



June 2017

# Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship

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## Jun 4 LESLEY PACEY: *The Cells of Baldwin County*

The film *The Cells of Baldwin County* opens with an interview with Lesley Pacey after her daughter and other neighborhood children are diagnosed with leukemia within a few months of each other. Part-time journalist, activist and mother of three, Pacey aims to fund research to investigate the possible existence of a childhood cancer cluster in Baldwin County. Cancer clusters are defined as a higher than expected number of cancer diagnoses in a localized geographical area and usually involve one type of cancer, rare cancers, or cancers in a specific age group. As founder/director of Eastern Shore Community Health Partners, Inc., a nonprofit agency aimed at assessing the scope of rare cancers/ neurological diseases on the Eastern shore of Mobile Bay and their possible environmental causes she has formed partnerships for disease cluster and environmental research with the University of Alabama at Birmingham, Oxford University in England, and the University of South Alabama. Her work has been included in *The Lancet Oncology Journal*.

Introduction by Jane Finger

## Jun 11 KATE CARVER: *The Dumas Wesley Community Center: Serving Our Community Since 1903*

The Dumas Wesley Community Center provides comprehensive services for the working poor, the homeless, and many other disadvantaged groups working toward self-efficacy and prosperity in Crichton, Alabama, where average family income is between \$12,000 and \$15,000 and low income families are in the majority. Kate Carver, currently Executive Director, has spent most of her career in the non-profit sector, where she served in a number of key positions with the Salvation Army, the Mobile County Sheriff's Office and HandsOn South Alabama. A member of numerous civic and community organizations and a graduate of Leadership Mobile, Carver was recently selected as one of Mobile Bay Monthly's 40 Under Forty.

Introduction by Donna Orchard

## Jun 18 LARRY LEE: *Politics and Education in Alabama*

Public education faces many challenges in Alabama these days. The super majority elected in 2010 has not been public school friendly. Former Governor Robert Bentley proclaimed that "education sucks." Now we have a state superintendent from Massachusetts who has never been a teacher, a principal or a local school superintendent. Such are just some of the concerns of Larry Lee, who after a 45-year career working in journalism and community/ economic development, with a dab of politics thrown in along the way, now spends most of his time working on issues that impact public education. His education blog reaches about 10,000 people a week.

Introduction by Deborah Jessup

## Jun 25 FRANK BARRAGAN: *No Longer Live in Fear. Find strength. Prepare.*

Often separating families, deportation must stop, urges Mobile Latino community leader Frank Barragan. Before there is a call about an arrest or a raid, there is preparation, a plan in place to prevent detentions and deportations. Number one on his agenda is training community navigators to know their rights. Mobile regional organizer in the Alabama Coalition for Immigration Justice, Frank first became an activist after the passage of Alabama HB 56 and since then has not stopped educating, organizing, and mobilizing southern Alabama. In 2012 he founded the Coastal Coalition for Immigrant Justice (CCIJ) and works in building connections among local elected officials, business leaders, and civil rights groups.

Introduction by: Ray Ables

### 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 & Children's Fellowship 11:00 – noon

June 25: Last Sunday of the Month Potluck: Bring a dish and join us for fellowship and conversation.

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## MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP BUSINESS

### HIGHLIGHTS of May Board Meeting



- Brisa Ables, Kate Mercer, and Lucy Mercer will be the delegates to the UUA General Assembly in New Orleans.
- The Publicity Committee is still seeking a chair.
- Jim Scott, well-known musician who has performed at FUF in the past, will present a concert on June 23. As soon as details are worked out, help with publicity will be a priority.
- Libby and Phil Hooper and Marge Pearson have become members of FUF.



- Jon Leff moved to Massachusetts.
- Work of Tomm Johnson and Phil Strniste in the Memory Garden was commended. (Check it out!)

### June Board Meeting AGENDA

Saturday, June 10, 2017, 1:00 p.m.

1. Approve May 2017 Board meeting minutes
2. Treasurer's Report
3. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. Publicity Committee
  - B. Scholarship Fund
4. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Membership Committee Report
  - B. Building Committee Report
  - C. Program Committee Report
  - D. Suggestions

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

*Submitted by Ray Ables, Chair*

### FUF Appreciated

The Baldwin County Music Teachers Association would like to express their appreciation to the members of Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship for the use of their wonderful facility on May 7 for their senior student piano recital.

