenses			
Building	2,887	5,269	923
Committees	1,110	2,017	791
Donations	326	562	236
Total Expenses	4,323	7,612	1,950
Net Operating Increase/(Decrease)	(773)	(427)	0 (427)

CARING & CONCERNS COMMITTEE

New Support Available

The Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship Cares and Youth Service Committee, offers support for FUF members and friends in coping with illness, death, and crisis in addition to acknowledging special life occasions and members who need assistance with daily needs or activities.

Please email requests to: FUFcares@gmail.com or submit a form in the FUF lobby.

Thank you,
CYSC Members

In Need of Chairperson

Though Kate Mercer has generously agreed to oversee the new youth participation in supporting our members and friends in need, the committee still needs someone to step up and become the overall chairperson. There are members ready to help, but they need someone to co-ordinate and direct these very important efforts.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Children and Teens from FUF participated in the March for Our Lives, March 24 in Mobile.



FUF Teen activists left to right, Lucy Mercer, Sophia Mercer, and Emily Mercer

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.

April Programs – 5:00 pm

- Apr 1 Program cancelled
- Apr 8 Pagan Roots - Rev. Jennifer Ryun
- Apr 15 The Secret Life - Rev. Dr. Arvid Straibe
- Apr 22 The Hope Jar - Jason Cook
- Apr 29 Healing Words for a Divided World -
Rev. Daniel Kantor

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 afternoon, 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!

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.

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 (except Apr. 1)
- 10:15 Current Events Discussion Group
- 10:45 Pre-program Music
- 11:00 Sunday Program
- 11:00 Children's Fellowship (except Apr. 1)
- 5:00 – 6:00 Spirit Enrichment Group (except Apr. 1)
- 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 Apr 4)

Other Events

- Sun, Apr 8:** Environmental Action Committee, 12:20
- Thu, Apr 12:** Nonfiction Book Group, 9:30 am
- Sat, Apr 14:** FUF Board meeting, 1:00 pm
Game night, 6:30 pm
- Sun, Apr 15:** Social Action Committee, 12:20 pm
- Sun, Apr 22:** May Newsletter deadline, 5:00 pm
- Thu, Apr 26:** Nonfiction Book Group, 9:30 am
- Sat, Apr 28:** Game night, 6:30 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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