



July 2017

Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship

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Jul 2 DR. TOMM JOHNSON: Choice Theory: How It Shaped a Family of Free-Thinkers

Choice Theory, developed by William Glasser, MD., provides an explanation of motivation that is markedly different from what many of us have been taught. Dr. Tomm Johnson is a landscape designer, economist, botanist, and lawyer. He comes from a long line of overachieving, free-thinking individuals. During our celebration of Independence from rule by monarchy, he will share some of his observations of how making certain choices can influence an entire generation. Tomm is from Culman, Alabama and in 2016 relocated to Fairhope to decide what he wants to be when he grows up.

Introducer: Rodney Hoffman

Jul 9 SUZANNE CLEVELAND: PFLAG (LGBT community, families, and allies) A Panel

PFLAG affirms that unity, inclusion, and a shared commitment to human dignity are critical to fight discrimination and bigotry in any form so that all families can live free of fear. Suzanne Cleveland has been the coordinator of the Mobile Chapter of PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) for many years. She is a board member of AIDS Alabama South as well as of Mobile AIDS Support Services. She is also part of the diversity committee for the Alabama Dry Docks & Shipbuilding Company and the District 2 Representative to Mobile's diversity group.

Introducer: by Donna Orchard

Jul 16 AMY RICE: The New Mobile Federal Courthouse Design and Construction

Amy Rice will give details on the design of the new courthouse, the bidding process, the cost, the schedule and the renderings and construction process to date. A licensed civil engineer with an associate degree in architecture, Ms. Rice has spent the majority of her career working on large-scale real estate projects throughout the Hawaiian Islands, including overseeing a \$120 million dollar renovation of the Hawaii Federal Courthouse. In 2014 Ms. Rice was transferred to the Southern Alabama Court District to oversee the construction of the Mobile courthouse and the renovation of the 1935 Historic James Campbell Courthouse.

Introducer: Serena Low

Jul 23 JANE FINGER: "The Other Talk:

A Guide to Talking with your Adult Children About the Rest of Your Life"

It is a rite of passage for parents to have 'the talk' with their children about the beginning of life (the birds and the bees). *The Other Talk*, by Jim Prosch, is about preparing them for our own end of life. FUF member Jane Finger explains why this book convinced her to follow his advice not to wait for a crisis but (at seventy-two) to have the 'other' talk with her own adult children, who are spread out among California, Texas, Louisiana, and Tennessee.

Introducer: Rodney Hoffman

Jul 30 DONALD ZIMLICH: Garden Tonic for Your Green Thumb

Simple gardening techniques can reduce workload and increase enjoyment on your homestead. Donald Zimlich will give some no nonsense advice on pruning, fertilization, and plant selection. The discussion will include how to prune to reduce work, how to fertilize more effectively and how to select plants to ensure success. A fourth generation local cabbage farmer, and a third generation florist/flower gardener, he has a BS degree from Auburn in Agriculture/Landscape Design and is co-owner of Zimlich Patio Garden and Elizabeth's Flowers.

Introducer: Bill Orchard

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

July 30: 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 June Board Meeting

- The application to UUA to be named a Welcoming Congregation has been approved via a telephone call. When the official documents arrive, we will have a big celebration. The new logo has been added to our website.
- Bryce McMurry has become a member of FUF. He is engaged to long-time member, Vivian Gooding.
- Fire extinguishers, emergency lights, and the security system have all been inspected. Batteries have been replaced where needed.
- Phil Striniste and Tomm Johnson installed a drainage pipe at the entrance to the parking lot to help get rid of the big puddle.
- Pam Perkins is now in charge of scheduling building usage. (See more on page 3.)
- Libby Hooper is spearheading forming a spiritual group to meet in the evening. (See page 3 for details.)



Submitted by Lynne Switzky

AGENDA July Board Meeting

Saturday, July 8, 2017, 1:00 p.m.

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

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



Financial Summary

May, 2017

	May	Actual YTD	Budgeted YTD	Surplus/ (Deficit)
Support and Revenue				
Contributions	3,500	21,044	20,156	888
Other Revenue	284	10,777	3,750	793
Total Support and Revenue	3,784	31,821	23,906	7,915
Expenses				
Building	2,132	15,125	15,500	375
Committees	1,503	5,222	7,000	1,778
Donations	0	852	1,406	554
Total Expenses	3,635	21,199	23,906	2,707
Net Operating Increase/(Decrease)	149	10,622	0	10,622

Reserving Space at FUF

Tired of looking in the red notebook to see if there is space available at FUF for your activity? Well, now you don't have to. Simply go to our website, click on Special Events, and then click on Calendar. When you find a date and time that suits you, simply call or email me, Pam Perkins, and I will enter it into the calendar for you. You can call or text me at [251-243-0028](tel:251-243-0028) or email me at perkinsp947@gmail.com.

