



FAIRHOPE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sixth Sunday of Easter
The Gathering: May 9, 2021

OPENING SONG

Happy Day

Shea White, Praise Team

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to our God a new song.

God has done marvelous things!

Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Let the sea roar and all that fills it.

Let the world and its people sing together for joy!

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, help us to love others
as Christ has loved us.

Bring up into the spiritual joy
of living our lives as your friend,
and teach us to abide in your love,
that we may show that love to the world. **Amen.**

SINGING OUR PRAISES

God of the Impossible
Heart of Worship

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

OFFERING

The Door

Children 4 years-2nd grade can meet at the side doors for Children's Church.
They are to be picked up immediately following the service in the CLC Fellowship Hall.
Nursery is also available for children 4 years and younger in the Education Building.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, O God,
in the reading of your Word,
that we would hear what you have to say to us today.
May your Holy Spirit be poured out upon us;
through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalms 98

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 10:44-48

SERMON

"Who Holds the Water?"

Dr. Darren McClellan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING SONG

Shall We Gather By the River

Verse 1

Shall we gather at the river where bright angels' feet have trod
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God

Chorus

Yes we'll gather at the river
The beautiful, the beautiful river
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne

Verse 2

On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray
We will talk and worship ever all the happy golden day

Verse 3

Ere we reach the shining river lay we ev'ry burden down
Grace our spirits will deliver and provide a robe and crown

Verse 4

At the smiling of the river, mirror of the Savior's face
Saints whom death will never sever lift their songs of saving grace

Verse 5

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace



Assisting in Worship Today:

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

Acolytes: Mollie Katen Bishop, Hays Bishop

Music: Shea White and Praise Band

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



We love knowing you were here today. Thank you for choosing to worship with Fairhope UMC! If you are a member, regular attender, or a visitor, scan this QR code and register your attendance for today.

Prayers for the People

Medical personnel and first responders

Sympathy:

Michael and Wendy Shelton in the death of her father, Wayne Ingram.

Here is a brief summary of our current stewardship:

Offering Received May 2, 2021 - \$56,791

(Online - \$14,860 ~ Mail/Personal delivery - \$41,931)

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



Congratulations to our graduates!

Aven Brasher	Gwenyth Miller
Zuri Christie	Caroline Nobles
Beth Claunch	Lily Scott
Hannah Dees	Griffin Smith
Annalyn Duke	Bailey Snow
Alexa Frank	Will Middleton
Laney Haas	Pace McClendon
Steadman Jones	James Hester
Hannah Kingry	
Tucker McKenzie	

We celebrated this milestone with the **Class of 2021** last Sunday with a Senior Breakfast in their honor. We are praying for you all and we look forward to hearing about the amazing things God is doing in your life!



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PRELUDE

Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring

J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to the Lord a new song, a song of hope and rejoicing!
Praise God for wonderful acts of mercy and kindness!
God has remembered God's faithful ones.
God has poured blessing upon blessing upon us!
Praise the Lord, all the earth, shout your praise!
Rejoice, for God is truly with us. AMEN.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of songs and marvels, old and new,
your powerful love for this world
continues to astound us.
In these last days of Easter,
we gather to recall the love
that brought Jesus into this world
and into our lives:
as savior, friend and brother.
We thank you for welcoming us into your household
and for trusting us with your marvelous work
to draw all people into the spacious home
of your love. Amen. Amen.

