



**Come join us for dinner
Wednesday Nights
July 21 and 28
at 5:00 pm!
Don't Miss it!!!**





FAIRHOPE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
The Gathering: July 18, 2021

OPENING SONG

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise Team

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to the Lord with cheerful voices;

Enter God's gates with praise.

Gather before the Lord and rejoice;

We bless God's name always!

OPENING PRAYER

God of infinite tenderness and strong compassion, weave your will into the fabric of our lives.

Weave your joy into our songs, your peace into our prayers and your justice into our deeds.

Let this time of worship be a holy moment where the frayed edges of our lives are woven into a beautiful tapestry that comforts and blesses, inspires and renews.

God of infinite tenderness and strong compassion, weave your love into our service of praise.

AMEN.

SINGING OUR PRAISES

*Praise is Rising
Come Alive (Dry Bones)*

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

*Sharing from Blue Lake Summer Camp participants

OFFERING

Everything

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord God, as you spoke long ago
through the voices of your prophets,
speak to us here, speak to us now,
through the power of your Spirit
and the promise of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 8

SERMON

"A Heart to Praise"

Rev. Laura Parker

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING SONG

Assisting in Worship Today: Rev. Laura Parker

Music: Praise Band

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



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Prayers for the People

Medical personnel and first responders

Sympathies...

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Jeff White, Business Administrator



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**Come join our choir!
Fellowship, fun & worship!
*Rehearsals resume in August
every Wednesday at 6:30.*
Be part of our Disney Revue
concert on September 12th !**

**Contact Tom Hood at
251-928-1148 ext. 228**





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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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PRELUDE Piano Improvisation on “*Trading My Sorrows*” and “*Amazing Grace*”

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let all who reverence the Lord offer praise.

We shall praise the Lord in this holy place.

Magnify the Lord with me.

Let us exalt God’s name together.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Come, Lord Jesus, here where we have gathered in your name. We need to hear your voice and learn of you. Speak to us of gentleness and strength. In your compassion, draw us into your merciful embrace. Hush the distracting thoughts clamoring for attention in our minds. Center our spirits in your peace. Open our hearts to your wise teaching, that we may grow wise and strong in the ways of your kingdom.

HYMN *For the Beauty of the Earth* #92

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING *The Journey* (arr. by Martin)

DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN’S MOMENT (11:00)

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THE PSALTER

Psalms 32

Hymnal p. 766

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

#160

SERMON

“Well, Lord, To Tell You the Truth... “

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

O Happy Day, That Fixed My Choice

#391

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Piano Improvisation on “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in honor of my wife, Nancy, for our anniversary by Bob Grogan.*

Assisting in Worship Today:

Dr. Darren M. McClellan, Rev. Laura Parker, Emily Garner

Music: Tom Hood, John Richardson

Acolyte: (11:00) Hackett Robertson

Media: Peyton Phillips

Sound: Robert Hammon, Ann Lyles Tapscott, Alex Beaman



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A promotional poster for a church event. It features a blue and yellow background. On the left is a blue coffee cup with a black lid and a circular logo that says "GATHERING GROUNDS" around a cross. On the right, the text reads "FAIRHOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH" with a logo, followed by "COFFEE WITH THE PASTORS" in large, bold letters. Below this, it asks if you are new to the church or have questions about joining. At the bottom, a green box contains the date and time: "SUNDAY, AUGUST 1ST 9:45 | CLC PARLOR".

FAIRHOPE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

COFFEE WITH THE PASTORS

Are you new to Fairhope United Methodist Church?
Looking to join the church, or have questions about
the process? Join us for coffee!

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

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Stay connected!

THE LINK

Weekly Newsletter

July 18, 2021

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



Now hiring for these paid positions at Fairhope UMC:

Worship Assistant

Description: The Worship Assistant coordinates personnel, volunteers and activities in support of both Traditional Worship and the Gathering Contemporary Worship, as well as special worship services of the church (such as weddings, funerals and seasonal worship activities.) This includes, but is not limited to coordinating and supervising the following worship functions: Communion preparation and servers, Altar Guild, Usher Ministry, Sound Tech personnel, seasonal worship decorations, wedding directors / maintaining wedding policy.

Skills needed: Good people skills, willingness to recruit and manage volunteers, good organization skills.

Availability: 8-10 hours a week to include Tuesday mornings, 9:00-10:30 for Worship Planning and most Sunday mornings.

Reports to: Senior Pastor

For more information or to apply for this position: Contact Rev. Laura Parker, laura.parker@fairhopeumc.org or 251-928-1148.

Sound Tech:

Run the audio on Sunday mornings for Traditional worship services in the sanctuary. Time required: Typical shift is 1-1/2 hours with microphone check 30 minutes before the service begins. Training is provided for enthusiastic and motivated candidates. Mature, consistent and reliable teenagers welcome! \$25 per service.

For more information or to apply for this position: Contact Tom Hood, Music Minister, tom.hood@fairhopeumc.org or 251-928-1148.

Church Library News...

We have lots of books that have been checked out for quite a while. Please look around at your house to see if you may have some of these books. If you're not sure if it is a library book, look for a white spine label at the bottom of the spine. You can go to our website to find a complete listing of the books and DVDs that are missing.



