



# FAIRHOPE

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Second Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2020

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES (Video)

*Acolytes: Aenea Ganey, Hays Bishop, Mary Cooper Smith, Emery Capstraw, Sophia Kirtland*

OPENING WORSHIP

*Glorious Day*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

WE SING PRAISES

*My Redeemer Lives  
In Christ Alone*

APOSTLES' CREED

Rev. Ontonio Christie

FIRST READING

*Romans 8:18-21*

Rev. Ontonio Christie

OFFERING

*This is Amazing Grace*

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

GOSPEL READING

*John 20:19-31*

Michelle Graham

SERMON

*"Is This the Same Jesus?"*

Rev. Laura Parker

OUR RESPONSE

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Tom & Jenna Hood

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHURCH FAMILY CHALLENGE

Michelle Graham

HYMN

*Be Thou My Vision*

BENEDICTION

Rev. Laura Parker

Music today led by Shea White, Gathering Worship Leader, joined by Tom Hood, Minister of Music, Jenna Hood, Phillip Baggins –Hand Drum, Blake Nolte – Saxophone.

Thank you to all those who contribute behind the scenes to making our worship services happen each week: Jamie and Rachael Waldhour, Video; Jeff White, Sound; Chad Kirtland, Video Support and Production.



## **Whatever it Takes... for the Sake of His Glory!**

*A Sermon Series for the 50 Days of Easter*

The days between Easter and Pentecost are for us as Christians a time when we contemplate our response to the resurrection of Jesus Christ. What do we do now? What is the nature of our consideration? Where will this walk with Jesus take us from here?

Romans 8:18-21 will anchor us as we move through these seven Sundays, culminating with Pentecost on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

*Romans 8:18-21 (NRSV)*

*<sup>18</sup> I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup> for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.*

The desire for this season of preaching and teaching is to gain fresh understanding on not only the event itself, but the *power* of resurrection in our daily lives. Are we willing to submit all our experiences to the work that God wants to do in and through us? Do we believe that our present “sufferings” may be the very ground from which something new is being created and revealed in us? How shall we profess this living hope together?

Join us for worship (virtually, for now) as we offer our thanks and praise to God and allow the Word to speak into our lives. More than just digital transactions, we believe that these ‘gatherings’ still hold the power for divine transformation. So again, we say, *Easter people, raise your voices! Whatever it takes!*

**Be sure to scroll all the way down. There are lots of Announcements!**

**Here is a brief summary of our current stewardship:**

Offering Received on April 12 – \$42,303

(Online - \$18,676 ~ Mail/Personal delivery - \$23,627)

Thank you so much for your continued support to Fairhope United Methodist Church.

Jeff White  
Business Administrator

## **Caring Ministries ~ Update**



- **Banners** created by Ontonio have been donated to Thomas Hospital to offer encouragement for staff entering and leaving the hospital.

Feedback from the Hospital about the Banners and the Chimes...

*The banners look fantastic! We appreciate all the prayers, and the prayer reminders, from you and your prayer team. We especially appreciate the prayers for protection for all those on the front lines.*

*What the people think about the chimes... The remarks center around the same thing – it's an incredible feeling to know that people are praying behind the scenes. God works miracles. Your prayers are motivation and a light in the darkness. I've been told that the chimes are also a reminder for employees to take a minute to be thankful for those who are praying or to say a prayer themselves. You give us strength.*

- **Easter Lilies** were delivered to members to show love and care in this tender season of their lives.

- **MOW and Community Café** have expanded the meal delivery on Fridays to include Shepherd's Place participants and their caregivers.



One of our new members,  
Dr. Christy Guepet  
(Daughter of  
Sonny and Linda James)  
picking up items for  
Sewing Relief Ministry.

- **Sewing Relief Ministry** for medical personnel continues to make a difference in saving lives. We have been able to provide 1427 masks, 15 gowns and 251 shoe covers for the hospital, area doctor's offices, hospice companies, and long term care facilities. A fund has been set up to help with the cost of materials. If you would like to donate, you can go to our website and click online giving or drop a check in the mail designating it for COVID-19 Sewing Relief Fund.