HYMN

All Creatures of Our God and King
(Verses 1, 4, 5 & 7)

Hymn #62

THE APOSTLES' CREED

GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING

O For a Thousand Tongues
FUMC Choir

(arr. Miller)

DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11:00)

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us,
may your Holy Spirit rest upon us.
Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking,
in our believing, and in our living. **Amen.**

PSALTER

Psalm 98

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Blessed Assurance

Hymn #369

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 10:44-48

SERMON

"Holy Interruptions"

Rev. Ontonio Christie

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Hymn #519

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

"Hornpipe" from Water Music, Suite No. 2

Handel

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Mike's mother, Nettie Sue Briscoe DaPra
and in honor of all mothers by Mike and Lynn White.*



Assisting in Worship Today:

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

Music: John Richardson, Tom Hood

Acolytes: 8:30 Elliot Determann

11:00 Sims Peters, Savanah Grace Jones

Media: Kaitlyn Hunter

Sound: Robert Hammon, Ann Lyles Tapscott

COFFEE WITH THE PASTORS

SUNDAY, MAY 9
9:45 AM | CLC PARLOR



If you are new to Fairhope United Methodist Church, join us today for Coffee with the Pastors. We will gather 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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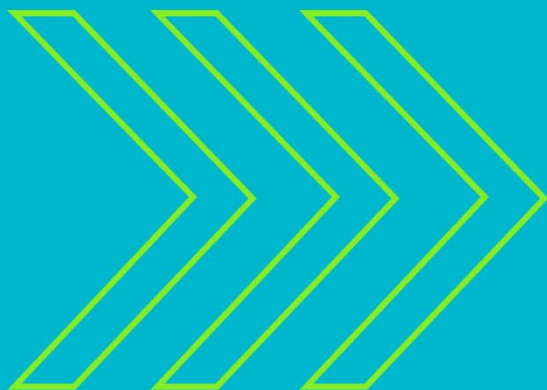
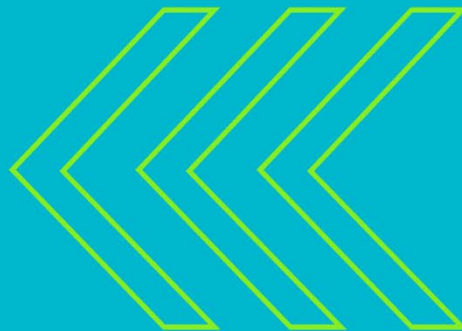
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Weekly Newsletter

MAY 9, 2021

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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.

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.

Students 3rd grade and above can be trained as Acolytes through May 11th. Acolytes will be asked to serve in both the Sanctuary and The Gathering services. After serving 5 times they will receive 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 to set up a time for training.

Caring Ministries...

Genesis Study continues....

We meet on Mondays from 1:00–2:15pm in Wesley Hall. This week we will review Chapters 22-31. Drop in and let's learn together.

Support Team Meetings....

Survivors of Suicide meet on Monday, May 10 at 6:30 pm in Wesley Hall.

Tough Dogs Cancer Support Group meets on Tuesday, 12:30 pm in B-114 off of Wesley Hall.

You may contact Dr. Ann Pearson ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org for the zoom option if needed.

Hospital Visitation....

Please let your Pastoral staff or the church office know if you are in the hospital. We would love to come and pray with you. God hears our prayers and you are special to Him as a child of God.

Tough Dogs Cancer Ministry Update....



Tough Pups chemo bags for ages 0-18 have become a reality. Items are gathered; bags are assembled and then will be delivered to Women's and Children's in Mobile to be given to children facing cancer. These bags are filled with comfort items to help pass the time while the children are receiving their treatments. We are presently serving 50 children between the ages of 0-18. Thank you to everyone who has contributed, your help truly makes a difference.

(Pictured - Brenda Robinson and Jo Ann Bloodworth)

Sunday, May 9th: 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 continues a new study this week on the book of Luke, currently facilitated by Rachel Lovingood.

Homecoming Class B207

Adults 50+. In-person with Zoom option. Contact Brenda Robinson for more information:

bgodbold@hiwaay.net. Time: 9:45 am Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88280028742?pwd=ZTE1MVBKMnFrZW1MZ2tseXlxUUUY2UT09>

Pathfinders ~ B210 Class will NOT meet this week, May 9th.

