



# FAIRHOPE

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

The Gathering  
August 23, 2020

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

OPENING SONG

*All Because of Jesus*

Shea White and Friends

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.

**We belong to God.**

When we feel overwhelmed,

**God is on our side.**

When we are afraid,

**God will keep us safe.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.

**Blessed be the Lord!**

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, call us together as your people;  
transform us with your love.

Transform our hearts, that we may love generously.

Transform our eyes, that we may see your grace.

Transform our hands, that we may serve others.

Transform our spirits, that we may be the body of Christ,  
gathered to worship and sent out to serve. Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE

*Who You Say I Am*  
*We Believe*

Shea White and Friends

APOSTLES' CREED

Rev. Ontonio Christie

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

*What A Beautiful Name*

Tom & Jenna Hood

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of revelation,  
mere flesh and blood cannot reveal divine truth;  
only your Spirit can give that gift.  
Be in my breath and voice, be in our ears  
and understanding,  
that through these words your Word  
may be known. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ *Matthew 16:13-20*

SERMON

“The Keys to the Kingdom”

Rev. Laura Parker

OUR CONFESSION

*People of God – let us confess our sin before God and one another:*

**Caring God,  
you call us to be the body of Christ:  
to live in community,  
to care for one another,  
to use our different gifts.  
Instead of working to sustain community,  
we follow our own desires.  
Instead of trusting in your care,  
we think we can do it alone.  
Forgive our neglect of others.  
Give us obedient spirits,  
that we may care for one another,  
depend on your love,  
and use our gifts for your gospel. Amen.**

*Words of Assurance:*

The Lord is on our side,  
offering words of forgiveness,  
protecting us from danger.  
We are a forgiven people,  
bound together in God’s love.  
We are the body of Christ, forgiven and free.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

CLOSING SONG

*Build Your Kingdom Here*

Shea White & Friends

BENEDICTION

### **Assisting in Worship this Week:**

Dr. Darren M. McClellan, Rev. Laura Parker, Rev. Ontonio Christie  
**Music:** Shea White, Tom & Jenna Hood, Ike Kessee, Phillip Baggins  
**Sound and Media:** Jamie Waldhour, Robert Hammon

## **Prayers for the People**

### **Sympathies...**

**Dona Cooksey** in the death of her son, **Stuart Cooksey**.

**Roy and Carol Cowan** in the death of her brother, Sid Tait.

### **Medical personnel and other first responders**

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

Offering Received August 16 - \$30,522

(Online - \$12,457 ~ Mail/Personal delivery - \$18,065)

*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

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



## **An Invitation from Pastor Laura:**

Begin your week with an online devotional through Zoom on Monday mornings at 9:30am until we return to more normal gathering routines in the life of our church. This time together is brief, 15-20 minutes. Hear a short devotional and then share prayer concerns with each other.

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: "**Keeping The Sabbath**"

All are invited to Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82566708817?pwd=QWpYbFFqZGh3Y3pjbkYcGj0Ym5mZz09>

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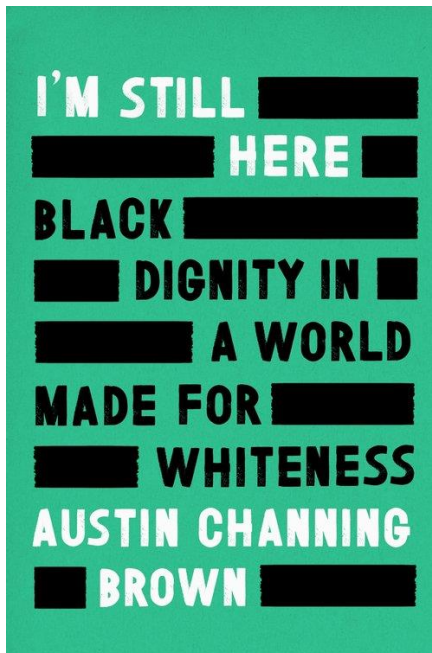
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### **Homecoming Class**

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](mailto:bgodbold@hiwaay.net).

## New Women's Book Study Group Starts Tuesday, September 1



Please join Kristi McClellan for a book study on one of Reese Witherspoon's Book Club's recent selections, "I'm Still Here" by Austin Channing Brown. Discussing this book will provide a place for us to have honest conversations from varying perspectives to talk about important issues in the church, community and our lives. The book is written in the narrative style and the reading for each week will not be too lengthy, about 30 (small) pages per week.