- **Prayer Team** has provided a Prayer Banner, "Pray Without Ceasing" 1 Thessalonians 5:17 designed by Ontonio, to be displayed on exterior wall of Wesley Hall. This is an encouragement for our church family as well as the community. **We are in this season TOGETHER and will come through it TOGETHER.** Look for a picture next week.

If you are interested in participating with any of these opportunities and need more information, you can email Dr. Ann Pearson at [ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org).





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**APRIL 13, 2020**

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES CORONAVIRUS NEWS



### VBS DERAILED...

After much prayer, thought and discussion with VBS leaders, the decision has been made to cancel this summer's Rocky Railway VBS scheduled for June 1-5. Because there is still so much uncertainty regarding COVID-19 - especially with the restrictions with social distancing, we will not look for another date to reschedule. With eager anticipation, however, we will look forward to having the BEST VBS EVER with Rocky Railway on June 7-11, 2021!

Because the safety and health of the children and volunteers are of utmost importance to us, we are confident that the right decision has been made. Yes, it is disappointing news, but I promise that once we know for certain that it is safe to gather in groups again, we will offer some fun and meaningful events to bring the kids together. Stay tuned!



### SUMMER CAMP NEWS

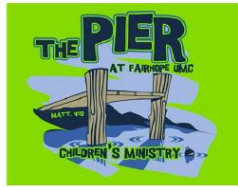
On May 15th, Blue Lake will announce whether or not our Energize Summer Camp will be held. For now, they are still accepting registrations. The camp is June 15-19 for those completing 3rd, 4th and 5th grades this school year. If the camp is cancelled, everyone registered will receive a full refund. Go to [www.bluelakecamp.com](http://www.bluelakecamp.com) for detailed information and online registration. Early bird rate (\$320) deadline has been extended to May 1st. On May 2nd, full price rate (\$340) applies.

Something extra fun from Blue Lake Camp this Friday, April 17th at 7:30pm -- **A VIRTUAL CAMPFIRE!** Please share with your kids!

Blue Lake's fantastic summer staff has put together an awesome program of beloved campfire songs, skits and even a devotional! Campers young and old are welcome to join!! Use Zoom Meeting ID: 527 199 785 / Zoom Password: 047113

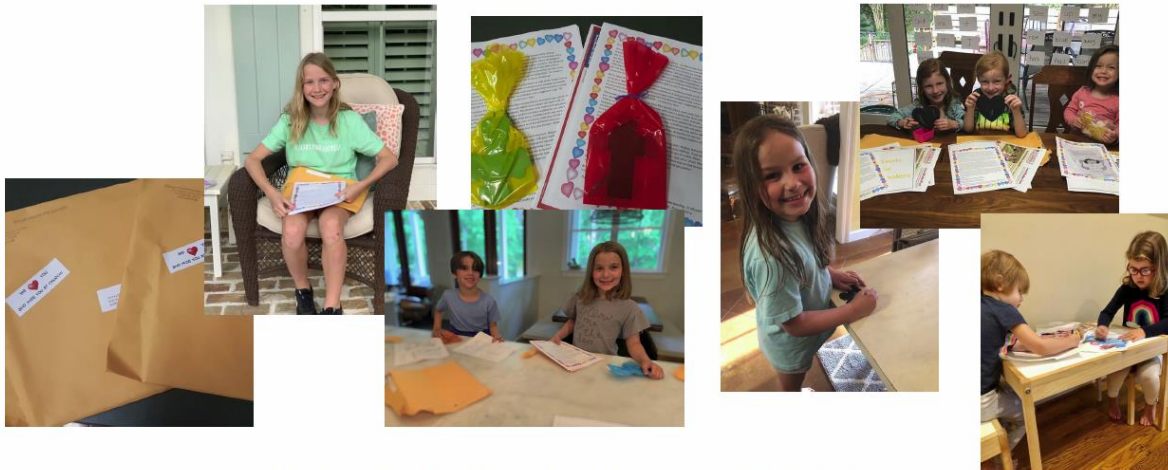


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## PIER, PIER34 & SWIFT

This is probably no surprise but Pier, Pier34 and SWIFT will not meet again on Wednesday night this school year. Our last night was scheduled for next Wednesday, April 22. Unfortunately, we're not able to do that! Thanks to all the 4 year olds-6th graders who participated and a special thanks to all the adults who served! It was a great year till COVID-19 showed up!



## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

We are going to mail Sunday School lessons again! We will mail the last two lessons for April this Thursday and the lessons for May on April 30. If you'd like your child to receive these lessons, you have to let us know. Email [michelle.graham@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:michelle.graham@fairhopeumc.org) no later than Monday, April 13 (an email was sent to you last week regarding this). If you miss this date, go ahead and send the email and we'll do our best to get those mailed to your kids.

## WEEKLY CHALLENGE

Don't forget about our weekly Whatever It Takes Challenges. For details, go to [www.fairhopeumc.org](http://www.fairhopeumc.org) and click on Staff Covid-19 Updates. In our children's ministries, we always stress how we are called to love God and love others! This is a simple yet meaningful way to share love with others in these unprecedented times.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Remember ... stay well, stay safe and stay filled with the joy only Jesus can offer!

Blessings,

*Michelle Graham*





## **Student Ministry**

### **Adopt-A-Grand Program**

Our 7th-12th graders are invited to adopt-a-grandparent within our congregation through a list prepared by Ann Pearson and our Caring Ministry team. If you are in student ministry at Fairhope United Methodist and interested in participating or in learning more about what to do, please call or text Rachael Waldhour (256) 343-1303. Through our Adopt-A-Grand program you will call weekly and connect with your Grand and get to know a member of our congregation that you would not have otherwise had the opportunity to meet.

### **Weekly Virtual Worship & Community Groups**

On Sunday nights @ 7pm our Student Ministry will come together in an online worship experience created just for students that will end with an invitation to our virtual Community Groups @ 7:30pm via Zoom. If you have a student in 7-12 grade, please make sure they are plugged into a Groupme Account with their grade for the invitation and link to all of these unique experiences.

You can [email Rachael.waldhour@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:Rachael.waldhour@fairhopeumc.org) to get them connected!

### **Senior Celebration Ceremony**

We hope to come together to send-off our Seniors with a breakfast and recognition on Sunday, July 19 @ 9:00am. Please save the date and watch your email for further details.

### **Middle School Virtual Game Night**

If you have a student in 7th or 8th grade, they are invited to our Middle School virtual game night on Wednesday, April 22@ 7:30pm. They can join us live on zoom and be a part of the games and prize give away!



New phone number, email, address?  
Update your family members photos!

Send me your new info at:  
**[martha.monckton@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:martha.monckton@fairhopeumc.org)**

I am updating our database so you can be up to date on what is happening with our church services & ministries.

## HOW ARE WE SERVING?

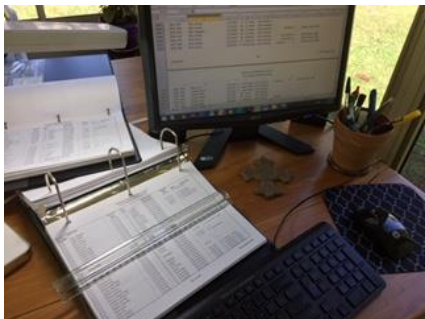
- **COMMUNITY CAFE'**- Although we are not hosting our normal Friday lunch, we continue to SERVE our Homebound & Community Friends. We are now providing over 130 meals each week between Fairhope, Daphne & Silverhill. We are now providing meals to Shepherd's Place and Fairhope Rotary Youth Club. We are working to partner with FRYC on other meal opportunities.
- **BALDWIN COUNTY EMA LUNCH**-Fairhope UMC is organizing meals to feed Baldwin County Emergency Management Agency. We have partnered with local churches & businesses to provide lunch during this difficult time as EMA is hard at work serving our community.
- **BALDWIN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT LUNCH**-Fairhope UMC is organizing meals to feed Baldwin County Health Department on Tuesdays & Thursdays, as they are providing drive thru COVID-19 tests.
- **SNACK PACKS**- We are in the process of collecting/assembling snack packs. Many of our community friends have children at home and are in need of snacks. We will also be sending snack packs to the local hospitals. If you would like to donate individually wrapped snacks, please let us know!
- **PRODISEE PANTRY**- Fairhope UMC is organizing meals to feed volunteers at Prodissee Pantry. Our church will be providing a volunteer meal on Tuesday, April 21st. We also have the opportunity to volunteer with distribution and preparation on April 28th (8am-12pm \*must be 18 and older to serve) & April 30th (1-3pm). Limited number of spots will be available. If you are interested in serving, please let me know. Prodissee served 931 families this past Tuesday.
- **EASTER LILY DELIVERY**- Together with Caring Ministries & Worship, we enjoyed delivering Easter Lilies!



We are so GRATEFUL to our church family for your continued support to help meet the needs of those in our community. If you or someone you know needs assistance during this time, please let us know how we can help.

Please email [missions@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:missions@fairhopeumc.org) or contact the church office.

Much love to all, Jennifer Myrick, Director of Missions



### From the Sunroom...

I write this to you from home (I feel as if I am in time-out). But rest assured I can always find something that needs to be done. Right now I am working on the Church Membership Roll. Due to an unfortunate situation, the main server went down before Christmas and my files were gone. There are two rolls, one is

Chronological and the other is Alphabetical. Once I finish entering the information for the Chronological Roll, the excel file can be manipulated to produce an Alphabetical Roll. The alphabetical listing is necessary in order to keep our information current (Ex. New Members, Transfers, Deaths). These numbers are necessary for Charge Conference and Statistical Reports made each year.



**How I Got the Job:** One of assignments from Rev. Joe Bullington when he first came (June, 1994) was to enter all the information for the Church Roll beginning in 1911. Over the years, many people were responsible for keeping these records and each one had their own idea of how it should be done. My mission if I chose to accept it (you know I had no choice) was to compile all the different notebooks and scraps of paper to create the listing. This was especially challenging in 2 situations: (1) a new notebook would be discovered or (2) A person was treated as if they had never been a member at all – the information page was torn out of the book when a person moved or died. Marjorie Garrick and Kay Speir were there for me, they helped recreate those first years, from 1911 until 1975. Ms. Kay is still working as Membership Secretary now (where would we be without our volunteers).

This time is allowing me the opportunity to input the information and also to audit the books. So, this year at Charge Conference, on the page that asks “Have the Membership Rolls been AUDITED?” I can mark the yes box and proudly sign my name.

I miss seeing everyone! I think about you as I come across your name and say a little prayer. I am on the year 1992 (only 18 more years to go!).

Julia from the office

## **Whatever It Takes Challenge**

### **Instructions for Week of April 19<sup>th</sup>**

*This week you are challenged to join others and literally shine a light and pray. We'll make simple luminaries and light up the night.*

Follow these easy steps to complete this week's challenge ...

**Step 1:** Make one or more luminaries. On Friday night around sunset (April 24<sup>th</sup>), place your luminaries in front of your house (on your porch, sidewalk, by your door). After lighting the candles, think of the positive things that have come from social distancing. Afterwards, say a prayer for those things you HOPE will not fade away once all this is behind us. Perhaps you have enjoyed spending more time with your family and you HOPE you will make the effort to not let the busyness of life creep back in to stop it; perhaps you miss your friends so much that you HOPE you'll be more intentional about staying in touch; perhaps you have enjoyed these challenges so much you HOPE to continue looking for ways to serve in the church and community!

Need instructions for how to make a luminary? Go to [www.fairhopeumc.org](http://www.fairhopeumc.org) and click on Staff COVID-19 Updates and look for Week of April 19 Challenge. Don't want to make a luminary? Simply place a candle outside.

**\*\* Before going to bed – BE SURE TO BLOW OUT THE CANDLES!**



**Step 2:** Take a picture while you're making your luminaries and another when they're lit – we want to see your smiling faces! Afterwards, post your pictures on Facebook, Instagram and/or Twitter and include **#fairhopeumcwhateverittakes**. For Instagram users, also tag @fairhopeumc in your post!

Not on social media? Email your picture to [whateverittakes@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:whateverittakes@fairhopeumc.org) and we'll post it for you on the church's social media accounts. Have questions about the Whatever It Takes Challenges? Email [michelle.graham@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:michelle.graham@fairhopeumc.org).

*Each week's Whatever It Takes Challenge will be announced during the 11am online worship service and included in the worship bulletin ([www.fairhopeumc.org](http://www.fairhopeumc.org) under Live Events). After the service, it will be posted on the church website and our Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts. On Wednesdays, it will be included in the email blast (not signed up to receive these, do so at [www.fairhopeumc.org](http://www.fairhopeumc.org) under Email List).*