



FAIRHOPE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

The Gathering

August 9, 2020

GATHERING

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG

Let God Arise

Shea White and Friends

CALL TO WORSHIP

So often, we expect life to wow and dazzle us.

But God, you often come in the still, the small, and the meek.

So when we're overloaded by constant stimulus and marketing

we pray that you'd settle us with the unforced rhythms of grace.

When our hearts are dried up by apathy and cynicism...

we pray that you would open up the wellspring of your mercy.

God, we are seeking you in hopeful expectation.

You are trustworthy and good.

For this, we give you thanks. Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE

Shea White and Friends

*Indescribable
No Longer Slaves*

APOSTLES' CREED

OFFERING

Who Am I?

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, we listen for you in wind, earthquake, and fire.

Unexpectedly, you speak in the sound of silence.

We pray that by the power of the Holy Spirit you will silence in us

all the storms, doubts, and fears that overwhelm
so that we may hear what you have to say.
Your still small voice. Thin. Quiet.
Yet compelling, commanding, all the same.
We ask it in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Matthew 14:22-23

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ~ 1 Kings 19:9-18

SERMON

“Mixed Emotions”

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

OUR CONFESSION

We come seeking God in mighty earthquakes.
We come listening for God in resounding thunder.
We come expecting God in sweeping victories.
Yet God is found in a baby's touch.
Yet God speaks in silence.
Yet God is found in the least of these.
Save us, O God, from our aimless wandering.
Save us, O God, from our idols.
Save us, O God, from our self-induced chaos.
God, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.
Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING SONG

Wreck-less Love

Shea White & Friends

BENEDICTION

Assisting in Worship this Week:

Dr. Darren M. McClellan, Rev. Ontonio Christie

Music: Shea White, Phillip Baggins- percussion, Ike Kessee- keyboard

Sound and Media: Jamie Waldhour, Robert Hammon

Prayers for the People

Our Church Family

Medical personnel and other first responders

Here is a brief summary of our current stewardship:

Offering Received August 2 - \$42,015

(Online - \$17,363 ~ Mail/Personal delivery - \$24,652)

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



The Unbelievable God

Season after Pentecost 2020

Dear Friends,

It's good to be home!

As an introduction to our Old Testament Scripture lesson today, I am grateful for this summary from the Rev. David Maxwell, editor for Westminster John Knox Press and *The Thoughtful Christian*:

The book of 1 Kings retells the history of Israel's demise to an audience of scattered, exiled, humiliated Jews. How did that happen to a nation that once occupied such a bright spot on the world's map? There are so many lessons to be learned from the events that led up to their destruction. Past leaders are largely blamed. The sordid stories of these corrupt political and religious leaders (with a smattering of good ones) remind listeners to question authority. As rumors of a return to Israel grow, the historical lessons from the book of Kings are clear:

--Center your life on the covenant established with God, not on blind obedience to a political or religious leader.

--Your God does not reflect a consumerist image, flashy as it may be, but is rather a moving force of justice love.

--God's still small voice is very much alive and moving through those attentive and courageous enough to follow, despite the overwhelming odds against the movement.

--God has not abandoned you, despite your current tragic situation.

--God will ultimately prevail.

I receive this as a good Word and wise counsel for many exiles scattered throughout the world today.

Come, let us worship in spirit and in truth!

Darren

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



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.](#)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL AND SMALL GROUP STUDY:

We have several Sunday school classes currently meeting through Zoom. Following is information you may find of interest as you seek to remain connected with brothers and sisters in Christ:

Foundations Class

Meets: Sunday Mornings at 9:45am

Link to Zoom Meeting Sundays at 9:45am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83786688837?pwd=Uk5MdGNDTHp3TUdBclcwUWRzL20zUT09>

Meeting ID: 837 8668 8837

Password: 684133

Grace and Peace

Meets: Sunday Mornings at 9:30am (we try to hold it to an hour)

Topic: *Red Letter Revolution: What if Jesus really meant what he said?* by Shane Claiborne and Tony Campolo. It is a very discussion oriented class led by different people in the class. Everyone is welcome!

Zoom meeting ID: 9092162907

New Beginnings

Facilitated by: Rick Miller

This class will not be meeting the month of August.

Koinonia

Facilitated by: Tony Caminiti

Meets: Sunday Mornings at 9:30am

This week's lesson: "Having Faith in a Skeptical Age" James 1:5, 6

All are invited to Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88314260568?pwd=d0JsalNKOUx6cWpGMVM5L2lEaUd2Zz09>

Meeting ID: 883 1426 0568

Passcode: 134091

Homecoming Class

This class will not meet this Sunday.

If you would like information about when this class will resume, please contact Brenda Robinson: (205-294-1705) or bgodbold@hiwaay.net.



August 11th @ 6 pm via Zoom:

Our final selection is *American Dirt*, by Jeanine Cummins.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97195809793>

Caring Ministries...



Drivers this week for our bread deliveries were Paula Wilson, Ken Cooper, Sharon and Bob Bond, Brenda Robinson and Carolyn Newcomer.



Blood drive was another big success. We had 23 total donations which translate into saving 66 lives. There were 2 deferrals. Life South has been a blessing to partner with in caring for our community.

Support Groups Zoom Meeting This Week

Survivors of Suicide on Monday, August 10 at 6:30pm

Tough Dogs Cancer Support Group on Tuesday, August 11 at 12:30pm

Both groups will be meeting by zoom.

Please email ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org and she will send you an invite.



Wondering who is celebrating a birthday this month? There is now a dedicated space on the church website just for birthdays! Click on the link below to see who is a year older & wiser this month!

[Fairhope UMC August Birthday List](#)

If you **DO NOT** wish to have your birthday listed, see a correction, or would like to be added, please contact bobbi.hobbs@fairhopeumc.org

Children's Ministries...

