



FAIRHOPE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Day of Pentecost

May 31, 2020

PRELUDE

Toccata in E minor

Pachelbel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Antonio Christie

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to Jesus, you who are thirsty.

Alleluia!

Drink deeply of the Holy Spirit.

Alleluia!

Let your heart overflow with the living water
that renews the face of the earth.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

OPENING HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

(UMH #139)

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Laura Parker

Holy God,

Like a rushing wind your Spirit moved upon

the first disciples on the day of Pentecost,

and like a purifying fire your Spirit seared

their hearts and minds

with the message of salvation.

Send your Spirit upon your church in this

time and place,

stir up our courage, and rouse us for prophetic witness,

that we may join with them

to proclaim to the world your mighty deeds of power

in Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN MEDLEY

O Spirit of the Living God (UMH #539 verses 1-2)

Every Time I Feel the Spirit (UMH #404)

THE APOSTLE'S CREED
GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING *His Eye Is On the Sparrow* (arr. Zaninelli)
Rev. Joe Bullington, soloist

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *Spirit of the Living God* (UMH #393)

THE PSALTER Psalm 104:1-13, 24-35 (UMH #826) Rev. Ontonio Christie

SECOND LESSON ~ Acts 2:1-21

SERMON "Lost (and Found) in Translation" Dr. Darren M. McClellan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Laura Parker

THE LORD'S PRAYER

A WORD FOR NEXT WEEK Dr. Darren M. McClellan

HYMN *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* (UMH #420)

SENDING FORTH

Music today led by Tom Hood.
Vocalists: Jenna Hood and Rev. Joe Bullington ~ Organist: John Richardson
Thanks to our technical crew:
Jamie and Rachael Waldhour, Jeff White and Robert Hammon.

Prayers for the People

Sympathy:

Bob and Dianne Meister in the death of his mother, **Glenda Meister**.

Celebration:

Emily and Doug Garner, proud grandparents, celebrate with their son, Stewart and wife, Alena in the birth of their daughter, Mabry Elizabeth Garner. Mabry Elizabeth was born in Birmingham, Alabama, on Monday, May 25.

Other:

Medical personnel and other first responders



Day of Pentecost

The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything.

--John 14:26

In our worship today, we celebrate the fulfillment of that promise.

Pentecost is the coming of the Spirit of Jesus into the world. It is the celebration of God breaking through the boundaries of time and space and opening the whole world for the re-creating of power of love. Pentecost is freedom, the freedom of the Spirit to blow where it wants.

Pentecost also draws us into the heart of the mystery of God's self-revelation.

Without Pentecost the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus was little more than an interesting event in history to think about and remember. But in the event of Pentecost, the Spirit of Jesus comes to us and continues not just to remind us, but to dwell within us, so we can become living extensions of Christ in the here and now.

This was a momentous day! So what happened?

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place... (wow, that must have been nice!)

"Pentecost," the fiftieth day after Passover, was a harvest festival associated with covenant renewal. Who is the "they"? The apostles, or more likely the 120 believers with Peter in Acts 1:15. The "one place" may have been the temple courts, due to the size of the group and their reaction.

...from heaven there came the sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them (Acts 2:2-3). The scene reminds us of God's appearance on Mt. Sinai. We know that God has spoken in the flame before.

And Luke says that ALL of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit gave them the ability.

Do you suppose that plan made it into the worship bulletin? No. This was not an act of the apostles, but an Act of the Holy Spirit. Never a dull moment in the presence of Almighty God!

In Moses' day, only prophets, priests and kings were bestowed with the gifting function of the Spirit to serve, often in the temple or in conjunction with the temple. Young Joshua knew that this is just the way it is. You leave the speaking parts just to a select few. The day of Pentecost, however, brought a new day. The prophet Joel and the book of Acts both speak of a gifting for service that would enable all to serve in different capacities. We can't leave it to the priests, prophets, or kings alone they said. Gathering in the comfort of the temple alone was never the full extent of the plan. This work of the Spirit is intended for ALL – all times, all peoples, and in all places.

The Spirit was poured out on purpose. Those who received it were gathered to scatter. Their mission, and ours, is clear.

Can I get a witness?

Pastor Darren

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 24 - \$19,000

(Online - \$9,000 ~ Mail/Personal delivery - \$10,000)

For those of you who would like to bring your offering to the church, we have a mail slot located in the door across from the glass doors in the breezeway entrance of the education building.

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

Jeff White, Business Administrator

Caring Ministries Update:

- Prayer Ministry is continuing to develop ways for our church family to connect with one another. Prayer and scripture are essential to the foundation of our faith.
- Check your mailbox this week as you should have mail from Caring Ministries. We hope it lifts your spirits!
- Sewing Update: The team has sewed over 2000 masks and almost 100 gowns for the community needs. We offer sincere thanks and gratefulness for the leadership from Dr. Christy Guepet and her mom, Linda James and the many hands that created the items.

- Would you like to be a delivery driver for surprises to our Church Family over the next couple of weeks for Caring Ministries? Specific days are being scheduled now so volunteers are needed. You can email Ann at ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org to let her know of your willingness to serve. Ann will email you once days are selected to see if you are available. The driver usually has 10 items to deliver to a members porch with no personal contact. It takes about an hour of your time to drop off the item and leave.



