



FAIRHOPE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2020

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Darren McClellan

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

THE GOOD NEWS

John 14:15-21

Rev. Laura Parker

OPENING SONG

The Solid Rock

Shea White and Co.

OPENING PRAYER

**Loving God,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
help us to choose life in you,
that we may keep the commands of Jesus,
follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit,
and witness to the hope that is within us,
sharing Christ's love in the world.**

SONGS OF PRAISE

*My Hope Is In You
Hope's Anthem*

Shea White and Co.

APOSTLES' CREED

Rev. Ontonio Christie

GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING

Dr. Darren McClellan

SPECIAL MUSIC

Shea White and Co.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Come Holy Spirit, our helper and advocate:
Open our hearts and minds this day,
entice us with your presence.
Spark us with a Word of life —
a message that we may share with others
as we seek to live Christ's love in the world.
All this we ask in the name of God,
who creates, redeems and sustains us. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Peter 3:13-18

Rev. Antonio Christie

THE WITNESS

“Naming Fears, Proclaiming Hope”

Rev. Laura Parker, Rev. Antonio Christie, and Dr. Darren M. McClellan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

THE LORD’S PRAYER

A WORD FOR NEXT WEEK

CLOSING SONG

I Will Rise

BENEDICTION

Rev. Antonio Christie

Shea White – Vocals; Dena White – Piano; Vic Dubose--Bass
Jeff Farrow – Guitar; Kyle McCarter--Drums

Thanks to our technical crew: Jamie and Rachael Waldhour, and Jeff White.



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 31st.

Romans 8:18-21 (NRSV)

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ 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 May 10 - \$46,983

(Online - \$17,353 ~ Mail/Personal delivery - \$29,630)

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

Jeff White, Business Administrator

Prayers for the People

During this season of Covid 19 the awareness of our medical personnel is more heightened than ever. We want to thank you for making a difference and know that you are prayed for daily. If we have missed adding your name to those who are working on the frontlines during this current crisis, please contact Dr. Ann Pearson, ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org.

Bill and Lucy Bingham
Ross Bishop
Mike Brantley
Amye Brasher
Jennie Breslin
Frank Bunch
Chris and Marti Burgess
Lisa Calhoun
Mary Catherine Crocker
Mitzi Childs
Jason Determann
Craig Dowden
Paula Drummond
Shannon Fountain
Matt Goldman
Catherine Knight Gradle
Emily Gregorius
Christy Guepet

Lanier Hagood
Albert Haas
Roy and Karen Haywood
Brett Henderson
J.C. Jacobs
Robi Jones
Julia Jordan
Megan Kappel
Kristan Knight
Mary Frances Krause
Gene Lammers
Jane Lee
Martin Lester
Andy Luedecke
Parag Mahakatar
Ashley Marass
Dan Matthews
Mike McBrearty

Sean McBrearty
Jessica Calhoun McCarthy
Harvey McCulloch
John McDuff
Casey McIntosh
Rebekah McIntosh
Rob Meichner
Scott and Elizabeth Minto
Meg Moore
Harper Morrison
Stephanie Morrison
Lyda Murray
Emily Norris
Suzanne Parish
Jim Parker
Carol Pierce
Josh Rachel
Greer Pearson

Lynne Pearson
Abby Phillips
John Richardson
Meredith Roach
Rebekah Roe
Robbie Rux
Ben Schrubbe
Marshall Shoemaker
Keith Spain
Roger Tart
Claire Jones Thomas
Alli Thompson
Rachel Breslin Townsley
Allison Turnbull
Keith and Shelley Turnbull
Adrianne Thrash
Adam Watterson
Jeremy White

Caring Ministries

- Medical Personnel Meal deliveries continued this week to support and give thanks for the service they are doing on the front lines during these days of Covid 19.
- BIG THANK YOU to the Chemo Care Ministry Team led by Mary Hodgkins and a host of dedicated ladies. Brenda Robinson, Jo Ann Bloodworth, Patti Hanafourde, Carol Laudrum and Barbara Hill have stuffed and stitched over 300 pillows for our Chemo Care bags for adults and children during their stay at home time. Brenda Robinson and Patti Hanafourde have been writing messages in our journals which are included in our Chemo Care bags.
- Patti Falls extends love and care by writing notes to our MOW church members.



