



November 2018

Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship

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Nov 4 MIRIAM NORRIS OMAURA and TARA STALLWORTH LEE: **Unity and Human Connectedness**

Tara Stallworth Lee's recent projects contemplate moral goodness and the parallels that exist among individual human experiences within her work. This Resident Artist at Ground Floor Contemporary in Birmingham will describe how she has visualized these ideas within her work. For more than fifteen years, Tara has enjoyed teaching specialty art classes to youth for The Smithsonian Associates Summer Camp Program in Washington D.C. Miriam Norris Omura will recount her recent experience of connecting across cultures and languages when she traveled to Japan to study kasuri weaving. **Miriam** holds a BFA from the Cleveland Institute of Art in Fiber and Material Studies and was a 2017 Visual Arts Fellowship recipient from the Alabama State Council of the Arts.

Introducer: Pinky Bass

Nov 11 RUTH GERACI: **Why UU and Why Star Island?**

Having chosen to become a Unitarian Universalist about thirty years ago, Ruth Geraci will talk about the differences between UU and her upbringing as a Congregationalist/UCC. What does it mean to be a Unitarian Universalist? She will also share highlights of her experiences from many annual trips to Star Island, where she gathers with other UUs for a week of peace, quiet and a coming together of like minds. Ruth moved to the Gulf Coast from New Hampshire in 2004 and has since been a committed member of FUF, where among other offices, she has served as President and Editor of this newsletter. She currently directs and tutors with the non-profit Augustine Literacy Project in Baldwin County.

Introducer: Joan Marker

Nov 18 HARVEY JOANNING, ANNE ARMSTRONG, DANA ROBERTS: **The Gateway to Heaven: Issues of Aging**

Facilitated by Harvey Joanning, this FUF-member panel will address several important issues that must be faced as we age: legal documents, timely proper care, interpersonal issues with our loved ones, conversations with would-be survivors about post-death tasks. Professor Emeritus at Iowa State University and member of the psychology faculty at the University of South Alabama, Harvey has been involved in aging and anti-aging research since his mid-twenties. Anne Armstrong was born in the United Kingdom as a RAF "brat". She grew up in the Middle East and East Africa and, after living in fourteen countries, came to United States in 1969. She and her husband, Del, live in Daphne. Dana Roberts' career has been in the theater as an actress, stage director, and artistic director for a performing arts center. Dana and Harvey met and married at FUF. (The panel will also lighten the mood of the program with some appropriately inappropriate humor.)

Introducer: Rodney Hoffman

Nov 25 ITAY TALGAM: **Lead Like the Great Conductors** (Ted Talk)

Itay Talgam uses the orchestra in seminars and workshops as a metaphor for organizational behavior, a model for inspired leadership and transformative power. Having studied at the Rubin Academy and received a degree in philosophy from The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Talgam started out as a pianist, but switched to conducting after his military service. He has worked with most of the major orchestras in Israel.

Introducer: Donna Orchard

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 (Meets every other week, November 4, 18)

Last Sunday of the Month Potluck: Bring a dish and join us for fellowship and conversation. November 25, 12:15 pm

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MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP BUSINESS

October Board Meeting HIGHLIGHTS

Saturday, October 13

- Made specific plans for the Fall Festival dinner to be held on October 20th.
- Discussed the questionnaire to be conducted at the dinner, and appointed a moderator to administer and analyze the results.
- Approved the slate of officers to be elected at the annual meeting in December.
- The Board is awaiting a new property and liability contract from Pittman insurance, and hoping it will save us a considerable sum of money.

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Sheena Patrick



November Board Meeting AGENDA

Saturday, November 10, 1:00 p.m.



1. Approve October Board meeting minutes
2. Treasurer's Report
3. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Discussion re Oct. 31st 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

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

| | September | Actual YTD | Budgeted YTD | Surplus/ (Deficit) |
|--|--------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Support and Revenue | | | | |
| Contributions | 2,992 | 27,711 | 37,500 | (9,789) |
| Other Revenue | 579 | 3,617 | 5,531 | (1,914) |
| Total Support and Revenue | 3,571 | 31,328 | 43,031 | (11,703) |
| Expenses | | | | |
| Building | 2,005 | 20,933 | 27,863 | 6,930 |
| Committees | 917 | 8,838 | 12,637 | 3,799 |
| Donations | 450 | 3,475 | 2,531 | (944) |
| Total Expenses | 3,372 | 33,246 | 43,031 | 9,785 |
| Net Operating Increase/(Decrease) | 199 | (1,918) | 0 | (1,918) |

UPCOMING EVENTS

Art Exhibit Opening Reception

November 3, 2:00 – 4:00



Tara Stallworth Lee is a photographic artist, papermaker, and bookbinder. Her use of imagery as a figurative language contemplates perceptions of human behavior, interpersonal relationships, and the relevance of the natural landscape to the human condition. Tara uses her own handmade papers and personal mementos to construct handbound books that address themes of affinity, kinship, motherhood, and loss. Tara lives and works in Birmingham, Alabama where she is a resident artist at Ground Floor Contemporary. For more than fifteen years, she has enjoyed teaching specialty art classes to youth for The Smithsonian Associates summer camp program in Washington D.C. Previously, Lee worked as the Arts Education Coordinator for Space One Eleven, a visual arts non-profit in Birmingham.

