



# FAIRHOPE

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany  
The Gathering: February 7, 2021

OPENING SONGS

*Everlasting God*  
*Heart of Worship*

Shea White, Praise Team

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Have we not known? Have we not heard?  
**Has it not been told to us since the beginning?**  
Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;  
**they shall mount up with wings like eagles;**  
they shall run and not be weary;  
**they shall walk and not faint.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Gracious God, you call us to follow Christ**  
**and spread the good news of your love for all people.**  
**Help us to become all things to all people**  
**that we might reach many with your good news. Amen.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

OFFERING

*Power*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, speak to us  
what has been told from the beginning,  
your Word that is the foundation of the world. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 40:21-31

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:29-39

SERMON

*Time to Shine: The Power of Worship*

Rev. Laura Parker

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING SONG

*Power*

Assisting in Worship Today: Rev. Laura Parker

Music: Shea White and Praise Band

Acolyte: Aenea Ganey

Media and Sound: Robert Hammon, Jamie Waldhour, Amelia Koser

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

Offering Received January 31, 2021 - \$42,517  
(Online - \$8,181 ~ Mail/Personal delivery - \$34,336)

*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

***In-Person Worship Reservations (Sanctuary Only)  
for Sunday, February 14, are open today at 4pm!***

*We are asking those wishing to join us to use the reservation system we have in place to ensure that we keep the attendance to a size that enables a 6 foot physical distance between families. For anyone not able to attend the worship service we will continue to share online through Facebook, YouTube & our website.*

**WORSHIP TIMES:**

**8:30am & 11:00am Traditional (Sanctuary)**

Make your reservations at <https://www.fairhopeumc.org/worshipreservations/>

**11:00am *The Gathering* (CLC GYM)**

**Reservations No Longer Required for this Service**

## **Prayers for the People**

**Medical personnel and first responders**

### **Sympathies...**

**Tres and Michele Manasco** in the death of her aunt, Carol Tanner.

**Carrie and Dan French** in the death of her grandmother, Clara Nelson.

**Pamela Jenkins** in the death of her husband, **Billy Kennedy**.

**Elizabeth and Terry Allen** in the death of his mother, Phyllis Allen.

**Gaynell and Chuck Dumas** in the death of his sister, Cal Burrhus.

**Sharon and Bob Bond** in the death of their brother-in-law, Joel Hinson.

**The following memorials and honorariums have been received  
in the month of January.**

#### **In memory of:**

**Joe Holliday (Shepherd's Place) by**

Barbara and Brune Stewart

**Bobby Barnes by**

Heather and Chris Cunningham

Dee Hendricks

Jeff and Sue Abts

Tom and Melanie Lewis

Branyon Insurance Agency, Inc.

**Robert Day (Caring Ministries) by**

Anne and Tom Davis

**Martha Northcutt (Scholarship) by**

Johnny Northcutt

**Wendy Corley by**

Robert Corley (Caring Ministries)

Vicki and Paul Peterson (Caring Ministries)

#### **In honor of:**

**Mary Lucas (Caring Ministries) by**

Wanda and Tommy Harris

**Bealle Dawson (Endowment Fund) by**

Brooke Forney

**Don Ward by**

Lindsey Wilson



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PRELUDE

*A Thousand Tongues*

McNair

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HYMN

*God of Love and God of Power*

God of love and God of power, grant us in this burning hour  
grace to ask these gifts of thee, daring hearts and spirits free.  
God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.

We are not the first to be banished by our fears from thee;  
give us courage, let us hear heaven's trumpets ringing clear.  
God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.

All our lives belong to thee, thou our final loyalty;  
slaves are we whene'er we share that devotion anywhere.  
God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.

God of love and God of power, make us worthy of this hour;  
offering lives if it's thy will, keeping free our spirits still.  
God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

GLORIA PATRI

OFFERTORY

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*  
Tom Hood, John Richardson, soloists

(Dorsey)

DOXOLOGY

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what has been told from the beginning,  
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SERMON

"Jesus, The Healer"

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

And so,  
with your people on earth  
and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

And so,  
in remembrance of these your mighty acts to Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD / GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

## CLOSING HYMN

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!

Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, O let me from this day be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire!

