



August 2018

# Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship

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A Member of the Unitarian Universalist Association

## Aug 5 KATE REALI: Seniors Living With HIV/AIDS

Many people believe that only young people need to worry about HIV/AIDS. The truth is, seniors are also at risk. At present, over one-quarter of all HIV/AIDS patients are over fifty. Yale Medical School experts have predicted as much as 50% is possible. Inspired by nearly two decades covering the news, award winning photojournalist Kate Reali, continues to be compelled to tell the stories of those she encountered. A freelance commercial photographer and social media influencer, she started her career working as an intern with the Miami Herald, then later worked as a staff photographer with the Mobile Press Register for thirteen years. Kate is raising four wonderful children—and, as one of their teachers on Sunday morning, helping raise our own FUF children and teens.

Introducer: Lucy Mercer

## Aug 12 KEN BALME: No One Likes Empty Envelopes

Ken Balme will share some of the little known stories about this area that he has come across as president of the Old Methodist Church Museum of Daphne. Inquiring about a volunteer role at the museum led to his becoming the president. He created and published a handbook for docents, which is now a Kindle book. Those who know Ken note his whimsical turn of mind and metaphorical turn of phrase; his poetry succinct, allusive, even cryptic. A little known fact is that Ken had a brief career as a stand-up comic, under the stage name “Kenny B.” and “kept his amateur status by never getting paid.” After thirty-seven years, Ken retired from working for Carrier Air Conditioner Company, and has been an assistant librarian in St. Augustine and studied environmental anthropology at the University of Wales Lampeter.

Introducer: Jule Moon

## Aug 19 GIORGI DI LEMIS AND GEORGE FULLER: SCORE is America’s Small Business Resource

Since its founding in 1964, SCORE (then called the Service Corps of Retired Executives) has provided expert, free and confidential mentoring to entrepreneurs, business start-ups, expanding businesses or businesses experiencing difficulties. Giorgi Di Lemis, a consultant for several international hotel companies and partner to seven restaurants around the county is one of the many successful entrepreneurs, business owners and executives interested in giving back to their communities who serve as SCORE volunteers. A native of Venice, Italy, Giorgi earned an MBA from Rollins College. His career with the international hotel companies brought him to America to live and raise a family. George Fuller is a former newspaper reporter with a Master’s degree in journalism and a thirty-five-year career in advertising. Throughout the course of his career, he has worked as both copywriter and creative director on myriad accounts, from small local companies to large accounts.

Introducer: Ray Ables

## Aug 26 ANNE ARMSTRONG: The Rich Life of Ric Masten

Singer-songwriter, painter, actor, quick-draw artist, and carpenter are just some of the roles that make up the rich life experiences reflected in the work of Ric Masten. His song/poem “Let It Be a Dance,” became part of the hymn book in the Unitarian Universalist Church, in which Masten was ordained a minister in 1971. “Ric Masten’s poems take us to the heart of the human experience because they come from the heart of a good and wise man,” said commentator Bill Moyers. FUF member Anne Armstrong was born into a British military family in the days when the sun never set on the British Empire. She grew up in several East African and Arab countries and currently lives in Daphne with her husband Del and their dog, Fritz.

Introducer: Pat Smith

### 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. August 26, 12:15 pm

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## MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP BUSINESS

### July Board Meeting HIGHLIGHTS

Saturday, July 14, 2018

- Collections are down. The Board discussed ways of saving money such as asking members to give the majority of the programs; having the lawn cut less frequently, and saving the yearly insurance expense by becoming self-insured. FUF members are asked to tell board members their opinions about ways to save money.
- The Paul Brock Irish Band will give a concert at the Fellowship, October 31, 2018.
- The program chair has received a suggestion that the Fellowship have a Ted talk quarterly on Sunday morning.
- After meeting with the program committee to discuss suggestions regarding changes to the Sunday morning program made by several members at the June Board meeting, committee chair Donna Orchard proposed two additions: the announcement of previously submitted Joys & Sorrows at the beginning of the program and a three-minute period of meditation following the Reading. Both additions were approved by the Board. Joys and Sorrows, as well as all other announcements, must be submitted to the president in writing before 10:45 Sunday morning. Cards on which to write these announcements will be available in a basket in the foyer.

*Submitted by Michael Patrick*

### July Board Meeting AGENDA

Saturday, August 11, 2018, 1:00 p.m.

1. Approve July 2018 Board meeting minutes
2. Treasurer's Report
3. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. Vote re payment of SAC charities
  - B. Discussion re Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> Paul Brock Band Concert
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*



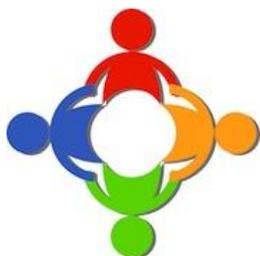
### Our MISSION STATEMENT

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

	June	Actual YTD	Budgeted YTD	Surplus/ (Deficit)
<b>Support and Revenue</b>				
Contributions	3,712	19,918	25,000	(5,082)
Other Revenue	805	2,549	3,688	(1,139)
<b>Total Support and Revenue</b>	<b>4,517</b>	<b>22,467</b>	<b>28,688</b>	<b>(6,221)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Building	2,032	14,520	18,575	4,055
Committees	979	6,590	8,425	1,835
Donations	200	1,076	1,688	612
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>3,211</b>	<b>22,186</b>	<b>28,688</b>	<b>6,502</b>
<b>Net Operating Increase/(Decrease)</b>	<b>1,306</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>281</b>

## 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 – [perkensp947@gmail.com](mailto:perkensp947@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

9:30–10:45 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 Aug 1)

### Other Events

**Thu Aug 2:** Non-Fiction Book Group, 9:30 am

**Sat, Aug 11:** FUF Board meeting, 1:00 pm

Game night, 6:30 pm

**Sun, Aug 12:** Environmental Action Committee, 12:20

**Thu Aug 16:** Non-Fiction Book Group, 9:30 am

**Sun, Aug 19:** Social Action Committee, 12:20 pm

➡ **Tues, Aug 21: September Newsletter deadline, 5:00 pm**

**Sat, Aug 25:** Game night, 6:30 pm

**Sun, Aug 26:** Pot Luck Lunch, 12:15

**Thu Aug 30:** Non-Fiction 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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## ARTICLE II Principles and Purposes\*

### Section C-2.1. Principles.

**We**, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote

1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
2. Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
3. Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
4. A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
5. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all;
7. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

**The** living tradition which we share draws from many sources:

- Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life;
- Words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion and the transforming power of love;
- Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;
- Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;
- Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit;
- Spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

**Grateful** for the religious pluralism which enriches and ennobles our faith, we are inspired to deepen our understanding and expand our vision. As free congregations we enter into this covenant, promising to one another our mutual trust and support.

\*Bylaws and Rules as amended July 1, 2017. Unitarian Universalist Association.