“Monday Mornings in Fairhope”

A note from Rev. Laura: I am hosting online devotionals through Zoom every Monday morning at 9:30am until we return to more normal gathering routines in the life of our church. You may access these gatherings through a Zoom link that is provided. You may join through a computer that has camera and

audio capability, through the Zoom app on your phone or tablet or you may call in through a number that is provided. We will hear prayer concerns after the devotional is shared and then depart for whatever our day of social distancing has in store. This time together will only last about 15-20 minutes and is merely one more opportunity to be together as God's people – somehow – even though we find ourselves apart and distanced in these days of CV19! Please plan to join us on Mondays until further notice. (Note: We will not meet on Memorial Day, May 25th.)

Join us by Zoom at this link: <https://zoom.us/j/99089887119>
For information on how to get started on Zoom, [click here](#).



Summer Book Club Dates Announced

Several weeks ago, I announced the “picks” for our summer book club. The theme this year is “home.” What constitutes home? Is it a country, is it a house, is it the land, is it people? What does it mean to leave your home or to find a new home? What happens when one becomes “untethered” from what he or she considers to be home?

I have chosen dates for us to gather and discuss these books and I would like to share those with you for your calendar:

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| June 16 th | <u>This Tender Land</u> , William Kent Krueger |
| July 14 th | <u>The Dutch House</u> , Ann Patchett |
| August 11 th | <u>American Dirt</u> , Jeanine Cummins |

At this time, we are scheduled to meet at 6:00 pm in the Parlor on each of the above dates. I also have a “hold” on the Fellowship Hall for these dates in case we need room to spread out and practice social distancing. We also may need to consider using Zoom for virtual gatherings if we determine by then that it is unwise for us to gather together in the church.

For now, enjoy your reading! Books have the power to stretch us and challenges us – and can also entertain and distract us! Sometimes that can be a good thing.

All of the books are readily available on Kindle, so no need to leave your house if you are an e-reader. All books are also available through Amazon or can be ordered through Page and Palette, with curbside pick-up if requested. (Page and Palette may have copies in stock. Call to check!)

Blessings to all of you during this very odd time in the life of our church and community.

Happy reading!! Laura

Children’s Ministries Update ...

BLUE LAKE SUMMER CAMP ANNOUNCEMENT ...



Please take a moment to read the following from Blue Lake regarding summer camps. As disappointed as I am to miss our June camp with the kids, I stand behind Blue Lake and believe they’ve made the right decision for all the right reasons. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Michelle

Dear Blue Lake Family,

Decisions and Announcements:

For the safety of all involved, the staff at Blue Lake and our Board of Trustees have made the decision to **cancel the 2020 Blue Lake summer camp program**. We owe it to our campers, their families, summer staff, and volunteers to run a safe camp. I feel like the guidelines to open our facility for the summer camp program cannot be met and we will not jeopardize the safety of all involved. In the almost 70 years that Blue Lake has existed, summer camp has never been cancelled and this decision was not done lightly.

For those who have already signed up for camp, a full refund will be given upon request. Call the Office at 334-222-5407 and we will assist you.

Implications for camp:

While we join campers and their families in being saddened by the loss of a wonderful summer camp experience and the possibility of missing out on any future camp experiences, our staff and Board are committed to finding a way to offer camp in the future. The decisions we have had to make thus far have cost Blue Lake a significant amount of income (\$300,000.00+). This loss of funding is what allows us to keep utilities connected, facilities insured, staff employed and ready to make camp happen should we be able to open soon. Our 2021 budget from the conference apportionments have recently been cut by \$185,000.00. This cut will greatly affect Blue Lake. We need your help and the help of your church to fill in this gap.

We must think outside of the box when focusing on how Blue Lake's ministry can be supported during this difficult time. Recently, one of our churches had to cancel its mission trip and decided to send us the funds raised for that trip to help the mission of Blue Lake.

Our Program Director, Jessie Spangler, is looking into ways to still provide some type of 2020 camp experience which will include Blue Lake in a Box. So, keep checking our website (www.bluelakecamp.com) and your emails for more information.

We continue to be honored by your trust in Blue Lake to serve you and your family. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns while remembering that it may take a little longer than usual to respond during this time as our staff are working Monday-Wednesday only.

May we find our way through this time together and know that **God is still in control!!!**

In His service,

Steve Lewandowski

Executive Director, Blue Lake Camp

PIER, PIER34 & SWIFT

If COVID-19 had never made its appearance, our Wednesday night children's ministries would have officially come to a close for the school year at the end of April (instead of the middle of March). The children and I did not get a chance to appropriately say THANK YOU to the many adults who committed to love, teach and nurture those in our children's ministries. I'd like to recognize them all now and they will each receive a token of appreciation in the days to come. Thanks also to the many who stepped in when we needed extra hands!

