



# FAIRHOPE

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Second Sunday of Easter  
The Gathering: April 11, 2021

OPENING SONG

*When We Pray*

Shea White, Praise Team

CALL TO WORSHIP

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SINGING OUR PRAISES

*How Can I Keep From Singing  
I Will Rise*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

Recognition of Scouting Ministries  
Presentation of medallions for completion of the God and Family program

OFFERING

*Good God Almighty*

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and active in our lives today. **Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 133

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 4:32-35

## SERMON

“The Abundant Community”

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## THE LORD’S PRAYER

## SENDING FORTH

## CLOSING SONG

Assisting in Worship Today: Dr. Darren M. McClellan, Rev. Ontonio Christie

Music: Shea White and Praise Band

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

*Today we celebrate the ministry of the Boy Scouts and the Cub Scouts at the Gathering Service. Since 1910, the Boy Scouts of America have guided young children by teaching lessons in leadership, citizenship, and character. Troop 47 was established in 1928, not too long after scouting became established in the United States. Today, the troop is the oldest continuously chartered Boy Scout Troop in the State of Alabama. Fairhope United Methodist Church became the charter organization for the Troop 67 years ago. Four years ago, our congregation began sponsoring Cub Scout Pack 47 as well. Both the Pack and the Troop are very active and are the largest units in a council. They serve in the community through the Coastal Cleanup, Scouting for Food, Arbor Day tree planting, Bird Fest, and providing a color guard for city events.*

*Today we honor six of our scouts who will be awarded the God and Family Emblem, a ministry sponsored by the Scouting Program of our church. These young people met together with Rev. Ontonio Christie for six weeks to learn more about their faith and what it means to be followers of Jesus Christ. They also learned ways their family can grow together in God's love. We are proud of this partnership and what we were able to accomplish in just a few weeks.*



We want to know ***YOU!***  
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QR CODE and submit your info electronically!

## **Sunday Vespers Service ~ Tonight at 6pm!**

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### **Prayers for the People**

**Medical personnel and first responders**

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

Offering Received April 4, 2021 - \$43,241  
(Online - \$14,845 ~ Mail/Personal delivery - \$28,396)

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Partita on "*Jesus Shall Reign*"

Craig Penfield

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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HYMN

*Christ is Made the Sure Foundation* #559

THE APOSTLES' CREED

GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING

*The Call*

(Ralph Vaughan Williams)

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PSALM

*Psalm 133*

HYMN OF PREPARATION

*Open My Eyes, That I May See #454*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

*Acts 4:32-35*

SERMON

*"The Open Door"*

Rev. Laura Parker

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

*This is a Day of New Beginnings #383*

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Toccata on *"O Worship the King"*

Assisting in Worship Today:

Dr. Darren M. McClellan, Rev. Laura Parker, Rev. Ontonio Christie, Dr. Ann Pearson

Acolyte: 8:30 Elliot Determann

Music: John Richardson, Tom Hood

Sound: Robert Hammon, Ann Lyles Tapscott, Peyton Phillips

Media: Kaitlyn Hunter

***The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Patricia Sagan Wilkins  
by her mother, Peggy Sagan,  
and sons, George Wilkins III and John Wilkins.***



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If you are new to Fairhope United Methodist Church, join us today in the CLC Parlor at 9:45 for fellowship. You will also have the opportunity to ask any questions about Fairhope United Methodist Church, its ministries and how you can get plugged in. We look forward to seeing you.

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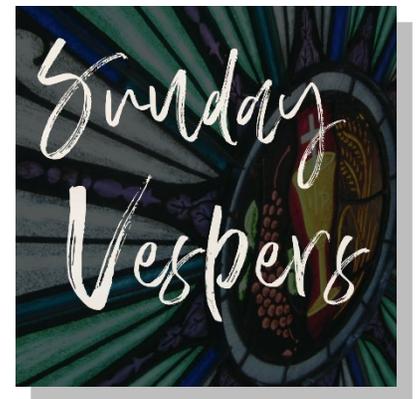
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Dear Friends,

How wonderful it was to be together in celebration of the resurrection of Christ! He is Risen! *Alleluia!* He is Risen indeed!

