



Here is a brief summary of our current stewardship:

Offering Received June 27, 2021 – \$27,280
(Online - \$11,206 ~ Mail/Personal delivery - \$16,074)

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

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

The Gathering: July 4, 2021

OPENING SONG

Unstoppable God

Shea White, Praise Team

CALL TO WORSHIP

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and all the families of the nations shall worship before the Lord.

For dominion belongs to the Lord, who rules over the nations,

the Lord who rules over us and provides for us all. Let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of tolerance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

SINGING OUR PRAISES

Chain Breaker
No Longer Slaves

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

OFFERING

America the Beautiful

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

EPISTLE LESSON

Galatians 5:1-8, 13-15

SERMON

"Called for Freedom"

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Almighty God, Creator of the universe, Ruler of all nations, Judge of all flesh, you have placed us, your people, in this land made rich with rivers, forests, mountains, and creatures great and small. Here, you set before the founders and pioneers of this nation an opportunity beyond measure to build a realm of justice, peace, and freedom. Here you continue to call your people, freed from the law and baptized into Christ Jesus, to be a sign of your reign in all the world. For such a place, such a vision and such a calling we give you thanks, praying we may ever join afresh the dreams you set before us. And so, with your people in every land on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Above all we give you thanks for the gift of your Son Jesus Christ, who sends us into the world to declare the good news of your kingdom to every creature: Justice to all peoples, good news to the poor, release for prisoners, sight for the blind, and freedom for the oppressed. On the night before he was arrested and sentenced to death by the authorities of his own nation, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you." When supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the covenant poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins." And so we remember again as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

We pour ourselves out before you in praise and thanksgiving, a holy and living sacrifice in union with Christ's offering for us. Pour out your Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make Christ known to us in the breaking of this bread, and the sharing of this cup. Renew our fellowship in him, that we may be for the world his body poured out for the world at this time in this nation, and at that great banquet in the fullness of your new creation where justice flows like rivers, righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, where none shall hunger or thirst, neither shall they learn war anymore. By him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING SONG

Assisting in Worship Today: Dr. Darren M. McClellan,
Music: Shea White and Praise Band
Communion Servers:
Rachel Lovingood, JD Lovingood
Noah and Mary Funderburg
Media and Sound: Robert Hammon, Jamie Waldhour, Amelia Koser



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PRELUDE

Draw Us in the Spirits Tether

(Setting by Biery)

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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*HYMN OF PRAISE

God of the Ages

Hymn #698

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

*GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING

If My People Will Pray, Choir

(Christopher)

If my people, which are called by my name,
shall humble themselves, and pray;

If my people, which are called by my name,
shall seek my face and turn from their wicked ways.

Then will I hear from heaven,
then will I hear and forgive, forgive their sin.

If my people, which are called by my name,
shall humble themselves and pray;
I will forgive their sin and heal their land.

Hear our prayer, O Lord;
Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace.

*DOXOLOGY

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PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

Gracious God,
you have made all of the peoples of the earth for your glory.
You invite us to serve you in freedom and in peace.
Give to the people of our nation a zeal for justice
and the strength for forbearance,
that we may use our liberty
in accordance with your gracious will.
We ask this on a day of celebration,
a day of hope for a nation made free.
We ask this in the name of the one
who welcomes all to be free indeed.
Inspire us to live and worship in your freedom
and for the sake of your kingdom. Amen.

*HYMN

America the Beautiful

Hymn #696

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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*SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 8:1-11

SERMON

"The Paradox of Freedom"

Rev. Laura Parker

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION UMH#12

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD / GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

**After receiving the bread and cup, you are invited to stop and pray at the altar for our country or other needs that may be on your heart today. Please leave some distance between you and other worshippers.*

CLOSING HYMN

For the Healing of the Nations

Hymn #428

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Voluntary

(Gordon Young)

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in honor of all veterans who have literally risked their lives
for our country and our freedoms.*

Assisting in Worship Today:
 Rev. Laura Parker
 Music: Tom Hood, Sandy Tyer
 Communion Servers:
 Carolyn Byars, Wendy Robertson, Barbara and Brune Stewart (8:30)
 Robby and Katie Robertson, Brenda and Ron Robinson (11:00)
 Acolyte: Hackett Robertson (11:00)
 Media: Peyton Phillips
 Sound: Robert Hammon, Ann Lyles Tapscott, Alex Beaman,
 Jenna Hood



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Did you know? the history of the candle...