### Financial Summary

April, 2017

	April	Actual YTD	Budgeted YTD	Surplus/ (Deficit)
<b>Support and Revenue</b>				
Contributions	4,283	17,544	16,125	1,419
Other Revenue	1,280	10,302	3,000	793
<b>Total Support and Revenue</b>	<b>5,563</b>	<b>27,846</b>	<b>19,125</b>	<b>8,721</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Building	2,301	12,993	12,400	(593)
Committees	986	3,719	5,600	1,881
Donations	0	852	1,125	273
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>3,287</b>	<b>17,564</b>	<b>19,125</b>	<b>1,561</b>
<b>Net Operating Increase/(Decrease)</b>	<b>2,276</b>	<b>10,282</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,282</b>

## SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

### Organizations Receiving SAC Donations

The committee chose the following organizations for donations for 2017:

Aid to Inmate Mothers-\$200

Alabama Arise-\$200

Alabama Free Clinic-\$300 (in memory of David Mauritson)

Baldwin County Humane Society-\$200(in memory of Nancy Martin)

League of Women Voters of Baldwin County-\$100

Lighthouse of Baldwin County-\$200

Meals on Wheels/Ecumenical Ministries -\$200

Planned Parenthood-\$100



### Nursing Scholarship Recipient Announced

Coastal Alabama Community College, formerly Faulkner, notified us that Stephen Underwood was the Spring 2017 recipient of the FUF Nursing Scholarship. In addition to being a full-time student in the Nursing Program, Mr. Underwood is an assistant pastor at Calvary Chapel Church in Foley working with the children's ministry.

### Fundraising Ideas Needed

SAC is looking for ideas to raise funds for next year's scholarships.

### Summer Snack for Kids

We will continue to collect snack items for June and will collect school supplies in July and August.

*Submitted by Lynne Switzky, Committee Chair*

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

### Upcoming UU History Class

A two-morning course for all new members, friends, and anyone who wants a refresher course on the history of UU will be presented on Saturdays June 17 and 24 at 10:00 - 12:00 p.m. We are pleased to announce that Ruth Geraci will be teaching most of the classes.

*Submitted by Keith Ward, Committee Chair*

## Art Committee

### Art Exhibit Opening Reception

Please join us for the next art exhibit opening reception on Saturday, June 10, 5:00 pm. We will feature photography from Stephen Savage, music by Juanie Noland.



3:00-

### Note to Previous Exhibitors

If you currently have artwork hanging, please come on Thursday, June 1 at 12:30 to pick up your work.

*Submitted by Melinda Hicks, Committee Chair*

## Welcoming Congregation Committee

### Application for Welcoming Congregation Status

The application below has been submitted to and received by UUA and awaits their confirmation of Welcoming Congregation Status. Stay tuned!

The Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship, 1150 Fairhope Ave, Fairhope, AL 36532, is seeking status as a Welcoming Congregation. Our contact person is Trudi Rogier, [269-352-4444](tel:269-352-4444), [tarogier@yahoo.com](mailto:tarogier@yahoo.com)

On December 11, 2016, at our annual meeting, the Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship voted unanimously to become a Welcoming Congregation.

Our timeline\* to this vote is attached. It is in chronological order. The letters in the first column reflect our view of how each item applies to the Action Steps - E = Education, C = Congregation, and Com = Community Outreach. We find there is a great deal of overlap between education, congregation and community work.

Our Education step included having speakers from a variety of walks-of-life share their stories during Sunday morning talks and discussions. Some of these were followed by "Souper Sundays" where the discussions continued in smaller groups over a soup luncheon.

Our congregation met with educators, musicians, and other community leaders to expand our congregational understanding of issues around sexual diversity. (Additionally, we have opened doors to working with other UUA and Welcoming congregations in our area as a result of this process.) We have expanded literature available in our lobby to reflect our Welcoming views. We've also made available "Standing on the Side of Love" shirts, buttons, bumper stickers, etc.

Members of our Welcoming Committee have become involved with community groups such as HRC Town meetings, Free2Be and other youth groups, and Mobile Pride events. After the Orlando shootings last year, we held a demonstration in solidarity to the victims and their friends and families along the major street in front of our building. Community response appeared very positive with lots of honking and thumbs up!

We would like to form a PFLAG chapter and possibly a Free2Be chapter at our Fellowship. We have been involved in discussions about this with similar area organizations. We plan to continue education in sexuality in areas such as Transgender and other non-binary issues. We have made our facility available for same sex weddings and receptions as well as a group hoping to change the Alabama laws on sex education, which still lists homosexuality as illegal.