Like many of our families, I will be away for most of this week enjoying a bit of Spring Break with Kristi and the boys as we visit other relatives in Florida. However, I do look forward to returning to worship on April 11.

Not only will we begin a new series for this Easter season, but we will also be recognizing the many achievements of our local scouting ministries during the 11:00 Gathering service. We are proud to host this excellent group of young people and their families!

Furthermore, I am pleased to announce that we will be adapting our current Covid protocols in accordance with the provisions set forth by the Governor's directive for the state of Alabama. Following consultation with many within our own Covid Response Team, including several medical personnel, I now call to your attention two specific changes:

1. Beginning this Sunday, April 11th, registration will no longer be necessary for any of our worship services. As they say at the barber shop, "Walk-ins Welcome!"
2. We encourage you to wear a mask as you enter the Sanctuary or CLC for worship, but once you are seated, feel free to remove your mask as you are comfortable (it may also be prudent to check with those around you before doing so). This standard also applies to all Sunday School classes and other small group activities.

By now, we are celebrating the reality that more and more persons have been able to receive their desired vaccines. I give thanks to God for this incredible gift, and for the many scientists, researchers, and other dedicated servants who have made this possible for us all.

In Wesleyan terms, it may require some time for us to adequately reclaim some sense of 'social holiness,' but I do trust that these measures will help us to take our next reasonable step as a congregation toward this desired end.

Whatever it takes to best love God *and* neighbor at this particular time in our history, that is what we intend to do. I thank you all for your patience and support in what has been an unusually complicated season of life together. Know that I am grateful to be your Senior Pastor, and that I am confident in our practice of resurrection here at Fairhope UMC. By the power of the Holy Spirit, I truly believe we are *Open For Life!*

Let the church say "AMEN!"

Darren



Stay connected!

# THE LINK

Weekly Newsletter

April 11, 2021



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EMAIL WEEKLY  
NOT ON OUR EMAIL LIST?  
SUBSCRIBE USING  
THIS QR CODE WITH YOUR  
PHONE CAMERA:





## 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>

## **Sunday, April 11th: 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. Members rotate teaching responsibility.

### **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+. In-person continues this week with option to connect by Zoom. 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=ZTE1MVBKMnFrZW1MZ2tseXlxUUUY2UT09>

### **Pathfinders B210**

Multi-generational class with in-depth Bible study. Facilitated by Linda Smith. Current study is: "ASK: Faith Questions in a Skeptical Age"

### **New Beginnings B209**

Adults in their 40s, 50s, 60s. Some retired, some with children in school or college, some with grandchildren. Current study facilitated by Phil Webb (Max Lucado book, looking at issues of "Acceptance)."

***In person with Zoom option:*** Join Zoom Meeting Time: 9:45

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86534722052?pwd=Skdha0xpWEw0akQ2RTlVa3QwWTdHQT09>

Meeting ID: 865 3472 2052 Passcode: 742529

### **Living Word B212**

Ages span several decades and singles and couples faithfully participate.

In-depth Bible study facilitated by Doug Garner. In-person with Zoom option:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88171481169?pwd=WkE3QlIFeVdxbFQ2akpXSkZFK1hWUT09>

Meeting ID: 881 7148 1169

Passcode: 575645

**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**

Lesson: Lesson: Eastertide - John 20:1-30

Join Zoom Meeting Time: 09:30 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85264514378?pwd=eUdJRjRlMUFZRCnlkQ0tpUjVKeK5xQT09>

Meeting ID: 852 6451 4378

Passcode: 458301

### **Friends in Faith**

Retired adults, individuals and couples.

Join Zoom Meeting Time: 10:00 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86771534402?pwd=d2VJVXVpb3cwZzc0Ti9YRjNaK2lzUT09>

Meeting ID: 867 7153 4402

Passcode: 585355



## **Caring Ministries...**

### **Hospital Visitation...**

Please let your Pastoral staff or Dr. Ann Pearson know when you are in the hospital if you would like a visit. Some of the guidelines have changed at the hospital and we do not have access to Pastoral Lists at this time. We are happy and want to care for you and your family.