As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide;  
bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll;  
blest Savior, then in love, fear and distrust remove; O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

## SENDING FORTH

## POSTLUDE

*Let All Who Have Breath Praise the Lord!*

Wagner

Assisting in Worship Today:

Dr. Darren M. McClellan, Rev. Ontonio Christie

Music: John Richardson, Tom Hood, Jenna Hood

Acolytes: (8:30) Sims Peters (11:00) Hackett Robertson

Media and Sound: Kaitlyn Hunter, Ann Lyles Tapscott, Peyton Phillips

**FLOWER CALENDAR...** The flower calendar for 2021 is in the hallway across from the main office. If you would like to sign up to place flowers on the altar in the sanctuary, please come by or give us a call (251-928-1148) to check available dates.

**USHERS NEEDED FOR ALL SERVICES.** This is a great way to serve your church and meet new people, contact [jenna.hood@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:jenna.hood@fairhopeumc.org) for more information.



### **A note from Rev. Laura:**

Please join me for devotionals every Monday morning at 9:30 until we return to more normal gathering routines in the life of our church. This time together will only last about 15-20 minutes and will provide an opportunity to see familiar faces and pray together as we begin our week!

Join us by Zoom at this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/98533273696>



During our recent celebration of Advent, we gathered in worship to light our candles on the wreath and to sing this common refrain:

*I want to walk as a child of the light, I want to follow Jesus.*

This simple declaration served to ground us in our response to the coming of Christ. Speaking for myself, I know that the more I sang these words each week, the more they became real and true! And to think that this is just the first verse of #206 in our United Methodist hymnal. The further we go into Kathleen Thomerson's hymn, the deeper the sense of longing:

*I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.*

*I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.*

Do you feel this way? Do these aspirations still hold true for you?

In our upcoming worship series, *It's Time to Shine*, we will search the Scriptures to reimagine our response to that much anticipated Light. We waited for Jesus; but what do we do now that He is here? As we work to engage this New Year with steadfast faith and unwavering hope, the aim of our messages will be to encourage us all in making the shift from "*want to*" to "*WILL DO.*"

The call is for faith in action:

*Shine in our hearts, Lord Jesus...for when we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.*

So who's ready for joy? Let's make a run for it! *It's Time to Shine!*

*Darren*



**Sunday, February 7th: ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**  
***In person classes meet from 9:45-10:40 am.***

**These classes are meeting in person this Sunday:**

**Basics                      B217**

Young couples parenting young children or newly married. Current study is The Armor of God, by Priscilla Shirer, facilitated by John and Meredith Roach.

**Foundations              B215**

Parents of children and youth. Foundations continues the study, Faith and Works, diving into the books of Galatians and James, considering what Paul and James said about our salvation. Are we saved by grace through faith alone as Paul wrote to the Galatians or are we required to live a life of good works like James outlines? Are the two books contradictory or complimentary? Facilitated by Kristin Capstraw.

**Homecoming Class Wesley Hall**

Adults 50+, teaching rotation with primary emphasis on Bible study. In-Person resumes this week with option to connect by Zoom. Current study is 2 Thessalonians.

Contact Brenda Robinson for more information: [bgodbold@hiwaay.net](mailto:bgodbold@hiwaay.net)

Join Zoom Meeting    Time: 9:45 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88280028742?pwd=ZTE1MVBKMnFrZW1MZ2tseXlXUUY2UT09>

**Pathfinders              B210**

Multi-generational class with in-depth Bible study. Facilitated by Linda Smith. Studying the book of Jonah.

**These classes are meeting by Zoom only at this time:**

**Peace and Grace**

Adults of varying ages and stages will find open, honest, thoughtful conversation in a place of radical hospitality.

Join Zoom Meeting    Time: 9:30 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9092162907>

**Koinonia**

Adults of varying ages, facilitated by Tony Caminiti; in depth Bible study and other topical studies.

Lesson: The Beatitudes Of Jesus - Part 2    "Sermon on the Plain"    Luke 6:12-49

Join Zoom Meeting    Time: 9:30 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88220131366?pwd=LzRvZk82NERkcGE4RjBreXZCOVNQZz09>

Meeting ID: 882 2013 1366

Passcode: 031329

**Friends in Faith**

Retired adults, individuals and couples.

Join Zoom Meeting    Time: 10:00 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86771534402?pwd=d2VJVXVpb3cwZzc0Ti9YRjNaK2IzUT09>

Meeting ID: 867 7153 4402

Passcode: 585355

**Living Word**

Ages span several decades and singles and couples faithfully participate.

