



October 2017

Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship

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Oct 1 JEAN LAWRENCE: Chapungu and Frogner Park Sculptures: Two Cultures, Common Values

Chapungu, from Zimbabwe, and Frogner Park, from Oslo, Norway, offer sculptural experiences which reflect commonalities and values, but which are expressed in very different ways. Jean Lawrence is an artist who has used her art in many different ways. After majoring in comprehensive art at Northern Illinois University, working as an art therapist for thirteen years, studying painting for 8 years at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, and earning an M.A. in counseling from Loyola University of Chicago, she opened and ran a B&B in Lakeside, MI, for seventeen years, and bought and restored abandoned ruins. She then retired to Fairhope, where she enjoys painting, FUF and friends.

Introducer: Pinky Bass

Oct 8 MARILYN SEWELL: The Meaning of Life

Thoughtful people at some point are led to ask the big questions, like “What gives my life meaning?” Or, contemplating their own death, “What do I want to leave behind?” Dr. Marilyn Sewell, Minister Emerita of the First Unitarian Church of Portland, Oregon, one of the largest Unitarian churches in the world and where she served as Senior Minister for 17 years, will reflect on these questions. The subject of the prize-winning documentary film “Raw Faith, Dr. Sewell has authored ten books and contributes often to the Huffington Post. She attended the University of California at Berkeley and received her Ph.D. in Theology from the Starr King School for the Ministry.

Introducer: Donna Orchard

Oct 15 KENNETH HUDSON: The Dark Side of the Protestant Ethic: American Attitudes Toward the Poor

Max Weber’s famous thesis about the origins of capitalism and early Calvinism will provide an entree into Dr. Kenneth Hudson’s presentation of his current work on poverty and inequality. Now a professor in the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work at the University of Southern Alabama, Dr. Hudson received his B.A. from the the University of Mobile, majoring in Religion and Psychology, and attended the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. The issues of labor, affirmative action, and poverty became his focus in obtaining his M.A. from the University of Louisville and his Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina. Kenneth lives in Mobile and is a member of FUF.

Introducer: Elaine Snyder Conn

Oct 22 ELAINE SNYDER-CONN: : Alexander von Humboldt: A Forgotten Giant

This “once most famous person in the world” inspired Darwin and Wallace, Thoreau, Whitman, Goethe, Emerson, Muir, Simon Bolivar, and many others, unifying the many fragmented scientific pursuits of the early 1800 by his holistic view of nature, now shared by biologists and poets alike. His philosophy of human equality helped animate the antislavery movement as well as the overthrow of many South American dictatorships. FUF Program Co-Chair Dr. Elaine Snyder-Conn attended Antioch College before receiving an M.S. and Ph.D. from the University of Arizona in Zoology. She served as Visiting Professor at both North Carolina State University and the University of Alaska before working for twenty-three years as a biologist/environmental contaminants specialist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Alaska, Oregon, Washington D.C., and Daphne.

Introducer: Gwen Snyder

Oct 29 RICHARD BOND: The Moral Limits of Tolerance

The virtue of tolerance is crucially important in helping to maintain cohesion in society. Its importance is affirmed in the basic principles that define Unitarianism. Dr. Richard Bond will explain the limits to the moral principle of tolerance necessary to prevent the result of immoral action. A native of Alabama, Richard earned degrees from Auburn, SMU and Yale. He taught philosophy at Yale, Smith College, and Ramapo College for thirty-three years before he and his wife Judy retired to Fairhope fifteen years ago and joined FUF.

Introducer: Judy Bond

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 – 12:00 pm

October 29: 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 Board Meeting

September 2017

- Collections and contributions are down, but expenses have been running low.
- The Board established the FUF College Scholarship Fund for members and children of members. The solvency of the Fund will depend on donations each year.
- The Education Committee needs a Chairperson. If interested, talk to Ray Ables or Rodney Hoffman.
- The FUF Teens and the Mobile UU Teens are planning a JUUrassic Rally October 6 to 8 at FUF. This involves a sleepover on Friday and Saturday, a service project on Saturday, entertainment on Saturday night, and fun.
- The Building Coordinator, Pam Perkins, has the final say on fees for building usage.
Submitted by Lynne Switzky



Member Input Needed

The FUF Board would like to have member comments and suggestions for (or against) putting a permanent notification-of-events sign in front of the building. Please share your ideas with any member of the Board or email to janef09@gmail.com.