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.

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



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CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES NEWSLETTER

May 29, 2020



LATEST UPDATE FROM CONFERENCE OFFICE

On May 21, 2020, Bishop David Graves, in conjunction with the Alabama-West Florida cabinet, encouraged churches to continue to hold online, outdoor and drive-in services through June 30, 2020. Fairhope UMC will follow his recommendation and continue with online worship. Members of our COVID-19 Response Team and Reopening Readiness Team will determine procedures and assist with implementation for when our doors are open again for in-person worship and other church activities. Thanks to all who participated in the online survey. Your responses will help with making decisions.



ROCKY RAILWAY VBS

Next week (June 1-5), we should be celebrating our biggest event this year in Children's Ministries – Rocky Railway VBS. I've been thinking about all the preparations that should be taking place now! As hard as it was to make, the decision to cancel this year was the right one. I will surely miss all the kids and volunteers that should be on campus in the coming days.

Thanks to everyone who has supported our VBS in years past!!!



SUMMER CAMP NEWS

As you've probably heard, our elementary summer camp at Blue Lake was cancelled. In fact, all summer camps at Blue Lake have been cancelled. This decision will obviously have a great financial impact on Blue Lake. Fairhope UMC has a long-standing commitment to our Conference camp – Elem Winter Retreat (Feb), Elem Summer Camp (Jun), Fall Church Family Camp (Sept) and more!

During the month of June, Fairhope UMC will hold a campaign to offer assistance to Blue Lake. Be on the lookout for information on how you can help make a difference!

HOME DELIVERIES CONTINUE

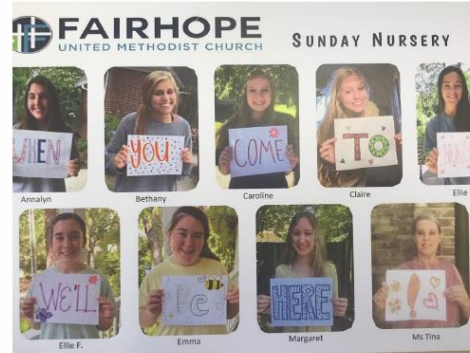
We are determined to reach out to all kids in our Children's Ministries! We are currently in the process of making another round of home deliveries!

Since we are not meeting in June, we are wondering if you'd like your children to receive the Sunday School lessons for June. Be on the lookout for an email asking if you'd like the lessons. Knowing that our attendance for Sunday School typically decreases during the summer, we ask that you be honest in responding. If you know that you will not use them, please don't feel pressure to request them. We promise there will be no judgement made. We simply want to be good stewards of the church's money.



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Nursery Staff Misses Our Little Ones



Volunteer Thank You!

With the official end to the school year, I want to thank all the volunteers that served our children on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. COVID-19 may have made us miss our end-of-the-year celebrations and the opportunity to thank everyone in person but we're working on a plan to show these individuals how much we appreciate them! We thank them all for their dedication, faithfulness and love! It's an honor to serve with you all!

Age-Level Coordinators

Preschool (3&4 year olds): Mary Helen Marks

Early Elementary (K-4th grade): Susan Koenig

Late Elementary (5th&6th grade): Michael Casallo

Sunday School Teachers (3 year olds – 6th grade)

Mallory & JD Gardner, Paula, Ellie and Emma Flowers, Mary Helen Marks, Marti Leftwich, Courtney & Clay Calhoun, Allison & Matt Grant, Marjorie & Rick O'Neil, Julie & Brian Barker, Sarah & Matthew Downs, McLean & Kyle Henderson, Paula & Guy Higgins, Rebekah McIntosh, Amanda Jacobs, Alicia & Stephen Searcy, Lindsay & John Goldsberry, Emily Rush, Katy Goleash, Kate Montgomery, Jill Johnston, Bettsie & Josh Norton, Emily & Jason Determann, Alex & Jay Robinson, Allison Ashurst, Jennifer Roberds, Amber, Emily & Sadie Sparks, Rebecca Bell, Helen Ingram, Holly Langston, Erin Jones, Meredith & John Roach, Shannon & Sara Evelyn Hesse, Shirley Ryals, Betty Stejskal, Nancy Myrick, Jennifer Cook, Morgan Ashleigh, Emily Garner, Jennifer Myrick, Kellie Agerton, Amy French, Kristi McClellan, Walker & Andy Luedecke, Jill Delamore, Leslie Hall, Megan & Larry Smith, Beth Kirtland, Anne Dorman

I would be remiss if I did not take this time to recognize Bethany Reid who taught our children Sunday School for years. Bethany passed last month. She was a light to everyone who came in contact with her. The children – especially her many classes of 4th graders – adored her! She will be forever missed.

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

I miss you and your children so much and look forward to the day we can all return safely to church! Please let me know if you ever have any questions! Call, text or email me! Remember ... stay well, stay safe and stay filled with the joy only Jesus can offer!