As the UUA has modified Welcoming Congregations to include other social justice issues in addition to sexuality, we have begun to work in areas of immigration, Voter Registration in neighborhoods of color, and poverty and hunger in our greater community. This information could be made available at your request.

Please feel free to contact us regarding this application. We look forward to formally becoming the Welcoming Congregation that this group has been for many years!

\*Timeline follows on next three pages followed by last page of Newsletter. Readers of printed FUF Newsletter can find copies of Timeline in a separate stack next to June Newsletters at FUF foyer.

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Details</b>
C	Dec 7, 2013	Wedding Reception at FUF	Of same sex FUF members
C	Mar 15, 2015	Sunday Program	Amanda Scott: "Mobile Equality" - Civil rights for minorities activist and founder of Mobile Equality, a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing equal rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender residents of Mobile, Alabama
C	Sep 9, 2015	Welcoming Congregation Sub-Committee formed	Within FUF Welcoming Committee
E	10/21/2015	State of Being Human Movie in Mobile, AL	Two Sub-Committee Members attended
C	Nov 6, 2015	Board Adopts Welcoming Statement	<i>Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship welcomes and embraces people of any age, race, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, ability, language, or cultural background</i>
C, E	Nov 29, 2015	Sunday Program	Jack Harvey: "Becoming a Welcoming Congregation: a Case-study" - Former Bay County, FL UU Fellowship Board member and President who served on Welcoming Committee tasked with achieving Welcoming Congregation status from UUA Rainbow music (find Sunday program)
C, Com	Jan 26, 2016	AL Human Rights Campaign Town Hall Meeting in Mobile	Four committee members attended. Several state HRC officers presented updates on current legislation regarding LGBT issues and expressed need for advocacy in challenging legislative efforts to circumvent the Marriage Equality Act.
C, E	Jan 30, 2016	FUF Teen joins Gay/Straight Alliance at Fairhope High School	And convinced two friends to join, as well.
C, E	Feb 14, 2016	Souper Sunday	Soup and bread lunch for 28 participants included Q & A and discussion about issues and concerns relevant to becoming a Welcoming Congregation
C, E, Com	Mar 13, 2016	Sunday Program	Elaine Snyder-Conn: "The Human Rainbow: A Biological Perspective" - Former college biology teacher and environmentalist contaminants specialist described factors that affect fetal development in animals and humans
		Souper Sunday	Soup and bread lunch with Q & A and discussion of speaker's presentation
C, Com	Apr 23, 2016	Meeting with Anne E. Dechant	Singer-songwriter-performer and LGBT activist met with several committee members and discussed various ways FUF can support local LGBT community
C, E, Com	Jun 12, 2016	Sunday Program	Rhonda Thomason: "Safe & Affirming School and Communities: Anti-Bias Perspectives" - Human Rights Campaign "Welcoming Schools" National Advisory Council member, ACLU Board member, and former Southern Poverty Law Center Teaching

			Tolerance team member focused on LGBT issues from early childhood through high-school.
			Invitations were sent to Baldwin County School Counselors and Baldwin School Board members.
C, E, Com	Jun 24, 2016	Orlando Victim Memorial	FUF Teens organized Rainbow demonstration along the street in front of FUF Building. Fifty sections of different colored fabric visible to passing cars were held by members and friends during afternoon rush hour. Afterwards the display was attached to the walls around the fellowship hall for amore permanent memorial.
C, Com	July, 2016	Sale of tee shirts, buttons, bumper stickers, cards to congregation	“Standing on the Side of Love” from UUA bookstore
E, Com	Jul 7, 2016	Meeting with Patrice Davis, Baldwin County Public School Director of Counseling and Intervention	Discussion of services offered for LGBT students and parents and preparing faculty to effectively meet challenges they face
E, Com	Jul 13, 2016	List of Inclusivity Books sent to Baldwin County Public Schools Director of Counseling and Intervention	List of books recommended by Rhonda Thomason, June 12 FUF speaker, for distribution to school counselors (& hopefully librarians)
C, E	Aug 21, 2016	Sunday Program	Carlisha Young: “Making the Best of Being Bullied” - High School student and published author of book by same name described her own experience of being bullied.
C, E		FUF Children and Teen Original Skit	Based on the children's book "One" (recommended by Thomason) about bullying
C, E		Souper Sunday	Soup & bread lunch with discussion about bullying at school
C	Sept 2016	Began Friendly Greeter Program	Organized method of making sure all visitors are greeted and made to feel welcome
E, Com	Sep 30, 2016	Baldwin County Schools Counselors Fall In-service Training Meeting	Welcoming Committee Member & Rhonda Thomason attended three-hour kpresentation, “School Counselors and Legal Muscle to Support Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning Youth Students” by keynote speaker Dr. Carolyn Stone, Professor of Counselor Education, U. of North Florida and former President of the American School Counselor Association.
Com	Oct 8, 2016	Mobile Pride Participation	FUF Teens and adults shared a booth with the Mobile UU Teens.
C, Com	11/14/2016	Marriage of two out-of-area women	FUF was chosen for ceremony after they read our Welcoming Statement online
C, Com	11/19/2016	Anne DeChant & Frye Guilliard Concert	With Music and Justice for all 7:30
C	12/11/2016	Vote to apply for Welcoming Congregation status	By unanimous vote by FUF Congregation

