



September 2018

# Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship

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A Member of the Unitarian Universalist Association

## Sept 2 KOSI AVOTRI: Suicide Cause and Prevention in 2018

Kosi Avotri will review medical literature on adult and pediatric suicide and suggest some prevention measures. Born and educated in Ghana, Dr. Avotiri is a graduate of the University of Ghana and is Board certified by the American Academy of Pediatrics. He has practiced in Dayton, Ohio; Gadsden, Alabama, Laplace, Louisiana and currently practices in Mobile. Kosi began attending UU churches in 2001 and became a member of the New Orleans UU church.

Introducer: Donna Orchard

## Sept 9 CASI CALLAWAY: Coal Ash and Clean Water

The ash left over from burning coal is filled with toxic chemicals and heavy metals such as arsenic, lead, mercury and more. Alabama Power stores that ash in an unlined pit surrounded by the Mobile River twenty-five miles north of Mobile Bay. Casi Callaway, the Executive Director of Mobile Baykeeper, will explain why it is so important to learn about and become engaged in their efforts to ensure clean water, clean air, and healthy communities. Says Callaway "I am proud to be working to ensure my child, your children and our grandchildren get a cleaner Mobile Bay, Gulf beaches, rivers, creeks and more."

Introducer: Riva Fralick

## Sept 16 THELMA TOPPER: Chernobyl; Thirty-two Years On

Having visited recently Chernobyl, Ukraine, the site of the world's worst nuclear disaster, Thelma Topper will describe what she learned about the effects of the Chernobyl disaster years later. A member of this Fellowship, Topper has been an avid traveler all of her life, first leaving the shores of her native England to 'go abroad' on family vacations as a child. She has given talks at the Fairhope Library, the Mobile Audubon Society and at the Fairhope Fellowship. Thelma's adventures have taken her to such diverse places as Ethiopia, Mongolia and Greenland.

Introducer: Anne Armstrong

## Sept 23 MIKE TURNER: The Concert Across America to End Gun Violence

Columbine. Orlando. Las Vegas. Parkland. Over 500,000 people have died due to gun violence in the United States over the past 50 years. The Concert Across America to End Gun Violence brings together songwriters and musicians across the country to create a positive national moment of collective remembrance for the victims of gun violence, supported by action. Now an award-winning topical songwriter and performer, Mike Turner will use spoken word and original song to review aspects of this multifaceted gun violence issue from gun control to personal responsibility, the choice between good and evil, and collective action to address the tragedy of gun violence. After twenty-seven years as a Federal law enforcement officer, Turner is retired in Fairhope.

Introducer: Carl Couret

## Sept 30 CAROL FURMAN: Birding 101: What to Look For in Identifying Birds

Carol Furman's interest and knowledge in the species of other habitats grew as she discovered the amazing diversity of birds that pass through Alabama. In this presentation, she will explain what to look for in identifying birds. With degrees in biology and marine science, Carol came to Fairhope for a job in Auburn's Marine Fisheries Lab in 1998. She is also an accomplished painter of birds with paintings on display in numerous coastal area art galleries.

Introducer: Jane Finger

### 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 am

Youth Fellowship 10:00 am (resumes September 9, meets every other week)

Last Sunday of the Month Potluck: Bring a dish and join us for fellowship and conversation. September 30, 12:15 pm

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## MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP BUSINESS

### August Board Meeting HIGHLIGHTS

Saturday, August 11, 2018

- Treasurers Report: Donations and collections are much lower than this time last year.
- Board members are exploring ways to reduce expenses and are seeking suggestions from members.
- The Board voted to fund SAC charity recommendations.
- The Board discussed ways to publicize the Paul Brock Concert scheduled for October 31 at 7:30.
- Anne Armstrong led a discussion on recruiting new members.
- Michael Patrick moved that the Fellowship pay the expenses of one member to attend the annual meeting of Alabama Arise. Jane Finger seconded. The motion passed.

*Submitted by Michael Patrick*



### September Board Meeting AGENDA

Saturday, September 8, 2018, 1:00 p.m.

1. Approve August 2018 Board meeting minutes
2. Treasurer's Report
3. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. Discussion re Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> Paul Brock 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*

### Special Recognition September 2

Those who have served this Fellowship by holding office or taking on other designated responsibilities will be formally recognized at the Sunday Program on the first Sunday in September.

### FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	July	Actual YTD	Budgeted YTD	Surplus/ (Deficit)
<b>Support and Revenue</b>				
Contributions		1,993	21,910	29,167 (7,257)
Other Revenue		112	2,661	4,302 (1,641)
<b>Total Support and Revenue</b>		<b>2,105</b>	<b>24,571</b>	<b>33,469 (8,898)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Building		1,984	16,504	21,671 5,167
Committees		903	7,493	9,829 2,336
Donations		1,950	3,025	1,969 (1,056)
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>4,837</b>	<b>27,022</b>	<b>33,469 6,447</b>
<b>Net Operating Increase/(Decrease)</b>		<b>(2,732)</b>	<b>(2,451)</b>	<b>0 (2,451)</b>

## ART COMMITTEE

### New Art Exhibit Going Up In September

## Hunter Cobb

### Artist's Statement

“Painting is silent poetry and poetry painting that speaks” – Simonides. I enjoy creating works that speak to viewers through emotion and ambiance. Taking a moment in time and space and manipulating color and form that conveys mood, or I use symbolism to have an emotional impact on the viewer. I strongly believe artists should not be limited to a certain style or technique so my works draw on both inner and outer visions and can range from realistic to semi-abstract. These different methods allow me to convey different atmospheres and ideas.



Cobb grew up in the military and has lived around the world. He graduated high school in West Germany and attended the University of West Alabama. He moved to Mobile in 1992 where he worked in graphic design. Several years ago he began a second career in software development. Recently he rediscovered his artistic side and started producing works. He has been married to his wife and fellow artist for 18 years. Hunter has been an artist in residence at Cathedral Square Gallery since March 2013, Galeria Lyons in St. Augustine since September 2014 and recently joined Gallery 450. He is a member of the Mobile Arts Council, Eastern Shore Art Center, Alabama Miniature Art Society and the Watercolor and Graphic Arts Society of Mobile.

*Submitted by Melinda Hicks, Committee Chair*

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

### Special Request from Committee Chair

Because Membership Committee Chair, Anne Armstrong, has discovered that some members don't read their emails regularly, she requests that those who would prefer *not* to be contacted by *email* to please let her know how they would like to be contacted, i.e. by text, phone, or 'snail' mail. Also, for those who have multiple or obsolete email addresses, make sure the correct one is on our Membership List. Anne's phone number is 636-3715 and email address, [scotal@att.net](mailto:scotal@att.net).

### New Brochures in Foyers

Anne recommends checking out the new brochures that she has added to the rack in the foyer.

## FUF ACTIVITY DETAILS

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR



### 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.



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

### Regularly Scheduled Events

#### Sundays

- 9:30–10:45 TED Discussion Group (Please be on time)
- 10:00 Youth Fellowship  
(every other week beginning Sept. 9)
- 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 Sept 5)

### Other Events

- Sat, Sept 8:** FUF Board meeting, 1:00 pm  
Game night, 6:30 pm
- Sun, Sept 9:** Environmental Action Committee, 12:20
- Thu, Sept 13:** Non-Fiction Book Group, 9:30 am
- Sun, Sept 16:** Social Action Committee, 12:20 pm
- Sat, Sept 22:** Game night, 6:30 pm
- Tues, Sept 25: October Newsletter deadline, 5:00 pm**
- Sept 27:** Non-Fiction Book Group, 9:30 am
- Sun, Sept 30:** Pot Luck Lunch, 12:15

**Save the Date**  
**October 31 (7:30 pm)**  
**Paul Brock Band**

**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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