



FAIRHOPE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Seventh Sunday of Easter
Ascension Sunday
The Gathering: May 16, 2021

OPENING SONG

When We Pray

Shea White, Praise Team

CALL TO WORSHIP

Clap your hands! Shout for joy!
Our Lord reigns on the throne of glory!
**We open our hearts to the ascended Lord,
who sits on the throne of glory!**

OPENING PRAYER

Lord of Lords,
illumine our hearts this day,
that we may feel your glory
and live into the hope
to which you have called us. Amen.

SINGING OUR PRAISES

*He Reigns
I Will Rise*

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

OFFERING

We Fall Down

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The word of God speaks to our hearts and to our world.
May God give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation as we come to know Christ.
Lord, help us know the glorious hope to which you have called us through your word.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 1:1-11

SERMON

"Calling All Witnesses"

Rev. Antonio Christie

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING SONG

Assisting in Worship Today:
Rev. Antonio Christie, Rev. Laura Parker
Music: Shea White and Praise Band
Media and Sound:
Robert Hammon, Jamie Waldhour, Amelia Koser

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Medical personnel and first responders

Sympathy:

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Betty Council in the death of her sister, Nola Johnson.

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PRELUDE

Allegro Moderato in F Major

J.E. Kindermann

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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HYMN

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

Hymn #312

BAPTISMS

(8:30) Darby Butler, Della Butler, Whit Butler
Children of Kirby and Michelle Butler

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

(8:30) Kirby and Michelle Butler
(11:00) Plumer and Marie Tonsmeire

THE APOSTLES' CREED

GLORIA PATRI

PSALTER

Psalm 47

Page #781

OFFERING

There Is a Redeemer
FUMC Choir

arr. Jack Schrader

DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11:00)

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord God, good shepherd,
by the leading of your Spirit,
help us to listen for your voice
and follow in your paths
all the days of our lives;
in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 1:1-11

SERMON

"The Agenda of the Spirit"

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know

Hymn #163

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Fugue in A Major

F.W. Zachau

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in honor of our church family by Caring Ministries.*

Assisting in Worship Today:

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

Music: John Richardson, Natalie Woodrow

Acolytes: 11:00 Mollie Katen Bishop, Max McClellan

Media: Kaitlyn Hunter

Sound: Robert Hammon, Peyton Phillips, Ann Lyles Tapscott





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THE LINK

Weekly Newsletter

May 16, 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.

CARING MINISTRIES...

Bible Study....

Genesis Study continues on Mondays at 1:00 in Wesley Hall. This week we are reviewing chapters 32-41. Drop in and let's learn something together.

Caregivers Support Group...

This group will meet in person on May 18, at 9:30 am in the Church Library with a Zoom option available. Dr. Pearson will be happy to provide the Zoom Link for the meeting.

Ministries Available...

Home or Hospital Visitation - Let your Pastoral staff or church office know if you would like a visit. We would be honored to come and pray with you.

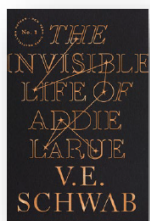
Homebound Communion is available. Please contact Dr. Ann Pearson if you know of anyone in need of this service.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP...



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 15th, 5:30-6:30, Parlor)

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 13th, 5:30-6:30, Parlor)

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, Britt Bennett (August 17th, 5:30-6:30, Parlor)

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. All gatherings are in-person and facilitated by Rev. Laura Parker. Two copies of each book have been ordered and can be checked out from the church office for two-week increments on a first-come-first-served basis. Call 251-928-1148 to check on availability.



BLUE LAKE SUMMER CAMP

July 15 – 17

Open to those finishing 3rd-6th grade this school year

Registration fee: \$150 per person plus \$40 bus fee

We will depart around 9am Thursday and return around 8pm on Saturday.

Registration forms will be available this Monday. It will be emailed to parents of our current 3rd-6th graders, on the children's page at www.fairhopeumc.org and copies will be available in the church office. Online registration will not be available.

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)~~ ~~(4)~~ (2) 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!



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 no later than this Wednesday, May 19! We will begin purchasing what we've not received later in the 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

Don't miss out on youth this Sunday, May 16 @ 3pm! We are headed to **THE TRACK** in **Gulf Shores**. If you would like to participate, sign-up on the link sent via text or on our youth page of the church website.

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 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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STEPPING UP 2021

(Rising 7th graders)

Final meeting May 19 //CLC// 6:30-7:45

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!

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/](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: SUNDAY MAY 23RD 9:00AM

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!

CLICK [HERE](#) TO REGISTER OR DONATE!

Together we can end hunger!

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.