



September 2017

Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship

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Sept 3 CHRISTOPHER SIMS: **Creating the Beloved Community So That Black Lives Really Matter**

In this presentation, educator, community organizer and a human rights activist, Christopher Sims, will focus on how Unitarian Universalists can create a beloved community where the lives of black folk are respected and not taken for granted. He will explain how to use the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to inform our faith movement, making it a place that is more welcoming to black folks, and to other people of color. From Rockford, Illinois, Sims is an artist who writes poetry and songs and performs spoken word poetry. Performing spoken word since 1998, he has mastered an artistic style full of grace, know how, and colorful delivery. **Introducer: Ray Ables**

Sept 10 HARVEY JOANNING: **What Will I Do With Myself?**

As a child, were you ever asked, “What do you want to do when you grow up?” When you grew older, have you asked yourself, “What do I want to do with the rest of my life?” This presentation will draw from life span development, vocational psychology, psychotherapy, and philosophy to address the existential question of how to live a satisfying life. The talk will begin with young people choosing a career and move to middle aged individuals modifying their life goals and conclude with retirement and old age. Hopefully, this talk will help you choose or solidify a direction for your life. Trained as a counseling psychologist, statistician, and research methodologist, and as a marriage and family therapist, Dr. Joanning founded and directed doctoral programs in marriage and family therapy at Texas Tech University, Iowa State University, and University of Iowa, where he currently serves as an adjunct professor. **Introducer: Dana Roberts**

Sept 17 DANA ROBERTS: **Acting Up: The Art of Directing for the Stage**

How do they do it—those actors on stage—when you take a seat in the theatre, the house lights go down, and you are immersed in a world created just for you? Dana Roberts, a retired professional director and actor, will look behind the scenes with an overview of the art of directing and acting for the stage. In this interactive program, she will explain and demonstrate how to create believable characters, how to enhance conflict and resolutions and how to decide on a director’s approach. In other words, how to make the stage come alive! Dana Roberts pursued a professional career acting in regional theatre, summer stock, industrials, off-off Broadway in New York and occasionally an appearance in a soap opera. A member of the prestigious Society for Stage Directors and Choreographers, she served as guest director for The New Dramatist Club as well as Director of Communications and Artistic Director for the budding Manasquan Performing Arts Center in New Jersey. **Introducer: Harvey Joanning**

Sept 24 PENNY SLAWKOWSKI: **The History of Legal Services and Where We Hope to Go**

In Chicago Penny worked for creditors and property owners, not tenants. Now she works for Legal Services and for tenants being sued for debts. She finds this work much more gratifying. When she and her husband moved to Fairhope in 2009, she volunteered for Legal Services for two years and then was hired as a staff attorney. Her clients are currently people being sued for debts instead of creditors. The law is the same, but the sense of accomplishment is greater. **Introducer: Thelma Topper**

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’ Fellowship 10:00 – 11:00 am.* Children’s Fellowship 11:00 – noon* (*see last page for exception)

September 24: 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 August 2017 Board Meeting

- Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board decided not to invest in mutual funds because of high upfront fees and the volatility of the mutual fund market.
- The Board approved the recommendation of the Finance Committee to purchase a one year CD and six months later purchase another one year CD.
- The Board voted to approve the Spirit Enrichment Group as a regular activity of FUF to meet on Saturdays at 5:00 pm as long as other scheduled events allow.
- The Board is still studying the feasibility of a scholarship fund for children of FUF members.
- Irene Wegner has resigned as Education Committee Chair. Anyone interested in serving in that capacity should contact Ray Ables or Rodney Hoffman.
- Dave Fisher has become a member of FUF.

Submitted by Lynne Switzky



AGENDA September Board Meeting

Saturday, September 9, 2017, 1:00 p.m.

1. Approve August 2017 Board meeting minutes
2. Treasurer's Report
3. OLD BUSINESS (*cont'd next column*)

(cont'd from AGENDA)

- A. Scholarship Fund
 - B. Education Chair
 - C. Spiritual Enrichment Committee
 - D. Program Banner/Sign
4. NEW BUSINESS
- A. Membership Committee Report
 - B. Building Committee Report
 - C. Program Committee Report
 - D. Nominating Committee

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

Spirit Enrichment Program

The program offered by the Spirit Enrichment Group meets the diverse needs for spiritual expression within our congregation and is in keeping with our UU tradition.

Elements of the program include music, readings, talks, meditation and a sermon from a Unitarian Universalist minister.

The Spirit Enrichment Program meets one of the objectives of the Fellowship as outlined in our by-laws: ...the enrichment of the spirit of its members. It also responds favorably to the Third Principle of Unitarian Universalism by offering "...encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations."

Submitted by Rodney Hoffman

Financial Summary July, 2017

	July	Actual YTD	Budgeted YTD	Surplus/ (Deficit)
Support and Revenue				
Contributions	3,831	27,728	28,219	(491)
Other Revenue	201	3,857	5,250	(1,393)
Total Support and Revenue	4,032	31,585	33,469	(1,884)
Expenses				
Building	3,867	21,785	21,700	(85)
Committees	682	7,287	9,800	2,513
Donations	0	1,502	1,969	467
Total Expenses	4,549	30,574	33,469	2,895
Net Operating Increase/(Decrease)	(517)	1,011	0	1,011

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Thank  You!

Thank you to everyone who donated money or supplies to our school supply drive.

Some children in Baldwin County appreciate your efforts!



Food for Cats & Dogs

Our next collection is for cats and dogs. We are collecting dry dog food and dry cat food in September and October for BARC, the Baldwin County Humane Society.

Nursing Scholarship Fund

Don't forget to make a donation to the Nursing Scholarship Fund. To donate be sure to write "SAC Nursing Scholarship" on the memo line when you put your check in the weekly collection.

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 Harvey Switzky, Committee Chair

UPCOMING EVENT

Christopher Sims Meet & Greet Pot Luck

Saturday, September 2nd, 11:00

The Fellowship will be host to several groups in the community at a Meet-and-Greet Pot Luck brunch to welcome Christopher Sims, our presenter on Sunday, September 3rd. The title of his presentation is: Creating the Beloved Community so That Black Lives Really Matter. Christopher is an artist who writes poetry and songs and also performs spoken word poetry. Schools in New York City, Memphis, TN, Toronto, San Diego, Washington DC, Chicago, and Milwaukee have experienced the magnetic presence of this poet.

"I am in love with the written and spoken word. It is a powerful vehicle for a social, political, and spiritual message." He comes to us from the UU congregation in Rockford, Illinois.



For more information call Donna Orchard at 947-8411

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!

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.

Submitted by Robin Fabel

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Regularly Scheduled Events

Sundays

9:45–10:45 TED Discussion Group (Please be on time)
2nd – 4th Sundays: 10:00 – 11:00 Teen's Fellowship
10:15 Current Events Discussion Group
10:45 Pre-program Music
11:00 Sunday Program
1st Sunday: 11:00 Children's & Teens' Fellowship
2nd Sunday: Environmental Action Committee, 12:20
3rd 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 Sept 6)

Saturdays

5:00 –6:00 Spirit Enrichment Group

Other Events

Sat, Sept 2: Christopher Sims Meet & Greet

Sat, Sept 9: FUF Board meeting, 1:00 pm
Game night, 6:30 pm

Sun, Sept 10: Environmental Act. Committee, 12:20 pm

Thu, Sept 14: Nonfiction Book Group, 9:30 am

Sun, Sept 17: Social Action Committee, 12:20 pm

Sat, Sept 23: Game night, 6:30 pm

Mon, Sept 25: October Newsletter deadline, 5:00 pm

Thu, Sept 28: 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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