AGENDA September Board Meeting

Saturday, October 14, 2017, 1:00 p.m.

1. Approve September 2017 Board meeting minutes
2. Treasurer's Report
3. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Scholarship Fund
 - B. Education Chair
 - C. Spiritual Enrichment Committee
 - D. Nominating Committee
4. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Building Committee Report
 - B. Program Committee Report

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

New Weekly Event Approved

The Planning Committee has approved a new weekly event of meditation, presentation, and discussion proposed by Andrea Cherry. It will be held on Wednesday afternoons from 4:30 to 5:45 in the Ted Talk room. The event will be presented for final approval at the October FUF Board meeting.

Submitted by Rodney Hoffman

Financial Summary

August, 2017

	August	Actual YTD	Budgeted YTD	Surplus/ (Deficit)
Support and Revenue				
Contributions	3,238	30,966	32,250	(1,284)
Other Revenue	270	4,127	6,000	(1,873)
Total Support and Revenue	3,508	35,093	38,250	(3,157)
Expenses				
Building	2,043	23,828	24,800	972
Committees	923	8,210	11,200	2,990
Donations	450	1,952	2,250	298
Total Expenses	3,416	33,990	38,250	4,260
Net Operating Increase/(Decrease)	92	1,103	0	1,103



PAM'S YARD SALE GUIDELINES FOR THE FUTURE

A note from our ever-dedicated yard sale expert-in-residence, Pam Perkins: "I would estimate that half the time we spend in the shed is taking care of problems such as those outlined above. If you appreciate the fact that FUF has yard sales to earn money, and as a sump for your unwanted items, please help us out by following the guidelines below. Thanks for your cooperation."

Thank *you*, Pam, for your many, many hours and more energy than we can imagine that you have devoted to this continuous project. One that contributes significantly to the FUF financial bottom line.

1. Bring only clean, intact, and working items. If a piece of clothing has been worn or has stains, spray and wash it. If the stains don't come out, throw it away. If parts are missing from an item, throw it away. If it's electric and doesn't work, throw it away! Don't make us take your clothes home to wash or test an item to see if it works.
2. Only new (never-worn) underpants will be accepted, so save us the trouble of throwing them away by throwing them away yourself.
3. If an item has been sitting in your garage for several years, it is probably dirty. Clean it! We can get twice the price for a clean item over a dirty one.
4. If an item is not readily identifiable, label it. Especially tools and gadgets. Also, sets of sheets and blankets should be labeled as to size. No one is going to buy a set of sheets if they don't know what size bed it fits. Also, if you could put the dimensions of items such as tablecloths, that would be a help. Those of us working in the shed should not have to measure sheets and tablecloths.
5. Wrap breakable items carefully, but don't wrap and tape your items up like a mummy. People want to see and touch things. They will not buy a pig in a poke.
6. No furniture. Period. I invite anyone who has not visited the shed to do so; you will see how little space we actually have. If you must get rid of a piece of furniture, you may bring it the day of the sale, at 6 a.m., and be prepared to remove it if it does not sell by 11:00. Please let us know if you intend to do this.
7. Please do not wait to bring things on the day of the sale--or even the day before. You are given enough time to get your stuff together. Those of us who do all the pricing and sorting need time to get this done. There is too much chaos on sale day as it is.
8. I know your stuff is valuable. If you do price your own stuff, please look at it with the eyes of a yard-sale customer and don't price it as though it were new. Ask yourself what you would be willing to pay for that item at a yard sale.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE



Food for Cats & Dogs

SAC will continue to collect dog and cat food for Baldwin County Humane Society. There is a special need right now because of animals rescued from the hurricanes in Texas and Florida.

Nursing Scholarship Fund

We are continuing to ask for financial donations for the Nursing Scholarship at Coastal Alabama Community College. Our goal is to award a \$500 scholarship in the Fall, Spring, and Summer Semesters to a needy student chosen by the College. Our fund is getting perilously low. Every amount helps to keep the fund solvent. Just be sure to write Nursing Scholarship on the memo line of your check.

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, Chair

ART COMMITTEE

Art Exhibit Opening Reception Saturday, October 14th, 2:30 - 4:30

The exhibit will feature the artwork of local artist Ms. Janet Hinton. Janet grew up in Attalla, AL, and earned her MFA degree from the University of Alabama, majoring in printmaking with minor concentrations in painting and ceramics. She moved to Fairhope in 2011. "I have worked in both nonobjective and realistic styles in several media, including painting, printmaking, drawing and photography. My landscapes reflect the sense of place but also the elements of design, especially color, shape and line. Atmosphere and time of day are important to me in my depictions".

Please join us for the exhibit opening, food, beverage and enjoyment.



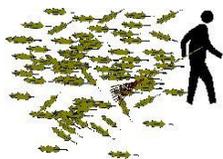
UPCOMING EVENT

The Smithsonian Institution will be bringing the Water/Ways exhibition to Five Rivers this fall. Shown in six cities in Alabama this year, the exhibition dives into water, an essential component of life, environmentally, culturally and historically. There will also be an exhibit of local artists' interpretations of water in our local area.

Very excited about this free opportunity, Art Committee Chair Melinda Hicks has arranged for a group tour for FUF members and friends on December 7th at 1:30. She proposes lunch at Félix's on the Causeway at 11:30 beforehand. As a headcount for both the exhibit and lunch reservation will be needed, there will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the lobby. See Melinda with questions.

Submitted by Melinda Hicks, Chair

FUF ACTIVITY DETAILS



ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY IS COMING UP!

Mark your calendars:

Saturday morning, October 14th, 7:15am –12:30
for pruning, weeding, hauling, cleanup and
celebrating over cookies & drink afterward.

Signup and task sheets starting this Sunday. For
more info (or to reserve your spot!) e-mail or call
Nathell Dian: otnathell@gmail.com, [251.945-5579](tel:251.945-5579)

SPIRIT ENRICHMENT GROUP

Each service is a conventional UU Service with
prelude, chalice lighting, a reading, inspiring music,
meditation and a prayer from the UU hymnal
acknowledging human suffering in the
congregation and in the world. A thought provoking
sermon by a UU minister follows on topics such as
compassion, kindness, love, atonement, life
purpose, beauty, spirituality, UU history,
and theology. A closing UU hymn precedes the
chalice being extinguished .

CHOIR PRACTICE

Beginning October 10 the FUF choir will practice
every Tuesday from 3:30 to 4:30.

Together with their families
Vivian Gooding and
Bryce McMurry, Junior
invite all to join them at
one thirty pm
for a celebration with cake and
wine following the private
ceremony of their marriage
Saturday, October 21, 2017.
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Request no gifts

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Regularly Scheduled Events

Sundays

9:45–10:45 TED Discussion Group(Please be on time)
10:00 – 11:00 Teen’s Fellowship
10:15 Current Events Discussion Group
10:45 Pre-program Music
11:00 Sunday Program
11:00 Children’s Fellowship
2nd Sunday: Environmental Action Committee, 12:20
3rd Sunday: Social Action Committee, 12:20
Last Sunday of every month: Pot Luck Lunch, noon.

Tuesdays

3:30 – 4:30 Choir Practice (except Oct. 3)

Wednesdays

10:00 – 11:30 UU Coffee Plus
3:00 – 4:30 Back Porch Folk Singers Practice
4:30 – 5:45 Meditation
5:00 Weekly Bulletin Deadline
6:00 – 7:00 Functional Lifestyle Yoga (Except Oct 4)

Saturdays

5:00 – 6:00 Spirit Enrichment Group

Other Events

Sun, Oct 8: Environmental Act. Committee, 12:20 pm

Thu, Oct 12: Nonfiction Book Group, 9:30 am

Sat, Oct 14: Garden Party, 7:15 am – 12:30 pm

FUF Board meeting, 1:00 pm

Art Exhibit Opening Reception, 2:30 pm

Game night, 6:30 pm

Sun, Oct 15: Social Action Committee, 12:20 pm

Mon, Oct 23: November Newsletter deadline, 5:00 pm

Thu, Oct 26: Nonfiction Book Group, 9:30 am

Sat, Oct 28: Game night, 6:30 pm

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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