Shortly after Operation Desert Storm, a white candle was placed within the Chancel area of the sanctuary as a reminder to pray for peace among the nations, and for the protection and care of our military and their families. This light continues to shine each Sunday here at Fairhope UMC, just as it does today.

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THE LINK

Weekly Newsletter

July 4, 2021



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



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

In memory of

William A. Harper (Butgereit Mission Scholarships Fund) by
Thomas G. Howard, Sr.

Earl Irwin (Caring Ministries) by
Martin and Toni Rueter

Billy Kennedy (Caring Ministries) by
Dale and Judy Melton

David Lucas (Caring Ministries) by
Barker and Susan Stein

Jan Nall (Caring Ministries) by
John and Brenda Cravotto
Barker and Susan Stein
Dale and Judy Melton
Friends In Faith Sunday School Class
Mike and Rosie Lockwood

Chuck Robinson (Caring Ministries) by
Donald and Teresa Wadsworth
Dan and Marla Lumpkin





Pathways

FAIRHOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pathways!

...Finding your way to community at Fairhope UMC; visitors, new members, longtime members...anyone is welcome who wants to know more or dive deeper!

Join us in August for these opportunities.
All classes taught in the Parlor on Sunday mornings, 9:45-10:45.

Marks of a Methodist

Sunday, August 8th

- Exploring faith in Jesus Christ and the distinctives of Methodism.
- How does the concept of “grace” mark who we are as God’s people?
- Church “membership” through the lens of covenant-making.
- Facilitated by Dr. Darren McClellan

Finding your Fit

Sunday, August 15th

- Learning about how spiritual gifts function within the body of Christ.
- Exploring the results of a spiritual gifts inventory.
- How do spiritual gifts, passion, life experiences and personality work together to prepare you for service?
- Learning about opportunities to serve at Fairhope UMC.
- Facilitated by Katie Turner

Conquering the Campus

Sunday, August 22nd

- Participate in a campus tour.
- Identify where staff offices are located.
- Learn where the various ministries take place on campus.
- Gain confidence that this is YOUR church...you are welcome here!
- Facilitated by Rev. Ontonio Christie, and friends...

Growing in Grace

Sunday, August 29th

- Establishing the disciplines of the Christian lifestyle.
 - Exploring tools for a healthy devotional life.
 - Exploring avenues for Christian accountability.
- Facilitated by Rev. Laura Parker

To register go to
www.fairhopeumc.org/pathways
or use this
QR CODE:





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.



THANK YOU KRISTIN CAPSTRAW

Thursday was Kristin's last day as our Children's Ministries Assistant. She served in this position for almost two years. She was wonderful to work with and I am grateful for the insight, ideas and compassion she brought to our children's programs. She will surely be missed but we're not saying good-bye. Kristin, Jason, Troy and Emery are faithful members of our Fairhope UMC family and we'll still be seeing them around the church! For that, I give thanks!

CHILDREN'S SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

During the summer months, we're having a 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 need 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>

Caring Ministries...

Flower Ministry: Picture of the flower arrangements from the Sanctuary flowers that were on the altar this past week. When you place flowers on the altar for Sunday, you have an opportunity to take them home or leave them and to be disassembled and made into smaller arrangements to be delivered to someone to bring a smile to their face.



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.

This Wednesday, July 7: Stop by Ann's office 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.

Stephen Ministry will be the cooking team for Wednesday night dinner. Come and join us!

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.

Meetings this week...

Caregivers Support Group will be meeting on Tuesday, July 6, at 9:30 am upstairs in the library. A zoom option is available by contacting Dr. Ann Pearson.

Prayer Planning Team will be meeting on Tuesday, July 6 at 1:30 am in B114.



*May you find rest in God in these days of summer.
Love, Caring Ministries Fairhope UMC*

**I will refresh tired bodies; I'll restore tired souls.
Jeremiah 31:25**

Student Ministries...

FOMO

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

PLUG-IN TO STUDENT MINISTRY:

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

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.

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!

Missions Ministries...

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!



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

S U M M E R C O O K T E A M S N E E D E D !

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!**

FAIRHOPE RECREATION NEWS

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 & THURSDAYS, 8AM-11AM - SUNDAYS 2-4:00PM



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.