We'll meet for six consecutive weeks on Tuesday nights at 6pm starting 9/1. The current plan is to BYOC (bring your own chair) and we'll gather outside, maintaining physical distance, in the gravel parking lot at FUMC. Depending on the reopening of the church buildings, we'll hopefully move inside at some point.

The number of participants will be limited so please RSVP by emailing Kristi at [kkmcclellan@hotmail.com](mailto:kkmcclellan@hotmail.com). Please purchase the book and we'll discuss Chapters 1 and 2 during our first meeting on 9/1.

### Caring Ministries...

#### How can we support you?

Your FUMC church family is here for you to provide love and spiritual support. Let us know how we can help you today. Contact the Pastoral Staff or Ann Pearson through the church office 251-928-1148 or [ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org).

#### We have Cloth Masks Available:

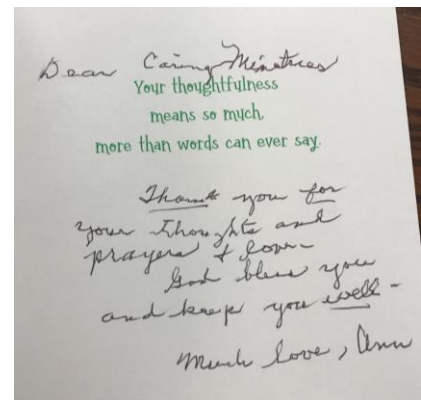
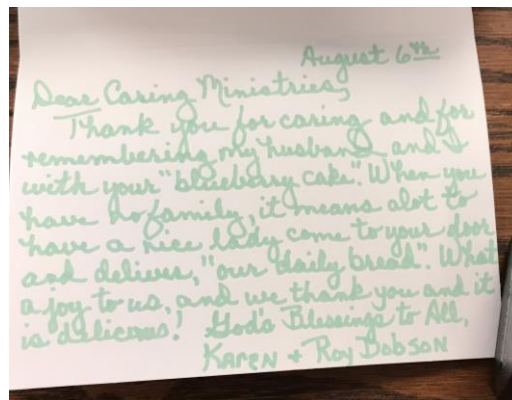
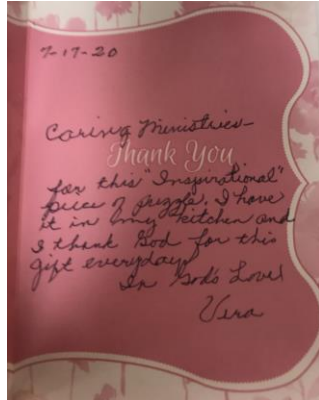
Contact Ann Pearson at the church office 918-1148 or [ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org) if that will help keep you safe and well.

#### Survivors of Suicide (SOS) Support Group

This group is meeting on Monday, August 24 at 6:30pm virtually on Zoom. An invite will be sent out to the team but if you would like to join the meetings contact Ann Pearson, [ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org) and she will include you with the zoom information.

## Caring Ministries continues to care for our church members and community...

Just a few of the Thank you notes we have received:



## Children's Ministries...

### Parent Survey

Children's Ministries' parents were sent an email on August 20<sup>th</sup> with details about attending in-person worship with children AND a survey that will be used to prepare us for when our children's programs start back. Thanks to all who have responded! If you've not yet done so, please respond no later than Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>! Need the email sent to you? Contact Michelle at [michelle.graham@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:michelle.graham@fairhopeumc.org).

### SWIFT Zoom Get Together (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade)

Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> 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 [michelle.graham@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:michelle.graham@fairhopeumc.org).

### MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

Registration information for the 2020-2021 year is available at [www.fairhopeumc.org](http://www.fairhopeumc.org) under preschool/MOPS. If you are the mother of a child (newborn-kindergarten), you can find fellowship, encouragement and fun in MOPS. The group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays during the school year in our Christian Life Center.

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

# Student Ministry...

## 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) 7th Grade 5:30-6:30 pm (Gym)
- 2) 8th Grade 5:30-6:30 pm (Fellowship Hall)
- 3) 9th Grade 6:45-7:45 pm (Gym)
- 4) 10th Grade 6:45-7:45 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!



ON TUESDAY, BACKPACKS WERE DELIVERED TO THE BALDWIN COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER FOR 71 CHILDREN. WE ARE ALSO PROVIDING UNIFORMS TO SEVERAL OF THESE FAMILIES.

SOLES 4 SOULS  
WE ARE SUPPORTING OUR FRIENDS AT DAPHNE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BY BEING A COLLECTION POINT FOR NEW OR GENTLY USED SHOES! ALL SIZES ACCEPTED!



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