Coming May 16th: 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. Current study: Romans, by Max Lucado. In person with Zoom option. Join Zoom Meeting Time: 9:45 am Meeting ID: 865 3472 2052 Passcode: 742529

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

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=WkE3QllFeVdxbFQ2akpXSklZFK1hWUT09>

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. In-person with Zoom option.

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.

Koinonia ~ B204

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

Lesson: Mothers in the Bible

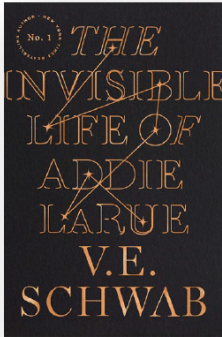
Join Zoom Meeting Time: 09:30 am

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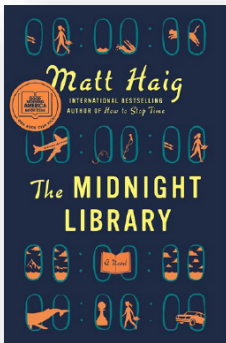
2021 SUMMER BOOK CLUB

For this summer's fiction reading, we will look at the lives of women who take drastic measures to escape the lives that are before them. These authors reveal the different ways in which these women find opportunities to explore alternatives not necessarily presented to them by birth or circumstance or the choices they have made.



The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue, V.E. Schwab (June)

For Addie LaRue, the narrative spans several centuries, from 18th century France to present day New York City. Addie makes a Faustian deal in order to escape the fate her parents have laid before her and must live with the far-reaching consequences of the choice she has made.



The Midnight Library, Matt Haig (July)

Nora Seed makes a drastic decision to escape her life and then finds time standing still for her at midnight, but not really...as she "tries on" a number of different scenarios that could have been how her life played out.



The Vanishing Half, Brit Bennett (August)

The Vignes twins dream of something more than what is before them in Mallard, LA, a small town of all light-skinned black residents, so they flee to New Orleans in search of something better. There, their lives eventually diverge and then come back together again after two very different and surprising journeys.

Read one or all. Dates for in-person gatherings facilitated by Rev. Laura Parker will be announced. Copies of each book have been ordered and can be checked out from the church office for two-week increments after May 3rd.



ALL GRADES FOR VBS ARE FULL

(June 7-11 | 8:45am-12:15pm)

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 NEEDS ...

Contact Michelle at 251/377-2325 if you can serve.

We need ~~(6)~~ (4) more **CREW LEADERS** for 1st-4th grade! No prep work involved! You and an assistant will experience all VBS has to offer with 5-6 children in your crew!

We also need a **NURSE** each day from 8:45am-12:15pm.

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

SUPPLY NEEDS ... Thanks to all who took one or more of the supply need pages from the VBS displays. Please bring what you've purchased or are letting us borrow to the office this week!

DECORATING ... Every year, our buildings are transformed for VBS! This does not happen overnight and we need LOTS of help to make it happen! We can use all hands on deck. You do not have to be a volunteer the week of VBS to help decorate! **Please let Michelle know when you can join us** (michelle.graham@fairhopeumc.org)!

Monday, May 17 | 9:00am-12:00pm | upstairs, education building

Wednesday, May 19 | 5:30-7:30pm | upstairs, education building

Monday, May 24 | 9:00am-12:00pm | downstairs, education building

Friday, June 4 | 9:00am-12:00pm & 1:00-3:00pm | CLC & education building

Saturday, June 5 | 9:00am-12:00pm & 1:00-3:00pm | CLC & education building

Student Ministries...



THE TRACK//May 16 @ 3pm

Our next youth ministry opportunity is Sunday, May 16 @ 3pm. We are headed to **THE TRACK** in **Gulf Shores**. If you would like to participate, a sign-up link will be sent out through the 43506 text messaging service mentioned below on Sunday, May 9. *Watch for your chance to be a part of a fun night together!*

MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION 2021

(Rising 7-9 grade)

June 13-18//Albany, Georgia

TEAM UPDATE:

Mission Team Training will be on Wednesday, June 2 @ 4:00-5:00 pm. This will be an important meeting with details on travel, packing, team building and more. If you are attending the Middle School mission trip, please make plans to be here. On Sunday, June 13, we will meet to load the bus at 10:00 am in the Fellowship hall of the CLC. Prior to our departure, we will participate in a team commissioning as a part of the 11:00 am Gathering Service in the gym. We will depart directly following the commissioning portion of the service.

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION 2021

(Rising 10 grade-College)

June 27-July 3//Nashville, Tennessee

Cost=\$650

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Mission Team Training will be on Wednesday, June 2 @ 5:00-6:00 pm. This will be an important meeting with details on travel, packing, team building and more. If you are attending the High School mission trip, please make plans to be here. On Sunday, June 13, we will participate in a team commissioning as a part of the 11:00 am Gathering Service in the gym.



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 @ 6:30pm and you are all invited to DIVE IN this summer!

We cannot wait to have your child in student ministry! It's not too late to sign up for Week 2!

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH UPDATE//May 9

We will not have youth this Sunday, May 9 due to Mother's Day.

SUMMER MISSIONS//FUNRAISER DETAILS

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

PLUG-IN TO STUDENT MINISTRY:

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

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: 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!



THANK YOU FOR SERVING FAMILY PROMISE! THIS PAST WEEK WE HOSTED 2 FAMILIES WHO WERE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. FAMILIES SPENT THE NIGHT IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSROOMS AND DINNER WAS SERVED IN WESLEY HALL EACH NIGHT. VOLUNTEERS SERVED AS DINNER HOSTS AND OVERNIGHT HOSTS. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THIS MINISTRY. WE WILL HOST AGAIN THIS COMING SUMMER. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING THIS WONDERFUL MINISTRY, PLEASE CONTACT LANY SIMMONS OR JENNIFER MYRICK

FAIRHOPE RECREATION NEWS

Recreation Ministry at Fairhope United Methodist Church

Christian Life Center WEEKLY OPERATING HOURS: Mon - Fri 7a-5p

05/07/2021

SUMMER YOUTH GOLF CAMP



This July, we will be partnering with the **Payne Stewart Kids Golf Foundation** to provide a week-long golf camp for youth. The camp will be held in the CLC Gym on **July 12 – 16**. The camp is available to all boys and girls ages 4 -9. There will be two sessions per day, with ages 4-6 from 8:30-11:30am and ages 7-9 from 1:30-4:30pm. To register, go to <https://paynestewartgolf.regfox.com/payne-stewart-golf-camp-fairhope-umc>.

For more information about the Foundation, go to www.paynestewart.org.

UPWARD FLAG FOOTBALL



Upward Flag Football returns for 2021!!

For all boys and girls grades 1-4. All teams will be coed. Games are played on Mondays (3-4 graders) and Thursdays (1-2 graders) at Founders Park in Fairhope.

Registration will begin on **May 17**.

To register, go to <https://registration.upward.org/UPW80172>.

Practices will begin on Aug. 9 and first games will begin on Aug. 30.

SUMMER COED VOLLEYBALL—WEDNESDAYS, 6-8pm



Starting on **June 16**, plan your Wednesdays for FUMC Recreation Ministries Open Volleyball Night. This weekly event is open to everyone! We encourage individuals and families to come and play recreational volleyball (church rules, of course!). The Game Room will also be available for ping pong, billiards, foosball, the arcade machine and any other games you may want to play.

PICKLEBALL —TUESDAYS, 8am-11am THURSDAYS, 1pm-3pm & SUNDAYS from 2:00pm-4pm



Come check out our refurbished Gym floor, with freshly painted lines and adjusted courts to assist in avoiding the basketball goals! There are three weekly options available to play and learn! See the days and times above. Pickleball is a great sport for all ages and playing levels.