Blessings,

Michelle Graham

michelle.graham@fairhopeumc.org / 251.377.2325 (cell)

Student Ministry ...

Community Group

OUTDOOR GATHERINGS ~WEDNESDAY's @ 6:30pm

Our C-Groups are coming together with their friends and leaders to meet outside in the backyard of a host home or in another outdoor location. The details for every group meeting & location is different because we are still not meeting inside the buildings on our church campus. All C-groups will meet this Wednesday evening again @ 6:30 pm. Please check your Groupme accounts for the details for your group and don't miss out! *Meetings are based on leader availability and weather*

Stepping Up Program

WELCOME ALL RISING 7th GRADERS TO SALT STUDENT MINISTRY!!!

June 14, 15, 16 & 17 @ 5:30 pm

We are so excited to announce that our Stepping Up bridge program will meet June 14th-17th, 2020. This program is open to all rising 7th grade students that will be in student ministry at Fairhope UMC this fall. **Stepping Up** is a great way to transition your 7th grader into our middle school ministry. Please note, our groups will only meet in outdoor spaces, social distancing and in a small group. Therefore, we have some creative ideas on how to connect using all of those elements while getting this group connected to our ministry. To get registered and receive all the details, please follow the instructions below!

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. This step helps us to pair them with student mentors that have something in common with them.
3. Finally, return the form you can scan and email to Rachael.waldhour@fairhopeumc.org.

HOW DO YOU GET CONNECTED TO STUDENT MINISTRY?

*Text "SALTSTUDENTS" to "43506"

*Follow **fairhopeumc.youth** on Instagram

*Like our page **FHSaltstudents** on Facebook
*For email updates, get on our list by sending your information to
Michael.spicer@fairhopeumc.org!

Middle & High School Mission Trip 2020

Our Middle School & High School mission trips will not go on as planned for this summer. In this season of uncertainty and with the current on-going health crisis, we cannot ensure the safety of your students on trips of this type. We are incredibly sorry. We know the disappointment that you must feel because we are right there with you! We've been in contact with the group we were to partner with and they are hopeful that we can serve alongside them next summer.

For those of you who have already paid deposits, you have 2 choices below:

- 1) [Email Michael.spicer@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:Michael.spicer@fairhopeumc.org) with your name, trip, and address to let him know you would like a reimbursement.
- 2) Or let him know via email that you would like to transfer this to the next mission trip and we will make a note in our records.

Moving forward, we are working closely with several organizations that would provide a safer approach in serving in what we will call our "**Student Ministry Mini-Missions**" which will take place during the month of July! Our hope is to give smaller teams a chance to serve 2-3 days on projects. Please remember that everything is fluid and stipulations on gathering groups change almost daily, so we expect to announce more details in early June in hopes that they stay the same. Stay-tuned for a new way to serve and how to sign up.

SENIOR SEND-OFF

Sunday, July 19 @ 9:00am ~ Location: TBA

This spring did not look the way our 2020 Graduates planned! However, it has given us the joy of celebrating them in new and unique ways. We hope you've been watching our facebook post "Senior Saturday's" that began in April and continued through May 23! Every week we have shared photos, quotes and future plans for all 29 of our grads!

Now, we would like to invite our 2020 High School Graduates and immediate family to our "Senior Send-Off" that will take place on Sunday, July 19 @ 9:00 am. Save the date and make plans to join us for a time to celebrate your graduate and pray for them all as they prepare to leave for fall!

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 HOME BOUND MEALS EACH WEEK BETWEEN FAIRHOPE, DAPHNE & SILVERHILL. WE ARE NOW PROVIDING MEALS TO SHEPHERD'S PLACE AND FAIRHOPE ROTARY YOUTH CLUB. WE ARE SERVING AROUND 350-400 TOTAL EACH FRIDAY.



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). WE WILL BE PROVIDING CARE PACKS TO OVER 200 CHILDREN IN CARE OF DHR & CAREHOUSE. THESE WILL BE DELIVERED THIS COMING WEEK!



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 LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR SWIFT MINISTRY BAGGING ITEMS THIS COMING WEEK!



BORDEN MILK- WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE 360 GALLONS OF MILK EACH WEEK TO BE DISTRIBUTED ON FRIDAYS. BORDEN MILK WILL BE DELIVERING MILK TO US THROUGH THE END OF JUNE. WE WILL BE DISTRIBUTING THE MILK THROUGH THE FAIRHOPE ROTARY YOUTH CLUB AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.



WE WILL BE PROVIDING MILK EACH WEEK TO POSTER CARE FAMILIES AND FAMILIES WHO ARE RECEIVING ON-GOING SERVICES THROUGH DHR STARTING FRIDAY JUNE 5TH 10AM-1PM.

WE WILL NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP UNLOAD MILK ON FRIDAYS. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE.

CONFERENCE PPE DISTRIBUTION- WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING WITH THE CONFERENCE COVID TASK FORCE TO SERVE AS A RECEIVING AND DISTRIBUTION POINT FOR PPE SUPPLIES FOR THE BAY PINES DISTRICT AND CONFERENCE. VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED TO HELP SERVE.



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