



# FAIRHOPE

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fifth Sunday of Easter  
The Gathering: May 2, 2021

OPENING SONG

*Learning*

Shea White, Praise Team

CALL TO WORSHIP

God has given us breath to live and spirit to sing.

**Thanks be to God.**

God has gathered us into a community of care and worship.

**Let us worship God with love, thanksgiving, and praise.**

OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, you bring light out of darkness and hope out of despair. Share your love with us this day that we may better love each other. Touch our hearts and help our love to shine in a world hungry to know your love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SINGING OUR PRAISES

*I Will Follow You  
If We Are The Body*

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS ~ Noah and Mary Funderburg

SENIOR RECOGNITION

OFFERING

*Washed By the Water*

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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that through your word we may be guided  
into the love of God for all the world. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 22:25-31

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 8:26-42

SERMON

"Out On The Open Road"

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING SONG



Assisting in Worship Today:  
Dr. Darren M. McClellan, Rev. Antonio Christie  
Communion Servers: Kadine Christie, Shelly and Rick Fitzhugh  
Acolyte: Max McClellan  
Music: Shea White and Praise Band  
Media and Sound: Robert Hammon, Jamie Waldhour, Amelia Koser

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## Prayers for the People

### Medical personnel and first responders

#### Celebration:

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## **FUMC 2021-22 Scholarship Winners**

### **Robert and Mary Gibson Memorial Scholarship**

Recipients: Pace McLendon, Olivia Estes

### **Frances and Margaret Wilson Memorial Scholarship**

Recipient: Steadman Jones

### **Robert and Nancy Carr Memorial Scholarship**

Recipients: Will Middleton, Sara Beth Hill, Bailey Wilson, Collin Cortinas

### **David Duchene Memorial Scholarship Recipients**

Recipients: Caroline Nobles, Lily Scott, Griffin Smith

### **Martha Northcutt Memorial Scholarship**

Recipients: Mitch Koser, Will Middleton, Cole Gregorius

### **Lester L. Boone Memorial Scholarship**

Recipients: Laney Haas, Hannah Kingry

### **UMW Edith Lawson Scholarship**

Recipient: Zuri Dwyer

### **Homecoming Sunday School Class Memorial Scholarship**

Recipient: Gwen Miller

### **Discovery Sunday School Class Scholarship**

Recipient: Annalyn Duke

### **Living Word Sunday School Class Memorial Scholarship**

Recipient: Olivia Estes

### **Bryan and Mary Johnson Memorial Scholarship**

Recipient: Beth Claunch

### **Arthur and Pat Carlton Scholarship**

Recipient: Aven Brasher

### **Vernon and Jeannie Colbert Scholarship**

Recipients: Hannah Dees, Alexa Frank

### **Aileen Andrews and Claude Andrews Memorial Scholarship**

Recipients: Margaret Nobles, Samuel Koser, Savannah Ryan, Cole Gregorius

## **A Week At A Glance...**

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Fairhope's National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 6, 2021, 11-11:20am

Coastal Alabama College's Halstead Amphitheater

An event for neighbors to join in a Communal Blessing

Organized by Christian leaders of Fairhope



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PRELUDE

Nun bitten wir den heiligen Geist

Buxtehude

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the wilderness, water brings life.

**Seek us out, O God, and take us to the water.**

In the Word of God, the good news gives light.

**Seek us out, O God, and fill us with understanding.**

In the bread and the wine, the body of our Savior  
nourishes everyone.

**Seek us out, O God, and give us yourself.**

Here is the water of life, the word that feeds, the food of eternity.

Come and praise the vine that gives all goodness.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**God, you sent your Son into the world**

**that we might live through him.**

**May we abide in his risen life**

**so that we may bear the fruit of love for one another**

**and know the fullness of joy. Amen.**

HYMN

*God of Grace and God of Glory #577*

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (8:30)

*UMH p.39*

*Georgia Mae Greene*

Daughter of Austin and Alanna Thompson

*Townes Michael Boothe*

Son of Tanner and Jana Boothe

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign:  
With this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.  
Child of God your loving Parent, learn to know whose child you are.*

*Grow to laugh and sing and worship, and love God more than all.*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING

*Power of the Cross*  
Soloist: Anna Marie Dowden

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Rev. Laura Parker

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*UMH p.12*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD / GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

CLOSING HYMN

*In Christ There Is No East or West #548*

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

*Fugue in A Major*

Buxtehude

Assisting in Worship Today:

Dr. Darren M. McClellan, Rev. Laura Parker, Emily Garner

Music: John Richardson, Tom Hood

Alcolyes: 8:30 Elliott Determann, Mollie Katen Bishop

11:00 Hackett Robertson

Sound: Robert Hammon, Ann Lyles Tapscott, Peyton Phillips

Media: Kaitlyn Hunter





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*Stay connected!*

# THE LINK

*Weekly Newsletter*

May 2, 2021

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



**The following memorials and honorariums  
have been received by the church:**

**In memory of**

**Bobby Barnes by**

His friends at Southern Door and Plywood and  
Joanne Jones and family

**Neal Christensen by**

Dana McCarty (Lord's Pantry)

**My parents, Keith and Barbara Svendby by**

Vicki Svendby Webster (Caring Ministries)

**Bethany Reid by**

Larry and Janice R. Covert and family (Memorial Garden)  
Betty and Larry Stejskal  
Diane Gravat (Memorial Garden)

**Vann Smith by**

Hazel W. Terry  
James E. Whatley  
Mrs. Yvonne Cox (Caring Ministries)  
Betty and Larry Stejskal  
Jean Comeaux

**William A. Harper (Butgereit Mission Scholarships Fund) by**

Vicki, Andy and Maddison Edwards  
Gary and Colette Hinson  
F. Carl Hinson  
Bonnie and Bobby Norton  
Elaine and Wren Harper  
Katy Harper

**In honor of**

**Patricia and Kenneth Cooper, Jr (Music and Worship) by**

Wanda and Tommy Harris



# SPRING INTO CHURCH!

Fairhope UMC is hosting a dinner and we would love to have you join us!



**Wednesday, May 12th @ 6:00 pm**  
**CLC Fellowship Hall**

**RSVP by May 3**

**QUESTIONS? Contact [laura.parker@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:laura.parker@fairhopeumc.org)**

**\*Nursery available for children 6 months to 4 years old.  
Childcare for older children available upon request.**

Many things in the life of our church got interrupted during 2020. One of the things we love to do is make new people feel at home and that was hard during a pandemic! So, to make up for lost time and open the doors wide for hospitality we are hosting a dinner for new members and visitors! Some of our staff and volunteers will be present for you to get to know as well as other folks that are somewhat new to our family.

*Please join us! Call the church office at 251-928-1148 to RSVP.*

## **Worship News...**

**Worship Ministries has several opportunities to serve and connect with others!** We are currently looking for servant hearts in all services to help with communion preparations, serving communion, and ushering. If you are interested in serving or would like to know more, please contact Jenna Hood, [jenna.hood@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:jenna.hood@fairhopeumc.org).

**Music Ministries is excited to be growing and is looking forward as we are open for life!** If you have a song in your heart and a willingness to be a part of great group of individuals, come to choir practice at 6:30pm on Wednesdays in the Sanctuary! Or if your song is more instrumental in nature and you would like to share your gift, let us know. For questions or more information, contact Tom Hood, [tom.hood@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:tom.hood@fairhopeumc.org).

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Students 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and above can be trained as Acolytes through May 11<sup>th</sup>. Acolytes will be asked to serve in both the Sanctuary and The Gathering services. After serving 5 times they will receive an engraved silver cross to wear when serving. Training will be done in small groups. A parent needs to be present for the hour long training. Masks are to be worn. Please call or text Helen Ingram at 251 923 7743 or email at [heleneingram@gmail.com](mailto:heleneingram@gmail.com) to set up a time for training.



## **MONDAY MORNINGS IN FAIRHOPE UPDATE**

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

Last Monday was our concluding Zoom devotional, at least for now. I have enjoyed our time together on Monday mornings, but since most groups are now meeting in person again, it seems it may have served its purpose. Thank you for all those who have convened on Mondays this past year to center and focus on God's leading for the week ahead and thank you for entrusting your prayer concerns to these brothers and sisters in Christ.

## **Caring Ministries...**

### **Genesis Study is open for all....**

Each week we are studying the book of Genesis. Monday, May 3 we will meet in Wesley Hall from 1:00 – 2:15 p.m. and will be covering Chapters 12-21. We are looking at the scriptures through new eyes and how the significant events and people relate to our everyday lives.

### **Tough Dogs Cancer Support Team needs....**

Someone who has an embroidery machine to take part in our blanket ministry for our Chemo Care Bags for our adults and Tough Pups. Contact Mary Hodgkins [mary.hodgkins@gmail.com](mailto:mary.hodgkins@gmail.com) or [ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org).

### **Deliveries to our member's homes....**

Many volunteers over the past few weeks have made deliveries to our member's homes with a gift. If you did not receive a gift, please let me know so we can make sure our records are correct in the church office. We want to care for you and we need your help.

### **Support Group....**

Caregivers Support Group will be meeting in the Church Library on Tuesday, May 4 with a Zoom option. Contact [ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org) if you would like an invite.

## **Sunday, May 2: ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

**In person classes meet from 9:45-10:40 am.**

### **THESE CLASSES ARE MEETING IN PERSON:**

#### **Basics B217**

Young couples parenting young children or newly married. Members rotate teaching responsibility. Current study facilitated by Elizabeth and Paul Jones: *Christianity's Family Tree*, by Adam Hamilton.

#### **Foundations B215**

Parents of children and youth. Foundations begins a new study this week on the book of Luke. Current facilitator is Rachel Lovingood.

#### **Homecoming Class B207**

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." **Coming May 16<sup>th</sup>: This class will begin a study of "The Chosen," a companion curriculum to the TV series by the same name. Journey to Galilee for a fresh new telling of the life of Jesus. All are invited!!**

#### **New Beginnings B209**

Adults in their 40s, 50s, 60s. Some retired, some with children in school or college, some with grandchildren. Facilitated by Phil Webb (Romans study, by Max Lucado).

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

#### **Peace and Grace B211**

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

Join Zoom Meeting Time: 9:45 AM

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

#### **Friends in Faith Wesley Hall (Open Area)**

Retired adults, individuals and couples who study the Bible together form a warm social community, as well. Teaching rotation.

#### **Discovery B114 (Wesley Hall Classroom)**

This is a welcoming group of senior adults, mostly retired, facilitated by Cecil Christenberry.

### **RESUMES IN PERSON THIS WEEK WITH ZOOM OPTION:**

#### **Koinonia B204**

##### **Lesson: Easter is a Love Story**

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

Join Zoom Meeting Time: 09:30 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81091659278?pwd=ejJmN01LQ1BtbDZ0c0o2Y0FOcE5RUT09>

Meeting ID: 890 0547 2793 Passcode: 345887



### **\*ALL GRADES FOR VBS ARE FULL (June 7-11)**

We are only taking waitlist registrations now. To register on the waitlist, go to <https://vbspro.events/p/events/fairhopeumc2021vbs>. Those on the waitlist will be contacted if a spot opens in the grade needed.

### **\*VOLUNTEER NEED ...**

We are in need of (6) more CREW LEADERS for 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade! No prep work involved! You and 5-6 children will experience all VBS has to offer together!

**\*ALL VOLUNTEER TRAINING ...** Sunday, June 6 | 12:15pm  
(lunch served) | CLC Fellowship Hall

**SUPPLY NEEDS ...** Check out our VBS NEEDS displays in both the CLC and Education Building (elevator lobby). You can help us by donating or letting us borrow the items that we have posted. **Supplies are to be dropped off in church office no later than Sunday, May 9!** We also are in need of these items:

- Plastic water bottle lids
- Plastic juice bottle lids
- Lots of Mardi Gras beads (need 500 total)
- metal bottle caps (need 120, will be painted black)
- artificial Christmas trees

## **BLUE LAKE SUMMER CAMP**

July 15 - 17

Open to those finishing 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade this school year

**Let Michelle know if your child would like to attend. We need an estimate on the number of kids we will take! 251/377-2325 or [michelle.graham@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:michelle.graham@fairhopeumc.org)**

Save the date! Details on cost and registration are still being worked out with Blue Lake! We will leave early Thursday morning by bus and return Saturday night. Adult volunteers needed!

### **WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK? (May 2 - 8)**

Sunday Morning | **Sunday School** for ages 3 years – 6<sup>th</sup> grade (9:45-10:40am) | **Children's Church** does not meet today. On the first Sunday of each month, children stay for the entire service so they can worship and take Holy Communion with their families.

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

Wednesday | **5<sup>th</sup> graders** | 6:30-7:45pm | Wesley Hall | Help decorate for Rocky Railway VBS



## Student Ministries...



### **MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION 2021**

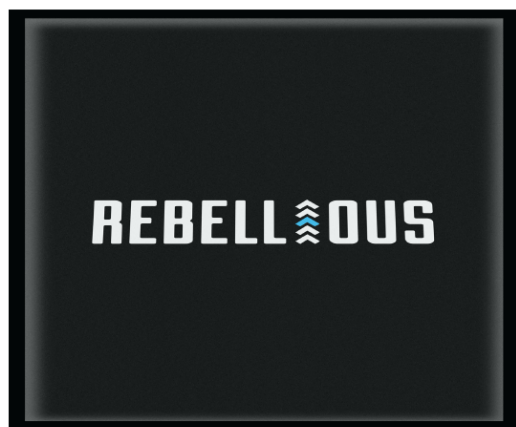
(Rising 7-9 grade)

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

**Cost=400**

**REGISTRATION will close on MAY 5.**

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 will close on May 5 for all summer mission trips! Please save your spot today!**



### **HIGH SCHOOL MISSION 2021**

(Rising 10 grade-College)

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

**Cost=\$650**

**REGISTRATION will close on MAY 5.**

Come serve with our High School team throughout downtown Nashville, Tennessee. We are partnering with TEAMeffort which is a ministry and that helps with home repair and construction projects in the Copperhill, Tennessee. **Registration will close on May 5 for all summer mission trips! Please save your spot today!**



### **STEPPING UP 2021**

(Rising 7th graders)

**May 5,12, 19 //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.

## 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

Sunday @ 6:00-7:45 pm // CLC //7th-12th grade

### PLUG-IN TO STUDENT MINISTRY:

Instagram: @fairhopeumc.youth//Facebook: @fhsaltstudents//Text Message Reminders: Text the word "Saltstudents" to the number "43506"

## Missions...

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



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: SUNDAY MAY 23RD 10:00AM**

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!

ARTS & CRAFTS SHRIMP BOIL