



August 2017

Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship

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Aug 6 DEBBIE JESUP: Anti-Miscegenation Laws: A Tragedy and a Disgrace

Anti-miscegenation laws existed in almost every state from their birth in colonial times through their height following deconstruction, until the mid-nineteenth century. They exacerbated racism and influenced attitudes that changed only gradually, even to this day. Debbie Jessup will trace this history, adding opinions of her own and soliciting opinions from the audience. A graduate of Swarthmore College, Debbie taught at the college level before changing careers to become a practical science writer, first at Foster Associates and then at the Bureau of National Affairs, both in Washington, DC. She and her husband, John, live in Daphne and are members of our UU Fellowship.

Introducer: Thelma Topper

Aug 13 CARI SEARCY: Marriage Equality

After being denied access to her hospitalized infant son, Cari Searcy and her wife, Kim, have spent just under a decade battling for her to legally become his mother. Her contention is that while the nation has moved rapidly toward marriage equality for all, Alabama harks back to the civil rights era with its intolerant resistance to progress. Recently, Ms. Searcy has been the subject of a film by Frameline Studios, *Alabama Bound*, which debuted at the Victoria Theater in San Francisco. With a mission to advance full equality for LGBTQ Alabamians through education, advocacy, and collaboration, she is an organizer of Equality Alabama. She is also the founder and director of All Good Creatives.

Introducer: Ray Ables

Aug 20 GLORIA CORONA: *After the Music Stops*

Gloria Corona's late former husband, Captain Ben Ringsdorf, endured several years of imprisonment and torture during the Vietnam War, and those trials took an immense toll on him, Gloria and their family. While he was greeted at home with a hero's welcome, their patriarch soon found himself debilitated by alcoholism and haunted by past memories and paranoia—signs of the not-yet-diagnosed PTSD. Ms. Corona, a proud Alabama native who loves her country and knows the horrors of war firsthand, hopes her book, *After the Music Stops*, will enlighten others about what American fighting men, women and their families go through. Gloria lives on the shores of Mobile Bay with her husband, Barry, and her dog, Tommy.

Introducer: Mary Renfro

Aug 27 DONNA ORCHARD: *The Deconstruction of the Administrative Biography*

During the 20th century, the very grounds of biography shifted: biography democratized. Biography's central justification had been rooted in the "great man" view of history—that knowledge of the life illuminated great achievement—but in our time the "great man" idea was rejected in favor of the notion that circumstances, not individual attributes, produce the great individual. Richard A. Pride, in *The Confession of Dorothy Danner*, gives voice to a complex, strong Southern woman in the early part of the 20th Century. He leaves his readers, after an encounter with Dorothy and nature, to do as they will. Donna Orchard is a former public school administrator turned writer who works out of her home office in Robertsedale. Her work as an advocate for children has taken her into county facilities and juvenile halls. Her books include *The Roughneck Series: Roughneck Daddy, Roughneck: A Daughter's Story, Behind the Schoolhouse Door* and a recently finished children's book, *Nanners for Nana*. Donna visited the Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship as a presenter about two years ago and never left!

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

August 27: 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 July 2017 Board Meeting

- The Board invited Chase Smith, Financial Advisor from Edward Jones, to discuss moving funds from CDs to stock investments for a higher rate of return. Board members explained to Chase that they would want investments to be in socially conscious companies or funds. He will be returning to the Board with a recommendation.
- The Board is looking into setting up a college scholarship fund for children of FUF members.
- Events and concerts have been put on hold until the Publicity Committee has a Chairperson and is fully functioning.
- The building usage schedule is up on the website. Now building availability can be checked before contacting Pam Perkins to reserve a date. *Submitted by Lynne Switzky*

AGENDA August Board Meeting

Saturday, August 12, 2017, 1:00 p.m.

1. Approve July 2017 Board meeting minutes
2. Treasurer's Report
3. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Mutual Fund
 - B. Scholarship Fund
 - C. Spiritual Enrichment Committee
 - D. Education Chair (cont'd next col)

(cont'd from AGENDA)

4. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Official Event Oversight
- B. Membership Committee Report
- C. Building Committee Report
- D. Program Committee Report
- E. Program Banner/Sign
- F. Political Art Show

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

Special General Meeting – Sunday, July 23

The following motion passed unanimously: “To form a planning committee of interested members and friends to explore options that will better meet the diverse needs for spiritual expression within our congregation. These options shall be in keeping with the UU tradition. The planning committee will then bring recommendations to the Board for consideration, and the Board will vote on the options it deems most viable. Any required change to the bylaws would be voted on at the Annual Meeting.” After the affirmative vote, an 18-member Planning Committee was formed and conducted their first meeting. The Committee voted to approve Libby Hooper’s spiritual enrichment group as a Pilot Program to be reviewed by the Board on August 12.