In-depth Bible study facilitated by Doug Garner.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88171481169?pwd=WkE3QlIiFeVdxbFQ2akpXSkZFK1hWUT09>

Meeting ID: 881 7148 1169

Passcode: 575645





### *Five Means of Grace: Experience God's Love the Wesleyan Way*

by Elaine Heath

This six-week study is designed to help disciples discover the power of the five means of grace. John Wesley called these means of grace "instituted," meaning the spiritual practices Jesus himself participated in and encouraged his followers to do. For Wesley, these spiritual practices are seamlessly integrated with the practice of loving our neighbors well. A life of genuine prayer inevitably leads to a life of hospitality, mercy, and justice. Participants in this study will consider how the five means of grace are the ordinary channels that God uses to draw us into a fruitful relationship.

Weekly studies will focus on: Prayer, Searching the Scriptures, the Lord's Supper, Fasting, and Christian Conferencing. Classes begin February 24<sup>th</sup>. **Cost of book: \$10**

Two Groups Offered:

**Wednesday Evenings**, 6:30-7:30 pm beginning February 24<sup>th</sup>: Facilitated by Rev. Laura Parker in the Fellowship Hall. *Registration required for this evening class.*

**Monday Afternoons**, 12:05-1:15 pm beginning February 22<sup>nd</sup>: Facilitated by Dr. Darren M. McClellan, outdoor courtyard (Morphy side of building.) This will be the "Grace and Grub Group." Bring your own brown bag lunch. *No registration required—come as you will!*

### *Music Culture and Theology Class*

Join Rev. Antonio Christie for a six-week Music Culture and Theology Class, February 24<sup>th</sup> to March 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-7:30 PM, in room B215 in the Education Building. The six sessions of this study will highlight Lenten themes and explore them in connection with today's culture and music.

No books necessary, Bring your Bibles! *No registration required.*

### *Registration:*

Access the church website through this link: <https://www.fairhopeumc.org/ministries/adultdiscipleship/>

Email: [bobbi.hobbs@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:bobbi.hobbs@fairhopeumc.org) | Call: 251-928-1148

## Caring Ministries...



An encouragement card from Caring Ministries went out to our church family with an eyeglass cleaner cloth.

Inside the card, it read:

**"We are looking forward to clearer days!"**

## Prayer Connects Us....

Submit your prayer request through email to [ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org) or by calling the church office 251-928-1148. Lifting one another in prayer can sustain us for the days ahead.

## Spreading God's love is what we are called to do...

Tough Dogs Cancer Support Ministry provides Chemo Care Bags for adults and children to Area Cancer Treatment Facilities each month. These bags contain a blanket, knitted hat, devotional book, journal, cross word puzzle book, crackers, mints, water, tea bags, port pillow and several other items. In addition to the Chemo Bags, this group was able to supply gas cards for emergency situations and gift cards for ten families with children diagnosed with cancer to help provide them with Christmas Joy. All of these things can bring a sense of hope and comfort. This is a way of letting them know that someone does care for them.

## Zoom meetings this week:

**Survivors of Suicide (SOS)**, Monday, February 8, 6:30pm

**Tough Dogs Cancer Support Group**, Tuesday, February 9, 12:30pm

If you would like to join one of the meetings, contact Dr. Ann Pearson through email to [ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org) or by calling the church office 251-928-1148. She will be glad to send you an invite.

## Children's Ministries...

### SUNDAYS FOR CHILDREN

All children 3 years old-6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to **Sunday School** from 9:45-10:40am (3 year old birthday must be before 9/1/20). Masks will be worn by teachers and students in our K-6<sup>th</sup> grade classes. Need to find a classroom location? Go to [www.fairhopeumc.org](http://www.fairhopeumc.org) under children's ministries or see a greeter on Sunday mornings.

Children ages 3 months-PreK4 can stay in the **Nursery** during our 3 worship services and Sunday School.

Children's Church is not available at this time. Children are seated with their families for the whole service. Take-home **Worship Bags** are available for preschool-2nd grade. Activity bulletins are available for children 3rd-6th grade.

**Pier34 ...** Our 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> graders are currently doing a 5-week book study on how to make good choices. We meet Sundays from 4-5:15 in Wesley Hall (Ed Bldg). It's not too late to join!

*Note: Pier34 will not meet on February 14.*

**FACEBOOK GROUP ...** If you haven't done so, please join our Fairhope UMC Children's Ministries Facebook group! Check out the pictures of our SWIFT students picking satsumas to deliver to Prodissee Pantry. They did a fantastic job serving last Sunday!

**SWIFT ...** Our ministry for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders meets on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:45 in Wesley Hall (Ed Bldg).

*\*NOTE - SWIFT will not meet on February 17.*

**PIER ...** We'd like to get our Pier ministry for K-2<sup>nd</sup> graders meeting again. **If you have children in this age group, please email Michelle to let her know which day you prefer ([michelle.graham@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:michelle.graham@fairhopeumc.org)):**

- **Wednesdays, 4:00-5:15**
- OR
- **Sundays, 4:00-5:15**

Also, indicate if you can volunteer. In order for Pier to begin meeting again, volunteers are a must!

## **BLUE LAKE WINTER RETREAT**

Great news ... Winter Retreat is back on for 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-6:00!! The one-day retreat will be packed with fun camp activities and end with a campfire and s'mores. The cost is \$45 (includes lunch and dinner). We will charter a bus as usual and depart at 7:15am and return around 8:30pm. Children's Ministries will provide the bus, breakfast on the way to camp and a snack on the way home.

## **IMPORTANT REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

We will submit ALL registrants from Fairhope UMC at one time by paper registration for this retreat! The registration form can be printed from our church website ([www.fairhopeumc.org](http://www.fairhopeumc.org)) under children's ministries or you can pick up a copy in the church office. **Please do not register online with Blue Lake Camp for this retreat. Your child's completed registration form (all 3 pages) and \$45 registration fee (checks made payable to Fairhope UMC) must be received in church office no later than Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>.** We will mail all forms with one check to Blue Lake on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you have questions, please contact Michelle Graham at 251/377-2325 or [michelle.graham@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:michelle.graham@fairhopeumc.org).

Adults are needed to chaperone. Children's Ministries will pay your registration fee. Please let Michelle know if you're interested. There's a separate registration form for adults.

## Student Ministries...

### SUNDAY NIGHT BOWLING

**7-12th graders// 2:00-4:00 pm// Feb 7 (EASTERN SHORE LANES)**

Don't miss Youth Bowling at Eastern Shore Lanes this Sunday, February 7 from 2:00-4:00pm! We will meet at the bowling alley inside at the front desk. Bring \$13 to cover your shoes and bowling. If you want to buy a snack, bring concession money. We are excited to get together and can't wait to see you all! If you have any other questions, please contact Rachael or Michael.

### JR & SR GIRLS BIBLE STUDY

**Tuesday's @ 7:30 pm // FUMC Campus**

Our junior and senior girls are invited to join us for Tuesday night in-person Bible studying Women In the Bible. that will restart on Tuesday, February 2. If you are interested, please [email rachael.waldhour@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:rachael.waldhour@fairhopeumc.org) for more details.

### COMMUNITY GROUPS

**Wednesdays @ 6:30-7:30 pm//10-12 (Host Homes) & 7-9 (CLC)**

Come join in a C-Group and connect with kids your own age, learn more about your call as followers of Christ and support one another in prayer! Our 10-12 grade are now meeting in host homes and our 7-9 grade meet at the CLC. For more information, contact Rachael Waldhour.

## ARE YOU 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

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

Send a quick note to [michael.spicer@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:michael.spicer@fairhopeumc.org) to be added to our email list or to Groupme for C-Group reminders!

# H O W   A R E   W E   S E R V I N G ?

God continues to call our church family to be his hands and feet in our community! At the start of this month, our Community Cafe' team resumed our Friday meal



offering. This ministry continues to impact the lives of so many. Each week are serving around 160 meals, with majority of these meals being delivered. Our deliveries range from Daphne, Silverhill and all over Fairhope. Some of our Friday friends are connected to the church, while many of them have come to us through various community connections!

In 2020, our team and the AMAZING support of this church family served over 10,500 meals. Our prayer is that God continues to use this offering of food to impact the lives in our community and beyond!

A very special "thank you" to our Friday volunteer team who serve each week preparing and delivering the meals!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO SERVE  
EMAIL [MISSIONS@FAIRHOPEUMC.ORG](mailto:MISSIONS@FAIRHOPEUMC.ORG) OR CONTACT JENNIFER MYRICK  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE!**

COVID VACCINE CLINIC - THIS WEEK WE PROVIDED LUNCH TO THOSE WORKING AT THE VACCINE CLINIC IN DAPHNE. WE PLAN TO PROVIDE LUNCH AGAIN IN THE COMING WEEKS.