Pier (4 year olds - 2nd grade) – Courtney Calhoun, Mallory Gardner, Jenna Hood, Tracy Peters

Pier34 (3rd & 4th grades) – Will Autrey, Kristin Capstraw, Holly Dees, Rachel Lovingood

SWIFT (5th & 6th grades) – Michael Casallo, Brent & Rachel Bailey, Lane Dorman, Craig Dowden, Brodie & Jennifer Gordon, Bret Henderson, Beth Kirtland, Megan Smith, Amy Thompson

SWIFT Zoom Get Together (5th & 6th graders)

These kids have really enjoyed staying connected through Zoom! In fact, they voted to continue meeting until we are able to be physically together again! They are looking forward to having a pool party!

Next Zoom Get Together will be Wednesday, May 20th at 6:30pm. Look for the meeting link in an email from Michelle.

Student Ministry ...

COMING SOON...



Stepping Up Program (A program for rising 7th graders)

We are so excited that our rising 7th graders will be in student ministry beginning in June and we look forward to the next 5 years together! In the past, the transition all began in the month of May with the Student Ministry bridge program for our 6th graders. **Stepping Up** served as a great bridge into our middle school ministry. We still intend to do this program to help our new students build relationships with those already in this ministry. However, we must delay our program start due to our current restrictions on gatherings of 10 or more. This ministry works BEST with the ability to get-to-know one another through games, small group discussion and more.

Our current hope is to begin this program in early summer! We will let our parents know as soon as possible.

In the interim, please get plugged in by taking the following next steps for student ministry:

HOW TO REGISTER FOR STEPPING UP:

1. To register your student, please click this link: <https://fairhopeumc.shelbnextchms.com/external/form/7806956e-67cd-4027-8205-a6943ceac81a>
2. Next, we will send you a form to have your student fill it out and turn in to Rachael Waldhour or Michael Spicer. This step helps us to pair them with students that have something in common with them.
3. To return the form you can scan and email or mail to the church office.
4. Text the word "SALTSTUDENTS" to the number 43506 to register for all student ministry updates.

UPDATE ON STUDENT MINISTRY SUMMER PROGRAMS:

All announcements and updates for summer mission trips and programming will be sent to your email this weekend. If you have a student in 7-12 grade, please make sure you are signed up to the SALT Student Ministry email and text message distribution list. You can email michael.spicer@fairhopeumc.org for more help on staying connected. Your students can receive updates as well. They simply need to sign up for text message reminders or follow us on Instagram, Facebook, and Snapchat for updates!

Missions Ministry...

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 140 MEALS EACH WEEK BETWEEN FAIRHOPE, DAPHNE & SILVERHILL. WE ARE NOW PROVIDING MEALS TO SHEPHERD'S PLACE AND FAIRHOPE ROTARY YOUTH CLUB. WE ARE EXPANDING OUR FRIDAY LUNCH TO PROVIDE A HOT MEAL TO MORE ELDERLY IN THE COMMUNITY.



BALDWIN COUNTY HEALTH DEPT-WE CONTINUE TO HELP ORGANIZE & FEED OUR FRIENDS WHO ARE WORKING SO HARD TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF OUR COUNTY. THANK YOU TO OUR DRIVERS WHO DELIVERED MEALS THIS PAST WEEK.



PRODISEE PANTRY-WE WILL BE SCHEDULING OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AT PRODISEE. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU OR A SMALL GROUP WOULD LIKE TO HELP. OUR YOUTH SMALL GROUPS WILL BE SERVING THE COMING WEEKS.



DHR/BALDWIN COUNTY CAREHOUSE CARE PACKAGES- WE ARE MAKING PLANS TO PROVIDE CARE PACKAGES FOR BALDWIN COUNTY CHILDREN WHO ARE IN THE CARE OF DHR AND THE BALDWIN COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER CAREHOUSE (CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN PHYSICALLY OR SEXUALLY ABUSED). PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP BY PROVIDING ITEMS OR WILLING TO DELIVER TO DHR & CAREHOUSE. WE WILL BE PROVIDING CARE PACKS TO OVER 200 CHILDREN IN CARE OF DHR & CAREHOUSE.



BALDWIN COUNTY PROBATE LUNCH- WE ARE ORGANIZING LUNCH FOR THE BALDWIN COUNTY PROBATE OFFICES. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE AVAIL

RAID YOUR PANTRY- THANK YOU TO OUR YOUTH SMALL GROUPS WHO HAVE BEEN SORTING OUR FOOD ITEMS! THERE IS MORE WORK TO BE DONE! LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HELP SORT OR ORGANIZE OUR FOOD ITEMS.



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 OR CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE.
MUCH LOVE TO ALL, JENNIFER MYRICK, DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS