



Summer Time Fellowship!

Wednesday Nights, July 14, 21 and 28

Come join us for dinner at 5:00 pm! Don't MISS it!!!

Menu for July 14th

Fried Chicken, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Dessert



 **FAIRHOPE**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

COFFEE WITH THE PASTORS

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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 1ST
9:45 | CLC PARLOR**



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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
The Gathering: July 11, 2021

OPENING SONG

Let God Arise

Shea White, Praise Team

CALL TO WORSHIP

We will tell of your glorious deeds, O Lord, and the wonders that you have done.

Tell your children and their children's children to set their hope in God.

And not forget your works, O God, but keep your commandments.

Let us worship the Lord!

OPENING PRAYER

We incline our ears to the words of your mouth and tell of your glorious deeds. Your righteousness is like streams of goodness washing our soul. Purify the thoughts of our minds by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, and transform our actions by the gift of your son Jesus Christ. We appear now before you as children renewed by your mercy, and sing praises in response to your grace. *Amen.*

SINGING OUR PRAISES

King of My Heart
I Will Rise

CELEBRATING THE MINISTRY OF MICHELLE GRAHAM

OFFERING

I Have Decided

Children 4 years – 2nd grade can meet at the entrance to the gym for Children's Church.

They are to be picked up immediately following the service in room 2&3 (upstairs, CLC).

Nursery is also available for children 4 years and younger in the Education Building.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Oh Lord, our God, we believe that in the words of scripture we find timeless truths that teach us how to live. May the words we ponder today find a home in transformed hearts so that it is your love we show forth to the world. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

SERMON

"Created to Choose"

Rev. Laura Parker

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING SONG

Assisting in Worship Today: Rev. Laura Parker

Music: Shea White and Praise Band

Acolyte: Mary Stella Henderson

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



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Prayers for the People

Medical personnel and first responders



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(Online - \$10,837 ~ Mail/Personal delivery - \$14,831)

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Jeff White, Business Administrator



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PRELUDE

Nicaea

(Setting by Lorenz)

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

**Words of Gratitude for the ministry of Michelle Graham*

Dr. Robbie Rux, Chair, SPRC

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing praises to the Lord, O faithful ones, and give thanks to God's holy name.

Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!

My soul will praise you and not be silent, O Lord.

Let us worship God together.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, you choose for us goodness and wholeness.

You look on us with love and stretch out your hand.

Give us ears to hear what you command so that,

ready to do as you desire, we may see your guidance and protection

and come to love our neighbors as ourselves;

in the name of the One who heals by dying, Jesus our Savior. Amen.

HYMN

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Hymn #140

THE APOSTLES' CREED

GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

(arr. Pethel)

DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11:00)

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Give us ears, O God, to hear your word beyond our own expectations.

Let your Holy Spirit infuse us with insight, as we glory in your presence.

In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

GOSPEL LESSON

2 Kings 5:1-15a

HYMN OF PREPARATION

There is a Balm in Gilead

Hymn #375

SERMON

Who is in Command?

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

Hymn #605

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Cortège

(Gordon Young)

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in celebration of the marriage of Carianne Wright and Collin Farrell
who were married in our church on July 10, 2021.*

Assisting in Worship Today:

Dr. Darren M. McClellan, Dr. Ann Pearson

Music: Tom Hood, Sandy Tyer

Acolyte: (11:00) Sims Peters, Savannah Grace Jones

Media: Peyton Phillips

Sound: Robert Hammon, Ann Lyles Tapscott, Alex Beaman



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THE LINK

Weekly Newsletter

July 11, 2021



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SUBSCRIBE USING
THIS QR CODE WITH YOUR
PHONE CAMERA:





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.

EXPERIENCING GOD

Many people who have taken this study have found it to be life changing; also a great opportunity for couples to grow together! Through examination of biblical and contemporary illustrations, participants will understand and apply seven realities of experiencing God. This 13-week study by Henry Blackaby takes participants through 5 days of reading and study each week with a video and discussion during class. *Facilitated by Tony Caminiti. Wednesdays, 6:00-7:15 pm. Class begins August 18th. Cost of Materials: \$20.*

Contact bobbi.hobbs@fairhopeumc.org to register.



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. Antonio 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:





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 for July 25 and August 1! 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 Martha if you have any questions at martha.monckton@fairhopeumc.org.

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

BLUE LAKE SUMMER CAMP

This Thursday (July 15), 29 kids will board a bus and head to summer camp! They'll spend 3 days enjoying all that Blue Lake offers! The theme for camp is "Taste and See that the Lord is Good". Thank you to these faithful adults who are joining the kids - Jennifer Myrick, Mallory Gardner, Rachel Lovingood and Will Autrey! Next Sunday (July 18) during the 11:00 Gathering service, the campers will gather with Pastor Laura to talk about their experience!

Caring Ministries...

Prayer Ministry Update:

The prayer email chain has been such a help in keeping us connected with prayer requests and shared blessings. If you would like to be a part of this praying team and know when prayer requests are submitted to the church email Mary Lucas, marylucas501@gmail.com, and she will add you to the team. This team does not meet in person only communicates by email. This is a wonderful way to "Be Still and Know that He is God".

Support Group Ministries:

Grief Support Group meets each Monday from 3:00 – 4:00 pm in B-114. Suzanne Glass and Dr. Ann Pearson co-facilitate this group.

Survivors of Suicide (SOS) meets Monday, July 12 at 6:30 pm in Wesley Hall. A Zoom option is available upon request, contact Dr. Ann Pearson ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org for your Zoom invite.

