



July 2018

# Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship

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A Member of the Unitarian Universalist Association

## **Jul 1 ROBIN FABEL: Commemorative Statues: How Time Changes What They Stand For**

FUF member, Robin Fabel will discuss statues commemorating, chiefly, military men. Taking most of his examples from the Revolutionary War and the American Civil War, he will explain how years and sometimes centuries alter the passions and ideologies that caused people to spend time and money on commemorative sculpture. British born and a citizen of the U.S. for more than forty years, Robin has taught history all his adult life. Two Fulbright lectureships punctuated his thirty years of teaching at Auburn.

Introducer: Michael Patrick

## **Jul 8 SAM HARRIS (TED TALK): Science Can Answer Moral Questions**

Questions of good and evil, right or wrong are commonly thought unanswerable by science. But Sam Harris argues that science can—and should—be an authority on moral issues, shaping human values and setting out what constitutes a good life. His work focuses on how the growing understanding of ourselves and the world is changing our sense of how we should live.

Introducer: Michael DeLaney

## **Jul 15 MARY PILCHER: A Broad Look at the Me Too Movement Within a Community**

Mary Pilcher will describe the seismic shift in our culture toward women as a result of the Women's March, the Me Too Movement and women themselves, speaking out. A Selma native and now practicing attorney in Fairhope, she has received training and certification for Mediation and Conciliation and is a member of the Board of Directors of South Alabama Volunteer Lawyers Program.

Introducer: Thelma Topper

## **Jul 22 CHARLIE MORRIS: The Dynamics of Transsexual Youth**

Covering understanding gender on a spectrum, common misconceptions of gender identity, and resources in the community, Charlie Morris will discuss the role of shame in the construction of one's identity and the sociological/psychological implications of shame. A licensed independent clinical social worker who works primarily with children, adolescents and their families, Morris also is an adjunct professor who teaches graduate courses for the University of Alabama and a board member for several nonprofits in Baldwin County.

Introducer: Brisa Ables

## **Jul 29 HARRIETTE HUGGINS: BE SMART: A Conversation About Kids, Guns, and Safety**

Every year, nearly 300 children aged seventeen and under gain access to a gun and unintentionally shoot themselves or someone else. Nearly 500 more die by suicide with a gun. Asserting that many of these deaths are entirely preventable by five easy steps to parenting and every-day life, Harriet Huggins will introduce and explain these steps. Huggins is retired after twenty years in the Auburn College of Education's Learning Resources Center and is now a volunteer Events Lead for the Alabama Chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America.

Introducer: Donna 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 9:30 am      Current Events discussion group 10:15 am

Children's Fellowship 11:00 – 12:00 pm

(Evening Program will not meet June – August)

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

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## MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP BUSINESS

### June Board Meeting HIGHLIGHTS

Saturday, June 9, 2018

- Attendance at Sunday meetings continues to decline resulting in a decrease in contributions.
- Possibilities for reducing expenses to compensate for less income were discussed.
- Two new members have joined our Fellowship: Giorgi Lemis and Liz Conway.
- The Program Committee will review the current status of Meditation and make suggestions for change.
- The new FUF College Scholarship will be awarded on June 17<sup>th</sup> by Michael Patrick to Lucy Mercer.
- Issues related to the Katya Grineva piano concert on June 29<sup>th</sup> were discussed. The ticket price will be decreased to \$20 if bought by June 27<sup>th</sup>. Child care will be provided during the concert.

*Submitted by Sheena Patrick, Recording Secretary*



### July Board Meeting AGENDA

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

1. Approve June 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*



### Our MISSION STATEMENT

To explore new ideas, to search for truth and meaning, to take care of the earth, to enjoy fellowship with open-minded thinkers, to support and care for each other, and to create an atmosphere of love and understanding among our members and for those who come after us.

### FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	May	Actual YTD	Budgeted YTD	Surplus/ (Deficit)
<b>Support and Revenue</b>				
Contributions	2,868	16,205	20,833	(4,628)
Other Revenue	418	1,744	3,073	(1,329)
<b>Total Support and Revenue</b>	<b>3,286</b>	<b>17,949</b>	<b>23,906</b>	<b>(5,957)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Building	2,226	12,487	15,479	2,992
Committees	886	5,611	7,021	1,410
Donations	0	876	1,406	530
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>3,112</b>	<b>18,974</b>	<b>23,906</b>	<b>4,932</b>
<b>Net Operating Increase/(Decrease)</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>(1,025)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(1,025)</b>

## SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

### Donation Basket Needs for July and August

During July and August we will be collecting school supplies, so watch for sales in local stores.

### Fantastic Furry Friends Contest Postponed

The Committee met on 6/17 and decided to postpone the Fantastic Furry Friend fundraiser to fall. We may decide to try a different vehicle to raise funds for the FUF Nursing Scholarship at Coastal Alabama Community College. Currently, the fund is too short to provide a scholarship for the fall term. The FUF Nursing Scholarship has been in place for more than twelve years. Each scholarship is \$500 and helps one student each trimester to purchase books, obtain childcare, etc.

### Nursing Student Scholarship

When the FUF Board established a college scholarship program for children of our own members, the Social Action Committee was asked whether we should continue the Nursing Scholarship as well. Members of the SAC believe that assisting a nursing student each trimester is a lasting service to the community, is qualitatively different from the scholarship program for members of our Fellowship, and should continue. Since donations to the Nursing Scholarship Fund have not been forthcoming this year, members may not agree with SAC's determination. Please call or email the committee chair, Harvey Switzky, 251-644-5882 or [hswitzky@niu.edu](mailto:hswitzky@niu.edu), to share your views. If you would like the Nursing Scholarship Fund to continue, please send your donation in support.

## PREVIOUS PROGRAM

### Words Of Wisdom From Our Elder-est (June 3)

For those of you who missed or were too captivated by our eldest members' discussion to take notes, Ray Ables managed to jot down the following: Keep a positive attitude, avoid getting stuck in grief, eat good food including garlic and onions, make walking a habit, do stimulating work, be yourself, don't worry about what other people think, don't sweat the small stuff, keep on living, have a hobby you love to do, be passionate about your work, stay busy. What inspirations these participants are!



L to R: Otilie Halstead(104), Stan Hodgin(89), Jule Moon(99), Prad Mathur(89)

*Photo by Kate Mercer*

## FUF ACTIVITY DETAILS



### SUNDAY EVENING PROGRAM

The Sunday Evening Program will not meet during June, July and August.

### SUNDAY TED DISCUSSION

The "TED Talk Discussion Group" meets every Sunday morning at 9:30 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.

### 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](mailto:perkinsp947@gmail.com).

### 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.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Regularly Scheduled Events

#### Sundays

- 9:30–10:45 TED Discussion Group (Please be on time)
- 10:15 Current Events Discussion Group
- 10:45 Pre-program Music
- 11:00 Sunday Service
- 11:00 Children's Fellowship
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: Environmental Action Committee, 12:20
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Social Action Committee, 12:20
- Last Sunday of every month: Pot Luck Lunch, 12:15

#### Wednesdays

- 3:00 – 4:30 Back Porch Folk Singers Practice
- 5:00 Weekly Bulletin Deadline
- 6:00 – 7:00 Functional Lifestyle Yoga (Except Jul 4)

### Other Events

**Fri, Jun 29:** Katya Grineva

Piano Concert,



6:30 pm

**Thu Jul 5:** Non-Fiction Book Group, 9:30 am

**Sun, Jul 8:** Environmental Action Committee, 12:20

**Sat, Jul 14:** FUF Board meeting, 1:00 pm

Game night, 6:30 pm

**Sun, Jul 15:** Social Action Committee, 12:20 pm

**Thu Jul 19:** Non-Fiction Book Group, 9:30 am

➔ **Sun, Jul 22: August Newsletter deadline, 5:00 pm**

**Sat, Jul 28:** Game night, 6:30 pm

**Sun, Jul 29:** Pot Luck Lunch, 12:15

**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.  
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