



May 2018

Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship

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A Member of the Unitarian Universalist Association

May 6 DOUG BAULOS: Art/Science/Rational/Emotional

Science is an objective and rational pursuit of natural truths. Art is a subjective and emotional pursuit of human creativity. We are often taught that these two categories, with their associated practices; artifacts and institutions, are opposites. But, how are they really intertwined in the same endeavor, understanding and representation of the world around us? Doug Baulos's drawings, installations, and books have been exhibited/published both nationally and internationally. His current works are explorations (visual) and meditations (poetry) that center on his ideas of spirituality, love, death, shelter, and hope. His books and installations hope to explode process into an embodied visual narrative, a sculpture of our inner life.

Introducer: Pinky Bass

May 13 HELEN EARL: It's Only Influenza

The brevity of the influenza pandemic of 1918 posed great problems to doctors at the time. It has posed great problems to historians ever since. Helen Earl grew up in Findlay, Ohio, and graduated from Findlay College. Having received her library training at Wright State University, she taught history for two years and was a high school librarian for twenty-eight years. For many years, she was on the County Mental Health Board and was the precinct captain at the polls. Both members of our Fellowship, she and husband Charlie have two children.

Introducer: Gwen Snyder

May 20 IRENE WEGNER: Flower Basket Sharing

In the spring, Unitarian Universalist churches all over America hold flower basket sharing to bring people together. The ritual was created by Norbert Capek, who became a UU minister upon his immigrating from Czechoslovakia. He had been arrested in 1941 for his Unitarian beliefs and sent to Dachau. The people there had so much "baggage" that he turned to nature to find elements of a communion that could be shared by all. Irene Wegner, a member of the FUF, was a founding member of the Heartland Unitarian Universalist Church in Carmel, Indiana. It was there that she participated in the Flower Communion. The exchange of flowers means that I shall walk without reservation, with anyone—regardless of their social status or former religious affiliation—as long as they are ready and willing to go along in search of truth and service to man.

Introducer: Jane Finger

May 27 NALL HOLLIS: Fifty-two Stations of the Cross

The internationally known American artist who uses the simple name "Nall" will describe how his fifty-two images present to us the opportunity to explore our material pasts and to elevate our souls. Nall Hollis had a privileged Alabama upbringing and displayed an artistic talent at a young age. He majored in art at the University of Alabama and then spent most of the seventies studying art in Paris. Returning to his roots, he became the artist in residence at UA. He currently maintains a studio and gallery in Fairhope, where he is a member of the Unitarian Fellowship. His work will be exhibited there in July and August.

Introducer: Melinda Hicks

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

Evening Program 5:00 – 6:00 pm

Last Sunday of the Month Potluck: Bring a dish and join us for fellowship and conversation. May 27, 12:15 pm

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MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP BUSINESS

April Board Meeting

The April board meeting was cancelled.

HELP WANTED:

Yard Sale Committee Chair

This week's sale was (or will be— depending on the weather April 28) Pam Perkins's last as chair. Please contact Keith Ward or Ray Ables if interested.



The FUF yard sale has been a tradition for over fifteen years. More importantly, it has been a significant contributor to our revenue--\$27,732 in just the last nine years! While thanks are certainly in order to the many members who consistently over the years have given thought, time and muscle, the three people who each chaired the event year after year deserve special recognition and much gratitude: Celeste Hinds, then Jean Lawrence and, most recently, Pam Perkins. Ladies, we are all in your debt for your hard work and funds raised.

Thank you, Celeste.

Thank you, Jean.

Thank you, Pam.

May Board Meeting

AGENDA

Saturday, May 12, 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

	March	Actual YTD	Budgeted YTD	Surplus/ (Deficit)
Support and Revenue				
Contributions	2,954	9,636	12,500	(2,864)
Other Revenue	219	722	1,844	(1,122)
Total Support and Revenue	3,173	10,358	14,344	(3,986)
Expenses				
Building	2,409	7,678	9,288	1,610
Committees	1,257	3,274	4,212	938
Donations	0	326	844	518
Total Expenses	3,666	11,278	14,344	3,066
Net Operating Increase/(Decrease)	(493)	(920)	0	(920)

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Donation Basket for May and June

Thank you for collecting pasta for the food pantry. Last summer we collected snack foods for children who are home from school. So our collection basket under the bulletin board will be open for May and June for snacks for children for Ecumenical Ministries food pantries. Try to be creative and find snacks that are healthy and easy to carry. Some examples are small raisin boxes, packages of fruit leathers, or rice cakes.

