



September 2016

Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship

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Sept 4 FRITS FORRER: World War II in Holland

Frits Forrer will discuss his experiences growing up in the Netherlands during the German occupation, when his country was bombed relentlessly by the British and American Air Forces. Born in Belgium of Dutch parentage, Forrer's family moved in 1937 to Holland, which was overrun by the Germans in 1940 and occupied until finally being liberated in '45. Forrer came to the U.S. in 1952 for fighter pilot training, earning the USAF Silver Wings in '53, as well as the Royal Netherlands Golden Wings. He returned to the U.S. in '57 as an immigrant, and has lived here ever since. He married his wife Katy in 2000, and has written and published 14 books.

Introduction by: Ray Ables

Sept 11 CHRIS CHAMP NAPIER: Poverty and Prison Frustrations of My Past

Chris Champ Napier will skillfully articulate his life: from being an innocent child, to becoming a menace, a monster, and then a prison inmate. A native of Prichard, Champ spent 14 years and 8 months in prison but has denounced his past and is now committed to uplifting others. In closing, he will share how Islam provides the support that helps him put his past at peace. In addition to authoring a book that urges people to avoid crime and prison, he volunteers his time by mentoring and lecturing youth. In July of 2015, he received a pardon from the Alabama parole board, and has released a documentary titled "Redemption Beyond My Past."

Introduction by: Don Sawyer

Sept 18 ROBERT JONES & LIZ CRANDALL: Introduction to WREN

Extremely passionate about making this world a better place for wildlife, both Robert Jones and Liz Crandall will introduce us to the Wildlife Resources and Education Network (WREN), an initiative to raise the standard of care and connect the world of wildlife medicine and rehabilitation using a multi-phased approach, including ambulatory service, educational resources for wildlife rehabilitators, and a large surplus program to help injured native wildlife. Robert, a Certified Wildlife Rehabilitator, holds additional certificates applicable to WREN's mission of raising the standard of care in all aspects of wildlife rehabilitation. He also helped start a charity in the Caribbean that helps animals and worked at the Southeastern Raptor Center at Auburn University. While at Auburn University Liz began working in veterinary medicine with local small animal practitioners. After earning a Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Management she worked on wildlife projects in other states as well as in Chile and then spent ten years at the Southeastern Raptor Center. She resigned from SRC in the summer of 2015 as an Assistant Director and is now one of the driving forces necessary for developing WREN. Liz currently resides in East Tennessee with her three felines: Josie, Emma, and Onyx.

Introduction by: Nanthell Dian

Sept 25 CHARLEY EARL: Requiem for the American Dream

Our Unitarian principles are dedicated to the general well-being of all people. To achieve these principles we need to grasp the truth of major trends in our nation and the world. This will not be a speech; Charley Earl will project statements and ask the audience to respond by offering pros and cons in the attempt to define some of the most significant developments affecting the general welfare that have occurred in our lifetime. Long-time FUF member Charley Earl has a BA in History from Bluffton College with a minor in Math. He received an MA from Miami University in Ohio and taught History and Math as well as working as a guidance counselor for many years. Charlie has been living in Baldwin County since 2004.

Introduction by: Ray Ables

SUNDAY SERVICE 11 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 a.m. Current Events discussion group 10:15 am.

Teen Fellowship 10:00 – 11:00; Children's Fellowship 11:00 – noon

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

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MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP BUSINESS

Summary – August 12 Board Meeting

- Donations are slightly below budgeted, but predicted to increase as usual in the second half of the year.
- Approved 8-week Yoga class, led by Maggie Cunningham, beginning in September. (See last page for details)
- Commended Ben Gall for stepping in to help with the AV system at the last minute in Diana’s absence.
- Agreed that, in general, programs promoting businesses should not be presented.
- A Weeks Bay guided boat trip is scheduled for September 20, 9 -11. (See last page for details)
- Gutter and lighting problems have been solved for the time being.
- Hal Knox will attend to building issues in Phil’s six-week-absence.
- The UU Film Festival originally planned for September now will be in October.
- More volunteers are needed for the Nomination Committee and to open and close the building for ESILL classes to be held there.

Submitted by Jane Finger for Lynne Switzky

August Board Meeting Agenda

Friday, September 9, 2016, 10 a.m.

1. Approve August 2016 Board meeting minutes
2. Treasurer's Report
3. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Plan for update on Strategic Plan progress
4. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Program Committee Report
 - B. Publicity and Events Committee Report
 - C. Nominating Committee
 - D. Consider donations to Baton Rouge

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

Submitted by Diana Gardiner, Chair

Thank you, Julie Brent

For the FUF funds from the “donations” basket generated by *your* generous donation of time, expertise, and kind attention, as our Gentle Yoga “instructor in residence” over the last few years. Your lessons continue to benefit the participants.

Financial Summary

July, 2016

	July	Actual YTD	Budgeted YTD	Surplus/ (Deficit)
Support and Revenue				
Contributions	4,120	24,291	26,300	(2,009)
Other Revenue	31	3,461	5,250	(1,789)
Total Support and Revenue	4,151	27,752	31,550	(3,798)
Expenses				
Building	3,159	19,785	21,146	1,361
Committees	568	8,574	8,429	(145)
Donations	1,400	2,500	1,925	(575)
Total Expenses	5,127	30,860	31,500	640
 Net Operating Increase/(Decrease)	 (976)	 (3,108)	 50	 (3,158)

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

Bullying Program & Super Salad Sunday



We had a wonderful response to our very poised and lovely speaker, Carlisha Young. Thanks to all who were there and added to the program, not the least of whom were the teens' and children's Fellowships. What a wonderful surprise they presented. Following the theme of the children's book, *One* (Otoshi), the group performed a wonderfully creative and enlightening skit about bullying. The story, ably read by Brisa Ables, was illustrated by the other members, each holding a large different colored circle, except for one, which held the number "1". "1" stood up to the red circle bully and transformed each of the colored circles into a number. Turning the circles over to reveal the numbers led to the conclusion that it only takes *one* to show that *everyone* counts, even the bully. Thank you kids and leaders Melita & Kate for a terrific performance! After the program many stayed

to enjoy delicious salads. (Amazingly, not one tossed salad!) Thanks to all who contributed to the lunch.



Mobile Pride Day

Mobile Pride Day will be held on October 8th in Mobile. We would like to have a presence there (we didn't get these "Standing on the Side of Love" tee shirts for nothing!). Because both Jane & I will be out of town then, we need someone to volunteer to "person" a table after the parade. Please let me know as soon as possible if you can help with this outreach because we need to sign up and pay the booth fee (if there is one) and get details for time, place, etc. We have UU and FUF brochures for distribution. Add some candy and you've got a booth! Participating in this event should complete our application for a Welcoming Congregation designation.

Submitted by Irene Wegner, Committee Chair

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE NEWS

Nursing Scholarship Fundraiser Planned

In October we will be launching our new project to raise money for the Faulkner College Nursing Scholarships. Vote for the Cutest Cat and Cutest Dog! Will your cat or dog be the winner? Look for details in the October Newsletter!

Food Collection for Ecumenical Ministries



In September and October we will be collecting food and food service items for the Ecumenical Ministries' Food Pantry. Remember these two months are always tight for families with all the expenses of children returning to school (new clothes, shoes, gym clothes, book bags, etc.) All shelf-stable foods are welcome, but high protein canned items such as canned tuna, salmon or chicken, canned beans and peanut butter are very helpful to needy families. The donation basket is under the bulletin board in the front

hall.

Thanks for your continuing generosity!

Submitted by Lynne Switzky, Committee Chair

MUSING FROM A MEMBER

QUESTION TO A UU FROM HIS FUNDAMENTALIST MOTHER

So as a Unitarian, what kind of a god do you even pray to?