Tough Dogs Cancer Support Group meets Tuesday, July 13 at 12:30 pm in B-114. Contact Dr. Ann Pearson 251-928-1148 for your Zoom option invite.

Bible Study:

A 3 week Bible study on Joshua begins July 19 on Mondays 1- 2:15 pm in Wesley Hall. Come and join in this time of spiritual learning.

Servants Needed for Calling:

If you would like to call our church family once a month to check on them please contact Dr. Ann Pearson at 251-928-1148 or ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org.

Hospital Visitation:

Let your Pastoral staff know when you are in the hospital so we can come and pray with you. We want to care for you.

Wednesdays in July:

Stop by Ann's office any Wednesday morning between 11:00 and 12:00 for conversation time with Ann. No appointment is needed.

Student Ministries...



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.

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!

HOW ARE WE SERVING?

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!



MISSIONS WILL BE COLLECTING NEW & GENTLY USED UNIFORMS.

WE ARE PARTNERING WITH THE FAIRHOPE POLICE DEPARTMENT & OTHER CHURCHES TO PROVIDE UNIFORMS, SCHOOL SUPPLIES, HAIR CUTS & OTHER ITEMS NEEDED TO START THE SCHOOL YEAR!

**ITEMS NEEDED:
NAVY OR WHITE POLOS
KHAKI OR NAVY SHORTS**

MISSIONS@FAIRHOPEUMC.ORG

FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK
SAVE THE DATE:
SUNDAY, JULY 25TH-SUNDAY, AUGUST 1ST

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO PROVIDE DINNER, HOST DINNER & OVERNIGHT HOST!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO SERVE
EMAIL MISSIONS@FAIRHOPEUMC.ORG**



SUMMER TIME FELLOWSHIP!

SUMMER COOK TEAMS NEEDED!

JULY
5:00PM

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

JULY 14TH, 21ST, & 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

**JULY 14TH MENU:
FRIED CHICKEN
POTATO SALAD
BAKED BEANS
DESSERT**

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.

CHURCH LIBRARY

"Love the Lord your God with all your mind."



Thank you everyone who made donations to our library during the pandemic. We have added some valuable additions to the stacks. In the future, if you would like to drop off reading material, please do not include books that have been highlighted, underscored, or have notes written in the margins. We do not keep these books, as they are very distracting to the reader.

The following list of books, audio books, and DVDs have been checked out for quite a while. Some of them have been out of circulation for years! Please check your home for the following titles and return to the church library. Other members have been waiting for them to check out. If you're not sure that it is a library book, look for a white spine label at the bottom of the spine.

ADULT BOOKS CHILDREN'S BOOKS AUDIO BOOKS & DVDs

Aloha

Great Bible Adventures - Walking
With Jesus

Patriots, Penn and the Freedom
Trail

Bizarre Bible Stories

Baby Bible: Teach Me to Sing and
Play

Paul the Apostle

Black

Ben the Beaver

The Purpose Driven Life

The Book of Revelation

The Bible in Pictures for Little Eyes

Parenting the Strong Willed Child

The Case for Christ

Bible Stories of Boys & Girls

The Best Question Ever

Christ's Imperatives

The Children's Bible

Discovering God's Will

C.S. Lewis: Defender of the Faith

The Boy With a Sling

God's Not Dead

Daniel and the Revelation

Daniel and the Lions

The Apocalypse

Doorway to a New Age

Fasting and Prayer

The Excellent Eleven

First Prayers

Jacob

The Five Love Languages

The Magician's Nephew

The New Testament

Fresh Power

My First Book About Jesus

One Who Was There -

Mary Magdalene
From Success to Significance
My First Book of Bible Animals
Moses
Ginger Snaps
Go Set a Watchman
Prayers and Graces
God's Stewards
Noah's Ark - A Golden Book
He Cares, He Comforts
Tarantula Toes (The Cul-de-Sac Kids, bk 13)
History of Methodism
There's a Duck in My Soup
The Holy Spirit and You
The Story of Creation
If You Want to Walk on Water
 You've Got to Get Out of the Boat
The Story of Noah's Ark
I'll Be Home for Christmas
Miracles of Jesus
In Quest of God's Power
Jesus Wants All of Me
The Interpreter's Bible (Volume 7)
My Good Night Storybook
It All Goes Back in the Box
God is Bigger Than the Boogie Man
It's Your Kid, Not a Gerbil
God's Paintbrush
Jews and Christians; A Troubled
 Family
John Wesley's Theology
Joseph
The Journey
The Last Lecture of Randy Pausch
Leota's Garden
The Letter to the Hebrews
Letters to Timothy, Titus, and
 Philemon
The Life and Words of St. Francis
 of Assisi
The Life of John Wesley

Living Water- An Anthology of
Letters of Direction
Logged on and Tuned Out
Lost Women of the Bible
Major United Methodist Beliefs
Man to Man
Maria (Von Trapp)
The Marriage Wish
The Meaning of Gifts
A Million Visions of Peace
Miriam
Like unto a Mustard Seed
The Most Important Place on Earth
News of the World (Large Print)
The Note
NRSV Study Bible
Romans
A Pocket Story of John Wesley
Sex Is Not a Four Letter Word
Shades of Blue
The Soul at Rest
Stories of Jesus
Stories to Tell in Children's Church
The Story of American Methodism
Teresa of Avila
Thinking in Pictures
Your Best Life Now
Your God is Too Small
Your People Shall Be My People
This Too Shall Pass
Through My Eyes (Tim Tebow, Large Print)
Tuesdays With Morrie
West to East
When I'm Afraid
Where the Crawdads Sing
Wild at Heart