In July and August we will collect school supplies.



Announcing a return of the:

FANTASTIC FURRY FRIENDS CONTEST A Fund Raiser for the FUF Nurse's Scholarship at Coastal Alabama Community College

The entry fee for each pet is \$15. There will be a prize for the dog with the most votes and the cat with the most votes. Voters will purchase tickets @ \$1.00 each to use for voting; 6 tickets for \$5.00.

Owners will need to send or give a picture of their pet to: Mary Matthews, matthewsmary29@yahoo.com. The pictures will

be posted with the pet's name and ID number.

The deadline for entry is May 27, 2018. May the cutest cat or dog win! No collusion or Russian hackers allowed. We will vote on two Sundays - June 10 & 17, 2018. Winners will be announced in the July Newsletter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Art Exhibit Opening Reception

Saturday, May 5, 3:00 – 5:00

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Saturday, May 5th there will be a wine and cheese reception from 3-5pm to view Pinky Bass' exhibit, *Blind Vision*. All are welcome to attend. Music provided by Heather Nutting. See next page for exhibit details.



Pinky Bass *Blind Vision*

May 5 – June 30, 2018



Blind Vision is recent work made by noted independent artist Pinky Bass motivated by the question of what it means to "go without sight." The work continues Ms. Bass's focus on her personal life and how the body transforms over time using a range of alternative and traditional photographic methods.

*DARK FEET AND DARK WINGS:
On Being a Blind Photographer*

*To go in the dark with a light is to know the light.
To know the dark, go dark. Go without sight,
and find that the dark, too, blooms and sings,
and is traveled by dark feet and dark wings.*

-Wendell Berry

When I moved into Aunt Nell's house in Fairhope at age fifty-five my visual world began to shift. She had been blind from age 11 and I was experiencing visual as well as artistic shifts. Cataracts, glaucoma, a corneal infection, visual migraines all made me question myself as a photographer. As I worked on the installation *FEAR: Can I Be a Blind Photographer?* I began making images that seemed to reflect those altered perspectives on what it meant to "go without sight."

In *Blind Vision* I've included a number of alternative photographic processes such as solar-graphic and lumen printing, calk and acrylic lifts, pigment lifts using hand sanitizer as well as digital and traditional darkroom work. Eco-dyeing, braille, layered transparencies and scraps of memorabilia became the syntax for my "blind vision."

Although my intention was not to mimic visual anomalies per se, the images reflect both the reality of altered vision and the world in which someone like Aunt Nell tried to make sense of her environment. Since we actually see with our brains, other senses expand that world and become powerful tools for the seeing impaired. Clearly I focused on the kinetic agility of one's hands.

Many of the photographs and prints have been made and shared for me to use by Carolyn DeMeritt, Doug Baulos, Kay Tuttle, Rachel Wright and my grandmother -- my deepest thanks for their generosity.

FUF ACTIVITY DETAILS



SUNDAY EVENING PROGRAM

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.

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 discussion often follows. All ideas are welcome.

FUNCTIONAL LIFESTYLE YOGA CLASS

FLY meets at 6:00 pm every Wednesday except the first one of the month. 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.



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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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 Service
11:00 Children's Fellowship
5:00 – 6:00 Evening Program
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 – 4:30 Back Porch Folk Singers Practice
5:00 Weekly Bulletin Deadline
6:00 – 7:00 Functional Lifestyle Yoga (Except May 2)

Other Events

Sat, May 5: Art Exhibit Opening Reception, 3-5 pm
Rain date for 4/28 yard sale, 7-11 am
Sat, May 12: FUF Board meeting, 1:00 pm
Game night, 6:30 pm
Sun, May 13: Environmental Action Committee, 12:20
Sun, May 20: Social Action Committee, 12:20 pm
Tues, May 22: June Newsletter deadline, 5:00 pm
Sat, May 26: Game night, 6:30 pm

Upcoming Piano Concert

The Baldwin County Music Teachers Association will present their senior piano students in a formal concert on Sunday afternoon, May 6 at 2:30 p.m. at the Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship building on Fairhope Avenue. This concert is scheduled for the first day of National Music Week which focuses this year on Music – The Universal Language. Students performing represent the teaching studios of Tammy Dennis, Laurie Gruenloh, Amy Morgan, Jeanne O'Connell and Vincentine Williams. The program will consist of classical music from Bach to Rachmaninoff. The public is cordially invited to attend the concert and reception that will follow.

SUNDAY BULLETIN DEADLINE

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