E	12/11/2016	FUF Teens meet to discuss changing how Alabama schools' sex ed curriculum's portrayal of homosexuality.	Lisa Moyer came from Birmingham to lead this discussion.
C, E	Jan, 2017	Notification of Point of View movie on PBS	"From This Day Forward" about the experience of a daughter whose father comes out as transgender.
C, E	C, E	Patrice Davis presentation at Sunday Program	Director of Intervention and Counseling, Baldwin County Schools, described how all students are emotionally supported by their department and resources available for parents. This year there is special emphasis on training faculty to address bullying.
C, E, Com	Feb, 2017	Valentines for Probate Judges	Children and Teens made valentines for FUF members to send to probate judges who had been advised by the then AL attorney general not to marry same sex couples. Members wrote their own messages. Many read "Standing on the Side of Love"
C	4/16/2017	Geraldo Cantu presentation at Sunday Program	A multicultural speaker and counselor for Free2BE, a network of partnerships uniting Alabama to end violence in the LGBTQ community through safe schools, safe families, and safe communities.
C, Com	Future Plans	Supporting the organization of a local PFLAG group	
C, E, Com		Participating in Alabama Pride Day in Mobile in spring or summer	
C		Celebration on becoming an official "Welcoming Congregation"	

Please scroll down for last page of Newsletter.

## FUF ACTIVITY DETAILS



### SAVE THE DATE

Musician Jim Scott returns to perform on Friday night, June 23. Details are not yet complete but will be forthcoming by email and posters. His previous performance here was well-received.

### CHOIR PRACTICE SUSPENDED

Just a reminder that there will be NO choir practice until October, when Director Heather returns.

### PINKY BASS EXHIBITS AT MMOA

Don't miss Pinky's two pieces from her Timeline Series at the Mobile Museum of Art. For more about Pinky and the Timeline Series go to the FUF Facebook page, scroll down to the May 9 post, and click on the caption under the photo

### FRIDAY NIGHT PICNIC

Although not an official FUF-sponsored event, many of us have enjoyed these get-togethers for many years. We meet at the far north end of the beach around 5:00 and plan to eat around 6:00. (The park closes at dark.) Everyone brings her/his own chair, drinks, plate and utensils, and a dish to share. Now that Daylight Savings Time is back, and the weather should be warm enough, we will resume and go through to the fall, weather permitting. (In the case of light rain, we meet under the pavilion.) Everyone is welcome--membership in FUF is not a requirement

### 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 come for the pleasure of getting together. There's need to sign up...just show up.



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no

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 Sunday Program
  - Teens & Children's Fellowship
- Third Sunday: Social Action Committee, 12:20
- Last Sunday of every month: Pot Luck Lunch, noon.

#### Wednesdays

- 10–11:30 UU Coffee Plus
- 3:00–4:30 Back Porch Folk Singers
- 5:00 Weekly Bulletin Deadline
- 6:00–7:00 Functional Lifestyle Yoga
  - (Except June 14)

#### Fridays

- 5:00 Friday Night Picnic at the Park

### Other Events

- Thu, June 1:** Nonfiction Book Group, 9:30 am
- Sat, June 10:** FUF Board meeting, 1:00 pm
  - Art Exhibit Reception, 3:00 pm
  - Game night, 6:30 pm
- Sat, June 17:** UU History class, 10:00-12:00 pm
- Thu, June 15:** Nonfiction Book Group, 9:30 am
- Mon, June 20:** July Newsletter deadline, 5:00 pm
- Fri, June 23:** Jim Scott Concert (time TBA)
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- Thu, June 29:** Nonfiction Book Group, 9:30 am

#### 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](mailto:Janef09@gmail.com)

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