Financial Summary, June, 2017

	June	Actual YTD	Budgeted YTD	Surplus/ (Deficit)
Support and Revenue				
Contributions	2,853	23,897	24,188	(291)
Other Revenue	907	11,314	4,500	793
Total Support and Revenue	3,760	35,211	28,688	6,523
Expenses				
Building	2,793	17,918	18,600	682
Committees	1,383	6,605	8,400	1,795
Donations	650	1,502	1,688	186
Total Expenses	4,826	26,025	28,688	2,663
Net Operating Increase/(Decrease)	(1,066)	9,186	0	9,186

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE



Funds Needed for Nursing Scholarship

The Social Action Committee met on July 16 and voted to send a \$500 nursing scholarship to Coastal Alabama Community College (formerly named Faulkner Community College) even though our Nursing Scholarship Fund is getting low. The Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship does not provide any of the funds for this scholarship. SAC decided many years ago (I've been on the Committee for 10 years, and the scholarship predates me) to provide scholarships for nursing students at the local community college. SAC has sponsored fundraisers, and FUF members have made generous donations to keep the fund solvent. Well, we need your generosity now! To make a donation to the Nursing Scholarship, write SAC Nursing Scholarship on the memo line when you put your check in the weekly collection. Every amount helps rebuild the fund.

Committee Members

Harvey Switzky, Chair
Brisa Ables
Kathleen Fendelman
Angela Flowers
Vivian Gooding
Serena Low

Mary Matthews
Jeanine Normand
Marge Pearson
Eloise Rogers
Freya Sonenstein
Sharon Spielmann

Submitted by Lynne Switzky, Committee Chair

ART COMMITTEE

Megan Sauls : "Collected Voices: the Artwistic Revolution"

Exhibit Opening Reception: Saturday, August 12, 2:30 – 4:30

Artwistic Revolution is an artist's co-operative founded in 2010. Membership varies between 12 and 15 and is composed of 2D and 3D artists and craftsmen from Marion County, Mississippi and surrounding areas. Many of our founding members are still active participants. We focus on community engagement and supporting the creative growth of our artists. Our members include a nationally known sculptor, several prominent regional artists and emerging artists with great promise. We hope you will enjoy this taste of our gallery and engage with us on our Facebook page, Artwistic Revolution.

Megan Sauls

Megan is the daughter of our FUF choir leader, Heather Nutting.



FUF ACTIVITY DETAILS



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 often discussion follows. All ideas are welcome.

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 just come for the pleasure of getting together. There's no need to sign up...just show up. Everyone is 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 will be designed around the fitness levels of the participants and all are welcome. (Please bring a yoga mat and towel.) Besides her yoga certifications with AFAA, FiTour and YogaFit, leader, Maggie Cunningham holds a certificate with IDEA Health & Fitness Association for "Exercises and Functional Training for Older Adults". Additionally, she is working toward her status as "Functional Aging Specialist" with the Foundation for Aging Institute.

There is no charge but donations will be accepted gratefully to help cover the cost of opening the facility during these hours.

SUNDAY BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

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

Second Sunday: Environmental Action Commit'ee, 12:20

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 Aug. 2)

Other Events

Thu, Aug 3: Nonfiction Book Group, 9:30 am

Sat, Aug 12: FUF Board meeting, 1:00 pm

Art Exhibit Opening:

2:30 – 4:30 pm

Game night, 6:30 pm



Sun, Aug 13: Environmental Action C'mittee, 12:20 pm

Thu, Aug 17: Nonfiction Book Group, 9:30 am

Sun, Aug 20: Social Action Committee, 12:20 pm

Tues, Aug 22: Sept Newsletter deadline, 5:00 pm

Sat, Aug 26: Game night, 6:30 pm

Thu, Aug 31: Nonfiction Book Group, 9:30 am

FRIDAY NIGHT PICNIC SUSPENDED

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

Submitted by Pam Perkins

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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