Be sure to let me know which room, what date, what time to start and end, and if it is to be an ongoing event. M stands for Main Auditorium; L stands for Library, and C stands for Classroom. Those of you who do not have internet access can simply call me and I will look up the dates for you.

Submitted by Pam Perkins

FUF Representatives

UUA General Assembly 2017, June 21 -25



Lucy Mercer, Brissa Ables, Kate Mercer(not shown)

New FUF Spiritual Group

Libby Hooper is spearheading the formation of a spiritual vespers group to meet Sunday evenings at five. Her plan is to set up the service similar to the Sunday morning service – chalice lighting, welcome and greeting guests, reading, collection, meditation, sermon, extinguishing the chalice.. Sermons will be by Unitarian Universalist ministers, drawing heavily from sermon archives of the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Albuquerque, New Mexico, where Phil and Libby were members before joining Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship.

Says Libby, “I truly am excited about starting and continuing Spiritual Service at Fairhope UU Fellowship. It is important to me to have the service at a time that people who work can attend. I hope to attract young families and kids who attend church for spiritual guidance.”

So far twenty-two people have shown enthusiastic interest in attending. If you haven't already, please let her know if you too are interested. Her email is, ybbils@gmail.com.

She hopes to have the first service July 9th at 5pm.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE



School Supplies Collection

SAC will be collecting school supplies in July and August. Watch the newspaper ads for sales on crayons, pencils, markers, etc. Stores like Target and Walmart have lists of the typical items needed.

Submitted by Lynne Switzky, Committee Chair

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Welcoming Congregation Status

On May 30 members of the Welcoming Congregation sub-committee participated in a video conference with Michael Crumpler, LGBTQ and Multicultural Programs Manager for UUA, regarding our Welcoming Congregation status application. We were all pleased to have the opportunity to explain more fully the events that we had listed with only brief explanations on the Timeline included in our written application and to ask questions about the application process. And *he* was obviously pleased with what he learned about our events, calling them “powerful work” and saying that he is “always struck when a small congregation such as yours takes on this important mission.” He encouraged us not to waste time putting our future plans into action; that gaining recognition as a Welcoming Congregation is a commitment, rather than an endpoint.



Remembering Orlando

On Sunday, June 18, the Rainbow Banner was taken down from the Fellowship Hall and displayed again along Fairhope Avenue, as it was a year ago, to commemorate the one year anniversary of the tragic Orlando shootings.



FUF ACTIVITY DETAILS



FRIDAY NIGHT PICNIC SUSPENDED

Due to a lack of interest, the official/unofficial Friday night picnics will be suspended. Anyone who wants to get a group together and meet down at the beach may certainly do so.

Submitted by Pam Perkins

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 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.

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

NON-FICTION BOOK GROUP

Just over ten years ago the late Ed Lawrence, then the highly respected president of the FUF, asked Charlie Earl to form a Non-Fiction Book Group. From the start individualism and consensus dominated its practice. Unlike most book groups, its members do not all read the same book or author. Instead each reads and reports on whatever he or she is reading at the time. Usually it can be a book, but may be a pithy article or pamphlet. Participants summarize their reading in ten minutes or so, before general discussion. History, biography, economics, and current politics are favorite topics, but nothing is banned, except fiction.

The group meets at 9:30 every other Thursday morning in the FUF office unless public holidays clash. After a couple of hours someone will mention lunch. The hungry convivial will then adjourn to a local café chosen by consensus.

Despite its negative name, newcomers joining the Non Fiction Book Group could have a positive experience.

Submitted by Robin Fabel

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 July 5)

Other Events

Thu, July 6: Nonfiction Book Group, 9:30 am

Sat, July 8: FUF Board meeting, 1:00 pm

Game night, 6:30 pm

Thu, July 20: Nonfiction Book Group, 9:30 am

July, July 25: Aug Newsletter deadline, 5:00 pm

Sat, July 22: Game night, 6:30 pm

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,

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