Not all Unitarians pray to God, but I happen to.
and I believe I pray to the one and only God
who created heaven and Earth as he or she saw fit
and placed me as a steward to care for it.

I pray, "Let thy will be done."

I pray to God, who has many children and no only-begotten-son.
I pray to God, of whom many people wrote and misunderstood.
I pray to God, the constructive force in flux comprising all the good.
I pray to God, the God of love who would not send anyone to hell,
especially for something as silly as an exercise in illusory free will
and much less for whom they choose to love.

I pray, "bring heaven down from above."

I pray to God, who blesses all and cares for all without putting anyone ahead of another.
I pray to God, who commands me in my heart to love myself as well as others.
I pray to God, with whom I can and have had some form of direct experience.
I pray to God, although perhaps I should work on listening.
I pray to God, as humbly and as privately as possible, and whom I thank for all I have.
I pray to God, and although I do not feel like I have to, to do so makes me glad.
I pray to God, and I do not care whether or not you do,
but I will also defend your right not to.
Do you pray to God? That's up to you.

Ray Ables, 6/6/2015

FUF GROUP DETAILS



WEEKS BAY BOAT TOUR

Everyone is invited to join the guided boat tour of Weeks Bay on September 20, from 9 -11 a.m. Advance reservations are required (on the signup sheet on the cookie table the preceding Sundays). The cost is \$20 per person. Carpooling to the launch near Magnolia Springs will be arranged for anyone needing a ride. There is a maximum of 30 passengers.

YOGA CLASS TO BEGIN SEPTEMBER 28

Maggie Cunningham will be offering a series of Yoga classes at FUF beginning on Wednesday September 28 from 6 - 7 p.m. Maggie is a Yoga instructor who currently has a Yoga and Yo-Chi certification with AFAA and a "Master Practitioner" certification with FitFour. The Yoga classes will be designed for beginners, allowing anyone, regardless of abilities or prior experience, to take advantage of the benefits of Yoga. Classes are free but donations to FUF are suggested. The work will be primarily from the mat, but those who prefer to use chairs will be accommodated. Please bring a Yoga mat and towel for the classes.

FRIDAY NIGHT PICNICS

Every Friday night around five o'clock, weather permitting, a group from FUF gathers at the far north end of North Beach Park to enjoy the sunset with food and fellowship. Everyone brings a dish to share and their own beverage, eating utensils, and chair. In case of rain, we meet under the pavilion. All are welcome—the more the merrier!

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 to editor at:

Janef09@gmail.com

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Regularly Scheduled Events

Sundays:

9:45 – 10:45 TED Discussion Group (Please be on time)

10:00 Teens' Fellowship

10:15 Current Events Discussion Group

10:45 Pre-program Music

11:00 Sunday Program

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

Fridays

5:00 Potluck Picnic at the Beach

Other Events

Thu., Sept. 8: Nonfiction Book Group, 9:30 am

Fri., Sept. 9: FUF Board meets, 10:00 am

Sat., Sept. 10: Game night, 6:30 pm

Tues., Sept. 20: Weeks Bay Boat Tour, 9-11 am

Sun., Sept. 25: Oct. Newsletter deadline, 5:00 pm

Thu., Sept. 22: Nonfiction Book Group, 9:30 am

Sat., Sept. 24: Game Night, 6:30 pm

Wed., Sept. 28: Gentle Yoga, 6:00 pm

SUNDAY BULLETIN INFO DEADLINE

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

Submitted by Mary Matthews

TUESDAY CHOIR PRACTICE SUSPENDED

There will be no Tuesday choir practice during July, August, and September (until Heather is back in October). Helen Garrett will send out her usual email to the choir members letting them know when to come to practice.

Submitted by Helen Garrett

MAKE PLANS FOR FALL!

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(The Eastern Shore Institute for Lifelong Learning)

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