### **Support Groups...**

Meet in person or by Zoom, contact Dr. Ann Pearson 251-928-1148 for your invite.

Survivors of Suicide Meeting ~ Wesley Hall ~ Monday, April 12, 6:30 pm

Tough Dogs Cancer Support Group ~ B-114 ~ Tuesday, April 13 at 12:30 pm

### **Drivers Needed for Surprise deliveries for the weeks of April 12 and 19...**

Bags can be picked up each Monday between 10 am-2:00pm from Wesley Hall and make your deliveries to the homes any time during that week. If you would like to be a part of this ministry opportunity, contact Dr. Ann Pearson [ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org).

### **Genesis Bible Study begins...**

Monday, April 26 at 1:00 pm in Wesley Hall ~ Contact Ann if you would like to be a part of this learning session. Bring your Bible and we will study together.



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

FAIRHOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK? (April 11-17)

**Sunday** | Children's Church resumes during the 11:00am worship services!! Children (4 years -2<sup>nd</sup> grade) will attend the beginning of the service with their family then be dismissed with a Children's Ministry leader to the CLC Fellowship Hall for Children's Church. Children are to be picked up immediately following worship.

**Sunday** | Pier34 (3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade) | 4:00-5:30pm | Learning to Use My Bible | Meet in Wesley Hall in Education Building/Pick up from CLC Gym

**Wednesday** | Children's Choir | 4:15pm | Sanctuary | Meet weekly through April, last meeting will be May 5th and consist of a Choir Showcase and Talent Show! Hope to see you there!

SWIFT (5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade) | 6:30-7:45pm | CLC Gym



### ROCKY RAILWAY VBS

Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through!

Monday - Friday, June 7-11

8:45am - 12:15pm

**ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 18**

[www.fairhopeumc.org](http://www.fairhopeumc.org)

**Youth and Adults:** We need you on our volunteer team! There are so many ways to serve and we are looking for early commitments. Contact Michelle ([michelle.graham@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:michelle.graham@fairhopeumc.org) / 251.377.2325) or Kristin ([kristin.capstraw@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:kristin.capstraw@fairhopeumc.org) / 786.417.5000) to find the right fit for you. Can't be with us the week of VBS? No problem! There are things you can do to help us prepare - even from the comfort of your own home!

**Younger Elementary Program (CLC):** Rising 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> grade

**Older Elementary Program (CLC):** Rising 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade (participate in opening and closing sessions, do daily mission projects in between - some projects off campus)

**Preschool Program (Education Building):** 3 & 4 year olds of on-site volunteers and rising K

**Nursery Program (Education Building):** for on-site volunteers only (must have an older child in preschool or elementary program)

### BLUE LAKE SUMMER CAMP

July 15 - 17 ~ Open to those finishing 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade this school year Save the date! Details on cost and registration are still being worked out! We will leave early Thursday morning by bus and return Saturday night. Adult volunteers needed!

## Student Ministries...



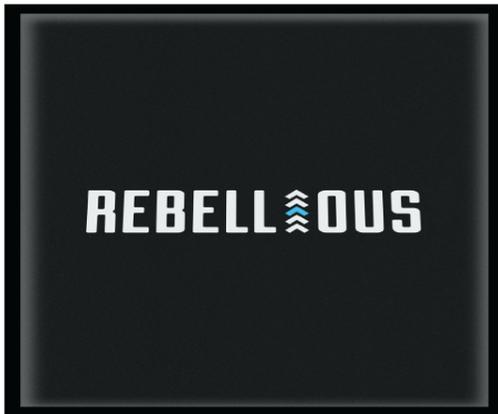
### **MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION 2021**

(Rising 7-9 grade)

**June 13-18//Albany, Georgia**

**Cost=400**

Student Ministry summer missions are back! This summer our middle school students (rising 7-9 grade) will serve in Albany, Georgia with the Mission Change. Registration is open now on our student ministry page of the church website. For more information, please check your email or contact [rachael.waldhour@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:rachael.waldhour@fairhopeumc.org) to be placed on our distribution list! We cannot wait to serve with YOU this summer!



### **HIGH SCHOOL MISSION 2021**

(Rising 10 grade-College)

**June 27-July 3//Nashville, Tennessee**

**Cost=\$650**

Come serve with our High School team throughout downtown Nashville, Tennessee. We are partnering with Trinity Commons which is a ministry and homeless outreach in the city. We will also serve with other ministry partners to Trinity Commons in that area to help our brothers and sisters in need. For more information, please check your email or contact [rachael.waldhour@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:rachael.waldhour@fairhopeumc.org) to be placed on our distribution list! We cannot wait to serve with YOU this summer!



### **STEPPING UP 2021**

(Rising 7th graders)

**May 5,12, 26//CLC//6:30-7:45 pm**

Stepping Up is a 3-week bridge program that prepares our current 6th graders to enter into our student ministry program. We use current students as mentors so that they can get-to-know some of our crew! The 3 weeks are jammed packed with dinner, games, worship, surprises & prizes of all kinds. Once you complete this program, our summer ministry begins on Wednesday, June 2 and you are all invited to DIVE IN with our summer! We cannot wait to have your child in student ministry! You can sign-up on our student ministry page.

# SENIOR SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Class of 2021//High School Graduates

**Sunday, May 2//9:00 am//CLC**



The class of 2021 and your family are invited to our Senior Sunday Celebration on May 2. We will begin with a breakfast at 9:00 am and then move into the Sanctuary for Senior Sunday Recognition in the 11:00 am Traditional Worship Service. *Please be sure to email [michael.spicer@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:michael.spicer@fairhopeumc.org) to reserve your family breakfast table no later than Sunday, April 25.* We are so thankful to have been a part

of your journey through middle and high school and we cannot wait to celebrate with you and your family!

## SUMMER MISSIONS//FUNRAISER DETAILS

If you would like support in raising funds for your summer mission trip, please email [michael.spicer@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:michael.spicer@fairhopeumc.org) for more details or find a link on our student ministry page of our church website.

## SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH

Welcome back!!!! Student Ministry will meet this Sunday, April 11 @ 6-7:45 pm in the CLC for dinner, Worship, games, and more! We cannot wait to see you all!

## JR & SR GIRLS BIBLE STUDY

Thursday @ 7:30 pm // FUMC Campus

## COMMUNITY GROUPS

Wednesday @ 6:30-7:45 pm//10th-12th (Host Homes) & 7th-9th (CLC).

**\*\*\* Don't miss the opportunity to SERVE with your C-Group on April 21 from 5:00-8:00 pm! Check-in with your C-group leader if you plan to attend!\*\*\***

## PLUG-IN TO STUDENT MINISTRY:

Instagram: [@fairhopeumc.youth/](https://www.instagram.com/fairhopeumc.youth/) // Facebook: [@fhsaltstudents/](https://www.facebook.com/fhsaltstudents/) // Text Message Reminders: Text the word "Saltstudents" to the number "43506"

Missions...

## HOW ARE WE SERVING?



WE CONTINUE TO SERVE OUR LOCAL HOMEBOUND EACH WEEK! WE ARE PREPARING OVER 180 MEALS EACH WEEK! IN ADDITION TO DELIVERING MEALS, WE ALSO PROVIDE A "DRIVE THROUGH" OPTION FROM 11:30-12:30.

**SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY MAY 21ST & SUNDAY 23RD 2021**

**WE WILL BE PARTNERING WITH TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN, FAIRHOPE PD, LOCAL ROTARY CLUBS & OTHER CHURCHES! MORE DETAILS TO COME!**



**OUR GOAL IS TO PACK 50,000 MEALS!**

**THE COST OF EACH MEAL IS \$.34.**

**WE ARE ASKING OTHER CHURCHES, ORGANIZATIONS AND BUSINESSES TO PARTNER WITH US TO HELP REACH OUR GOAL!**