Saint Little Flower: St. Therese of Lixieux

Miriam Norris Omura is a textile based artist. Materially her artwork follows her interests in weaving, cloth, and the tactile quality of layers. In the past her work has visually taken cues from a variety of influences including folk art and religious art. Recent works have revolved around family history and found photographs, considering what gets lost over time. She works with an ikat/kasuri influenced process of weaving, unweaving, and then reweaving the dyed cloth. This process causes the woven grid to shift and the images become pixilated.



Lady in Blue: Mrs Mitchell

Omura holds a BFA from the Cleveland Institute of Art in Fiber and Material Studies. She was a 2017 Visual Arts Fellowship recipient from the Alabama State Council on the Arts, in recent months she studied kasuri weaving at the Kawashima Textile School in Kyoto, Japan.



Garden Party

Saturday, November 10 at 8:30 a.m.

Continental breakfast provided.

Please bring garden tools, gloves, and a hat.

There will be a **sign up sheet**
on the back table during the Sunday Program.

Rain date is Monday, November 12

(The annual Garden Party is late this year because of the heat.)



November, 2018, Speakers for Saturday Evening Program.

Nov. 3 **“Purple America.”** Sermon delivered by Rev. David Ruffin, All Saints Unitarian Church, Tulsa, OK.

One of the grandest, boldest lies we tell in these United States is of our great unity amidst our diversity. *E pluribus unum*... “out of many one.” Purple America! We are many... but are we so united? And to the extent that we are, do we truly honor and respect our differences? We humans do long for union and for the experience of connection. We sense some greater truth in oneness. But, we also covet control and certainty.

Nov. 10. **"The Five Reasons You Shouldn't Be a Unitarian"** ~ Rev. Daniel Kanter, First Unitarian Church of Dallas, TX.

The sermon title should be enough of a tease. Come check it out.

Nov. 17. **“Coming Together: At Church”** and **“Coming Together: At Home.”**
Rev. Barbara Prose and Rev. David Ruffin of All Saints Unitarian Church, Tulsa, OK

Two short homilies preparing us for celebrating the Thanksgiving holiday.

Nov. 24 **"The Well and the Cathedral"** Drew Kennedy, Senior Minister, First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee, WI.

Is UU just a social club? Can we articulate the ways in which UU is a religion? Is Unitarian Universalism a religious alternative or an alternative to religion? What is this “spiritual” dimension?

FUF ACTIVITY DETAILS



SATURDAY EVENING PROGRAM

A conventional UU Service with prelude, chalice lighting, a reading, meditation and inspiring music from the UU hymnal, followed by a video presentation of a thought-provoking sermon by a UU minister on topics such as compassion, kindness, love, atonement, life purpose, beauty, spirituality, UU history, and theology. A closing UU hymn precedes extinguishing the chalice. (see previous page for November speaker schedule)

SUNDAY TED DISCUSSION

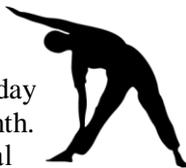
The "TED Talk Discussion Group" meets every Sunday morning at 9:30 sharp in the room adjacent to the Children's Classroom. Often moderated, the group chooses among several suggested TED Talks and other short videos on a wide variety of topics. After the Group watches the video, an interesting discussion 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.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Regularly Scheduled Events

Sundays

9:30–10:45 TED Discussion Group (Please be on time)
10:00 Youth Fellowship (every other week, Nov 7, 21)
10:15 Current Events Discussion Group
10:45 Pre-program Music
11:00 Sunday Service
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, 12:15

Tuesdays

→ 3:30 – 4:30 Choir Practice (beginning November 13)

Wednesdays

3:00 – 4:30 Back Porch Folk Singers Practice
5:00 – Weekly Bulletin Deadline
6:00 – 7:00 Functional Lifestyle Yoga (Except Nov 7)

Saturdays

5:00 – 6:00 Saturday Evening Program

Other Events

Wed, Oct 31: Paul Brock Band, 6:00 pm

Sat, Nov 3: Art Exhibit Opening Reception 2:00

Tues, Nov 6: Election Day VOTE!!

Thu, Nov 8: Non-Fiction Book Grp, 9:30 am

Sat, Nov 10: Garden Party

8:30 am



Sat, Nov 10: FUF Board meeting, 1:00 pm

Game night, 6:30 pm

Sun, Nov 11: Environmental Action Committee, 12:20

Sun, Nov 18: Social Action Committee, 12:20 pm

→ **Tues, Nov 17: Dec Newsletter deadline, 5:00 pm**

Sat, Nov 24: Game night, 6:30 pm

Sun, Nov 25: Pot Luck Lunch, 12:15

Thu, Nov 29: Non-Fiction Book Group, 9:30 am

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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