Summer Family Challenge

Today is the final day to submit your Family Score Card to be eligible for prizes! Even if you only completed one activity, send in your card. In addition to the grand prize for the family with the highest points (tickets to the Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo), there will be several prize drawings from all individuals who participated.

- Complete the score card (back page of packet you received in mail or go to www.fairhopeumc.org click on ministries/children/family challenge to print one). **Be sure to list the names of your family members who participated.** These names will be entered for the drawings!
- Take a picture of your completed card.
- Text picture of card to Michelle at 251/377-2325.
- Include comments/suggestions for future summer challenges.

Winners will be announced and contacted tomorrow!

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

Wednesday, August 12th at 6:30pm. Parents will receive an email with the Zoom link on Monday. If your child would like to participate but you do not receive the email, contact Michelle Graham at 251/377-2325.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

Registration information for the 2020-2021 year is available on church website under preschool/MOPS.

Note: The start date of September 14th is hopeful but subject to change depending on the reopening phase we are in at that time.

Back to School

Under normal conditions, today would be our annual Blessing of the Backpacks and Promotion Sunday for our children's Sunday School classes. While we're not physically in our church building today to do this, please know that as this new school year begins, students of all ages, parents, teachers, school administrators and support staff are being prayed over. Blessings to everyone for a successful first day!

Student Ministry...

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER NIGHT

Sunday, August 9 & Monday, August 10 (Outside the CLC)

We invite all of our students to join us this weekend at the below day/time assigned to your C-Group outside the CLC for our "Back to School Prayer Night." Our hope is to provide a space where students can come together with their peers and pray for the year to come, their friends, the teachers and faculty and all of those that continue to be impacted by the current pandemic. Let us spend some time in guided prayer together.

For your safety and the safety of our leaders, every student and adult leader will be required to wear a face covering, practice social-distancing and hand sanitizing stations will be easily accessible. Parents, please plan to pick-up your students at the time listed below as we will not have the facility open. Thank you in advance for keeping our student ministry family safe and healthy by paying close attention to the first sign of illness and not participating in C-Groups if you have any symptoms of sickness!

SUNDAY NIGHT AUGUST 9th

7th & 8th Grade 5:00-5:45 pm

9th & 10th Grade 5:45-6:30 pm

MONDAY NIGHT AUGUST 10th

11th & 12th Grade 6:30-7:15 pm

FALL STUDENT MINISTRY COMMUNITY GROUPS

Beginning: Wednesday 8/26 & Sunday 8/30

We welcome our students, 7th-12th graders, back this fall for our Community Groups that will begin Wednesday, August 26 & Sunday, August 30. The schedule, time and location for every small group are listed below. We look forward to seeing our students again and being able to reconnect in our small groups.

This semester our students will be required to register on a weekly basis. For your safety and the safety of our leaders, every student and adult leader will be required to wear a face covering, practice social-distancing and hand sanitizing stations will be easily accessible. For the time being, no food or drink is allowed during C-groups. Parents, please plan to pick-up your students at the time listed below as we will not have the facility open for recreational play prior to or following our meetings. We will need drivers to remain in your vehicle and students will come to you once they are finished with their group meeting. Thank you in advance for keeping our student

ministry family safe and healthy by paying close attention to the first sign of illness and not participating in C-Groups if you have any symptoms of sickness!

We will begin a "**Virtual Small Group**" on Sunday, August 30 at 8:00 pm for students and families that wish to take extra precautions but would still like to participate in student ministry activities!

SUNDAY NIGHTS

- 1) Juniors (Gym) 6:30-7:45 pm
- 2) Seniors (Fellowship Hall) 6:30-7:45 pm
- 3) Virtual Small Groups (Grades 7-12 welcome!) Zoom Meeting 8:00-8:45 pm)

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

- 1) 9th Grade 5:30-6:25 pm (Gym)
- 2) 10th Grade 5:30-6:25 pm (Fellowship Hall)
- 3) 7th Grade 6:30-7:30 pm (Gym)
- 4) 8th Grade 6:30-7:30 pm (Fellowship Hall)

NEW TO STUDENT MINISTRY?

All rising 7th grade (student & parent) and new church families with 7th-12th graders are encouraged to connect with us through social media, text messaging reminders, GROUPME for every grade and through our email reminders!

Want to get plugged in??? Follow SALTSTUDENTS:

Instagram: @fairhopeumc.youth

Facebook: @fhsaltstudents

[Email: Michael.spicer@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:Michael.spicer@fairhopeumc.org) to get on our email announcements or to be added to the Groupme for C-Group reminders!

Text Message Reminders: Text the word "Saltstudents" to the number "43506"

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 ALSO PROVIDING MEALS TO SHEPHERD'S PLACE AND FAIRHOPE ROTARY YOUTH CLUB. WE ARE SERVING AROUND 350 TOTAL EACH FRIDAY.

BALDWIN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT - WE ARE COLLECTING BOTTLED WATER & INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED SNACKS FOR THOSE CONDUCTING COVID-19 TESTING. THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS NOW CONDUCTING TESTING 5 DAYS A WEEK. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE BOTTLED WATER OR SNACKS, PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT TO HELP MEET THE NEEDS OF THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY. FOR MORE INFO PLEASE EMAIL MISSIONS@FAIRHOPEUMC.ORG OR CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES & UNIFORM COMMUNITY OUTREACH

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! TOGETHER WE WERE ABLE TO PROVIDE OVER 400 SETS OF UNIFORMS & BACKPACKS TO CHILDREN IN NEED!



MUCH LOVE TO ALL.
JENNIFER MYRICK, DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS