



Dear Friends,

We give thanks to God for an abundance of grace that preserves Fairhope United Methodist Church in the heart of Fairhope for over one hundred and ten years. What a joy and privilege to be able to celebrate such a milestone. I feel blessed to call Fairhope United Methodist my Church home as we continue to live out loud the LOVE of Christ for our neighbors.

As we mark and celebrate this incredible journey, I pray that our years ahead will be filled with God's continuous blessings and that we will continue to shine the light of Christ in the city of Fairhope for many more years.

One Love,
Rev. Antonio Christie, Minister of Outreach

Here is a brief summary of our current stewardship:

Offering Received June 20, 2021 – \$26,694
(Online - \$10,431 ~ Mail/Personal delivery - \$16,263)

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



FAIRHOPE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
The Gathering: June 27, 2021

OPENING SONG

Who You Say I Am

Shea White, Praise Team

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We gather to learn and study and discuss God's holy word.

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Let us give thanks today and sing praise to our Lord, the almighty King of creation.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Loving God, we know that you have made us for yourself and that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. As we pray these ancient words from the early church, be with us now. Gather us this morning trusting that you have made us for yourself. On this Homecoming Sunday, still our restless hearts. Bring us home to you once again so that we might truly rest in you. Gather us now as we sing your praise. Amen.

SINGING OUR PRAISES

*Good God Almighty
Power to Redeem*

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

OFFERING

You Never Let Go

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

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 8:4-15

SERMON

"Good Seed, Good Soil"

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING SONG

Leading Worship Today: Dr. Darren M. McClellan

Music: Shea White and Praise Band

Acolytes: Karys Mayfield, Kylee Mayfield

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

Sympathies:

Shelah Irwin in the death of her husband, **Earl Irwin**.

In the death of Linda Chavers, mother of **Alice Baker**, daughter-in-law of **Thelma Chavers** and sister-in-law of **Renee Chavers**.

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PRELUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

Karg Elert

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

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HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hymn #139

THE APOSTLES' CREED

GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

(Forrest)

Choir

DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11:00)

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Nursery is

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GOSPEL LESSON

John 13:1-7

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Wonderful Words of Life

Hymn #600

SERMON

"When God's People are Kind"

Rev. Laura Parker

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

Forward Through the Ages

Hymn #555

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Psalm 19

Marcello

Assisting in Worship Today:
Dr. Darren McClellan, Rev. Laura Parker, Dr. Ann Pearson
Music: Tom Hood, Marion McKnight
Acolyte: Hackett Robertson (11:00)
Media: Kaitlyn Hunter
Sound: Robert Hammon, Ann Lyles Tapscott, Jenna Hood

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in honor of the 40th Wedding Anniversary
of Shirley and Donnie Ryals.*



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Summer Sermon Series

Words to Live By

This summer, we will all be “diving deeper” into God’s word as your pastors share some of their favorite “words to live by” as found throughout the Old and New Testaments. We will offer this in two parts, June 6th-July 4th and July 11th-August 8th.

Here is the tentative preaching schedule for the summer Sundays:

	Focus	Traditional	Gathering
<i>Part 1:</i>			
June 27 th	Gospel	Rev. Parker	Dr. McClellan
July 4	Epistle	Rev. Parker	Dr. McClellan
<i>Part 2:</i>			
July 11 th	Old Testament	Dr. McClellan	Rev. Parker
July 18 th	Psalms	Dr. McClellan	Rev. Parker
July 25	Proverbs	Dr. McClellan	Rev. Parker
August 1	Gospel	Rev. Christie	Dr. McClellan
August 8	Epistle	Rev. Christie	Dr. McClellan



Stay connected!

THE LINK

Weekly Newsletter

June 27, 2021



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



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

Caring Ministries...

Joshua Bible Study:

Dr. Ann Pearson will begin a 3 week study on Joshua July 19 at 1:00 pm in Wesley Hall. The class lasts for 1 hour and 15 minutes. Come and spend time with fellow Christians studying the word of God.

Wednesdays in July:

Stop by any Wednesday morning between 11:00 and 12:00 for conversation time with Ann. No appointment is needed. I look forward to spending time with you.

Opportunities for Serving:

If you have the time to make telephone calls to our church family once a month we would love to use your gift. Be a part of the Caring Ministries Team and let's make a difference in staying connected to our church family. Contact Ann 251-928-1148 or ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org.

Hospital Visitation:

Please call the church office 251-928-1148 to let us know when you are in the hospital so we can come and pray with you. The hospital is not able to give us hospital admissions information any more so we need everyone's help to stay connected to one another.

Grief Group Meeting on Mondays:

Suzanne Glass and Dr. Ann Pearson are co-facilitating the group that meets on Mondays at 3:00 pm in Wesley Hall. We find strength and hope in how others have walked through their journeys of loss.

Survivors of Suicide Support Group meeting this week...

Meeting on Monday, June 28, at 6:30 pm in Wesley Hall. A zoom option is available by contacting Dr. Ann Pearson.



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 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.



CHILDREN'S SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Last Sunday, we began our one-room Sunday School in the CLC Fellowship Hall (9:45-10:40am). This is for rising K-6th grade students. Our PK3 and PK4 children have class with Tina Wettermark and her staff in room B127 on the nursery wing in the Education Building. Parents need to sign their children in. We will return to our normal Sunday School classrooms on Promotion Sunday (August 8) when kids move into their new grade level class.

Volunteers are needed! Are you willing to serve 1 or more Sundays to help teach in the CLC? We will have a large group opening and then divide into smaller groups by grade. We are needing 3 adults each Sunday. Below is the link to sign up. Contact Michelle Graham if you have questions at michelle.graham@fairhopeumc.org.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BABA62FA4F85-oneroom1>

Student Ministries...

The logo for FOMO Night, featuring the word "FOMO" in a bold, black, hand-drawn style with a thick underline.

FOMO Night

Sunday, July 11th

2:00 pm-11:30 pm

\$40 /Sign-up online

NEW This just in and updated and you can't MISS OUT on this one! A 1-day mystery trip with all sort of stops and adventures! How much fun can you have in one day together? Join us and find out;-) Please make sure you have an emergency release form on file and sign up online to reserve your spot on the bus!

Neon Night

Sunday, July 18th

7:30 pm-9:00 pm

CLC/7-12 grade



Join our group for a Neon Game Night at the CLC on Sunday, July 18th! Glow-In-the-Dark 9-Square in the Air, Laser Tag and more! Don't miss out and wear your Neon. You can make your reservation on our youth page of our church website no later than July 7th.

PLEASE NOTE OUR JUNE MINISTRY SCHEDULE DUE TO MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIPS. We will resume programming on Wednesday's in July with Student Ministry Bible Study & Volleyball. More information to come!

No Student Ministry Meetings:

6/27, 6/30, 7/4, 7/7

WHAT'S IN THE CUE FOR JULY & AUGUST?

Middle School Swim Party

Sunday, July 25th

2:00-4:00 pm

Home of Michelle Graham/7-8 grade

Join our group for a middle school swim party & slip n'slide dodgeball at the home of Michelle Graham on Sunday, July 25th! You can make your reservation on our youth page of our church website no later than July 19th.

High School Escape Room

Sunday, July 25th

6:00-8:30 pm

Orange Beach/9-12 grade

Join our group for a high school as we travel to an escape room and dinner in Orange Beach on Sunday, July 25th! You can make your reservation on our youth page of our church website no later than July 19th.

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C-Group Summer Reunion

Wednesday, August 4

Time & Place: TBA

Come join your C-Group to reconnect for the new school year and share stories from your summer on Wednesday, August 4. Check your grades' GROUPME for details on time and place. It will vary for each group. All 7th graders will receive a text from Rachael inviting you or your parent to be in the GROUPME for the new school year. Details for that group will follow the invitation.

Back to School Bash

Sunday, August 8

6:00-8:00 pm

CLC/7-12 grade

Come join youth group for the Back to School Bas on Sunday, August 8 in the CLC! Let's kick-off the school year together!

SUMMER STUDENT MISSION UPDATES:

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

June 27-July 3//Copperhill, Tennessee

TEAM UPDATE:

Pray for our team that leaves departs this Sunday, June 27 to Copperhill, TN to serve with TEAMEFFORT. You can read our team updates on the church Facebook page daily throughout our trip. We will return on Saturday, July 3. We are looking forward to sharing all of our adventures in service with you at our Mission Sunday worship service in August.

PLUG-IN TO STUDENT MINISTRY:

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

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

JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY!

COMMUNITY CAFE' IS OPEN FOR LUNCH!

11:00AM-1:00PM

DONATION ONLY CAFE'

* WE WILL CONTINUE OUR OUTREACH TO OUR HOMEBOUND & COMMUNITY FRIENDS!



SUMMER TIME FELLOWSHIP!

SUMMER COOK TEAMS NEEDED!

JUNE & JULY
5:00PM

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

JUNE 16TH-JULY 28TH

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR GROUPS TO
HELP PLAN MENU, PREPARE & SERVE
WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER
DURING THE SUMMER!**

**FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED BY
CHURCH LIFE MINISTRIES!
CONTACT JENNIFER MYRICK FOR MORE INFO!**

Recreation Ministry at Fairhope United Methodist Church

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.