



FAIRHOPE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Day of Pentecost
The Gathering: May 23, 2021

OPENING SONG

Soul On Fire

Shea White, Praise Team

CALL TO WORSHIP

Oh, wind of God, breath of Life...

Be present in our worship today!

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Teacher of Wisdom, Reminder of Christ.

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Give us courage to speak your love,

everywhere we go, to everyone we meet.

Amen.

SINGING OUR PRAISES

*How Can I Keep From Singing
How Great is Our God*

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

OFFERING

Holy Spirit

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GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:15-20

SERMON

"The Promise of Pentecost"

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
Acolytes: Aenea Ganey, Mary Stella Henderson
Media and Sound: Robert Hammon, Jamie Waldhour, Amelia Koser

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S U M M E R T I M E F E L L O W S H I P !

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**JUNE
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5:00PM

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

JUNE 16TH-JULY 28TH

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PRELUDE

Toccata in E Minor

Pachelbel

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HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Hymn #103

BAPTISM (8:30)

Alexandra Bradley Robinson
Daughter of Jay and Alex Robinson

THE APOSTLES' CREED

GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING

Improvisation on "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11:00)

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PSALTER (11:00)

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

HYMN OF PREPARATION (11:00)

Spirit of Faith, Come Down
(verses 1-2)

Hymn #332

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

SERMON

"From Religion to Relationship"

Rev. Laura Parker

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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CLOSING HYMN

Spirit of the Living God

Hymn #539

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Chaconne

Couperin

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and
in honor of our health care professionals and first responders.*



Assisting in Worship Today:

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

Music: John Richardson, Natalie Woodrow

Acolytes: 8:30 Elliot Determann, Savannah Grace Jones

11:00 Hackett Robertson, Graham Downs

Sound: Robert Hammon, Ann Lyles Tapscott, Peyton Phillips

Media: Kaitlyn Hunter



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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.

Adult Sunday School Update...

All of our adult Sunday School classes are now meeting in-person from 9:45-10:40 on Sunday mornings. Class descriptions can be found on our website:

<https://www.fairhopeumc.org/adultsundayschool/>

A few of our classes continue to offer an option to connect by Zoom. If you would like more information about Zoom options...or if you would like help finding a class that is just right for you, please contact:

Rev. Laura Parker, Minister of Discipleship

laura.parker@fairhopeumc.org or 251-928-1148

Stay connected!

THE LINK

Weekly Newsletter

May 23, 2021



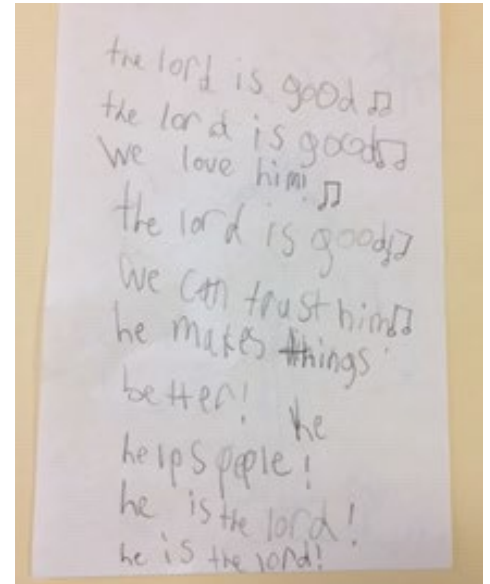
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Caring Ministries...

Our Children say the sweetest things....

One of our children, Lennon Walding, gave this to me following the 8:30 am worship service a couple of weeks ago to share with our church family. The words written are a helpful reminder of the childlike faith and trust we should have in God. May we all have the faith of a child. Thank you to Lennon for sharing. Her big sister is Abbey and Mom and Dad are Wendy and Kyle.



Bible Study....

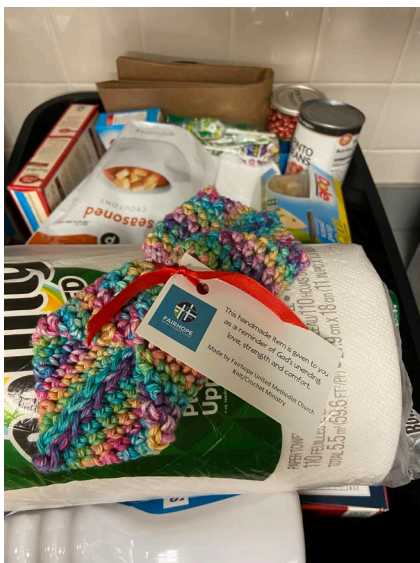
Our last session of our Genesis Study concludes this Monday at 1:00 pm in Wesley Hall. This week we are reviewing chapters 42-50. Be on the lookout for our next Bible Study with Ann.

Support Group Meetings in the coming week....

Survivors of Suicide meet on Monday, May 24th at 6:30 pm in Wesley Hall.

Tough Dogs Cancer Support Group meets on Tuesday, May 25th at 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.



Knit and Crochet support the Lord's Pantry...

Dishcloths made by this group are included in our food boxes.

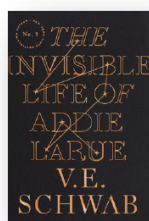
This team meets every Monday from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm in Wesley Hall to make homemade items for the many.

outreach ministries of the church.



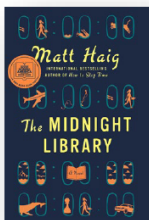
2021 Summer Book Club

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, 2021

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

Registration fee: \$150 per person plus \$50 bus fee

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

Registration forms available in the church office or www.fairhopeumc.org under children's ministries. Online registration is not available. **Registration forms, full payment and a notarized 2021-2022 Emergency Release form are due in church office no later than June 15!**



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

We are no longer taking waitlist registrations. Those currently on the waitlist will be contacted if a spot opens in the grade needed prior to the start of VBS.

ALL VOLUNTEER TRAINING ...

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

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. Our first two decorating dates were very productive! 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 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...



MEALS TO GO

10:30am-12:30pm

\$10 per meal

Sunday, June 6th

*Proceeds Help Benefit Student Ministry Summer Missions

The summer Middle School Mission Team is headed to Albany, Georgia this summer to serve with Mission Change. We will be selling chicken sandwiches and burgers on **Sunday, June 6** as a fundraiser for their mission trip to help off-set the cost for students. The **meals are \$10 a piece** and you can purchase your meal in advance from students on any Sunday morning between now and June 6th or purchase the day of the fundraiser.

STUDENT MINISTRY SUMMER KICK-OFF

Wednesday, June 2 // 6pm

The summer kick-off for student ministry is just around the corner! Mark your calendars for Wednesday, June 2 @ 6pm and invite a friend. All rising 7-12 graders are invited to join us!

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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SUMMER MISSIONS & 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"

Recreation Ministry at Fairhope United Methodist Church

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

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.

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