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.

ONLY ONE BOOK CLUB SESSION LEFT!



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. Registration is also available through the website.

Caring Ministries...

Joshua Bible Study:

Joshua Bible Study Starts TOMORROW, July 19 at 1:00 pm in Wesley Hall. This is a 3-week study which will end August 2. Come and join this 1 hour and 15 minute class.

Prayer Updates:

Prayer Cards are back in the pews to submit your prayer requests and will be available on the desk before you enter worship in the CLC, Christian Life Center. You can drop them in the offering plates in the sanctuary and in the basket in the CLC. These cards will be prayed over by our prayer teams.

Our Prayer Room is available during office hours to come and pray over the prayer requests. Contact Nancy Myrick 251- 928-1868 if you would like to volunteer a day to come in and pray over the cards as we prepare to resume this part of our prayer ministry.

Our email prayer team is another way we have been able to stay connected through prayer requests and sharing blessings. If you would like to be a part of this praying team and know when prayer request are submitted to the church for church and community needs contact Mary Lucas, marylucas501@gmail.com, and she can add you to the team.

Durable Medical Equipment:

Remember this outreach ministry of loaning medical equipment has been a true blessing to our community and church family over the years. If you need equipment or would like to donate equipment contact Hazel Odom through our church office 251-928-1148.

Servants Needed for Calling:

We are waiting on you to call and let us know if you would like to contact our church family once a month. You are not asking for anything just checking in with each family. Contact Dr. Ann Pearson at 251-928-1148 or ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org if you can volunteer your time.

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:

Ann is available in her office for drop in conversations with No appointment needed. Look forward to visiting with you so drop by to visit with Dr. Ann.



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>

Help us Celebrate Michelle Graham's Ministry!!!

We are pleased to announce that the Fairhope UMC Trustees have approved the construction of the Michelle Graham Gaga Ball Pit as a lasting reminder on our campus of Michelle's more than ten-year investment in the lives of our children. Our budget for the supplies needed to build this is approximately \$2500. We have established a fund to raise the money needed and hope you will consider giving in honor of Michelle Graham.

What is Gaga Ball, you may ask? According to Wikipedia, Gaga is a variant of dodgeball that is played in a gaga "pit". The game combines dodging, striking, running, and jumping, with the objective of being the last person standing. Players hit the ball at each other with their hands, and are eliminated if the ball strikes them on or below the knee. Our children (and many adults) have become proficient at Gaga Ball through hours of enjoyment at Blue Lake battling for bragging rights! Whether you are in the pit or outside cheering the players on, it will provide much enjoyment on our church campus for "children" of all ages.

Please give generously and mark funds

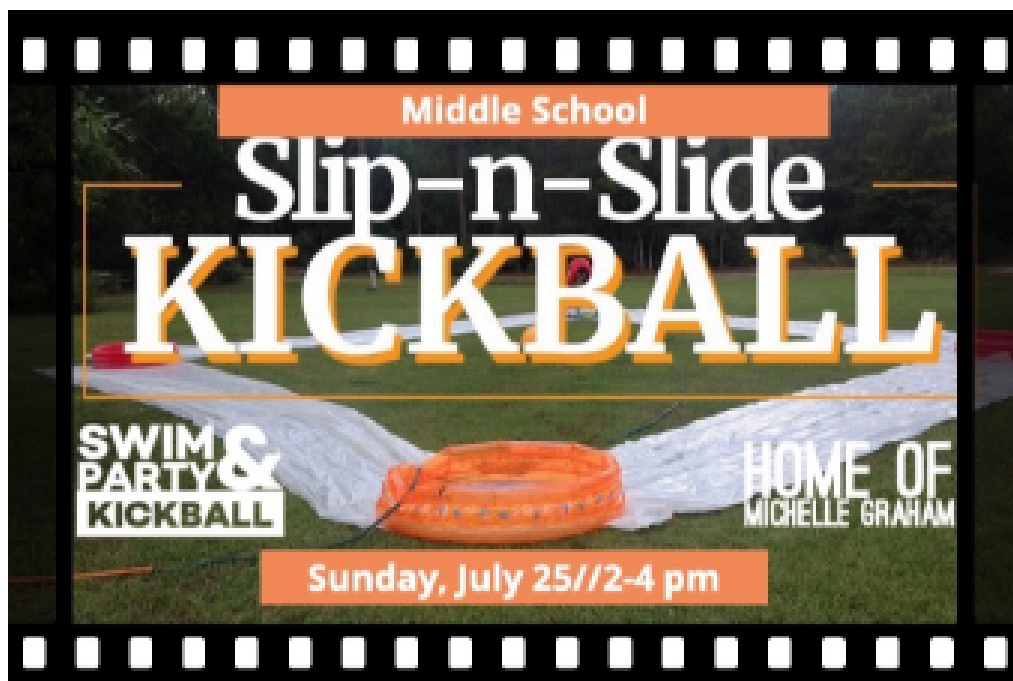
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Student Ministries...



Neon Night
Sunday, July 18th
7:30 pm-9:00 pm
CLC/7-12 grade

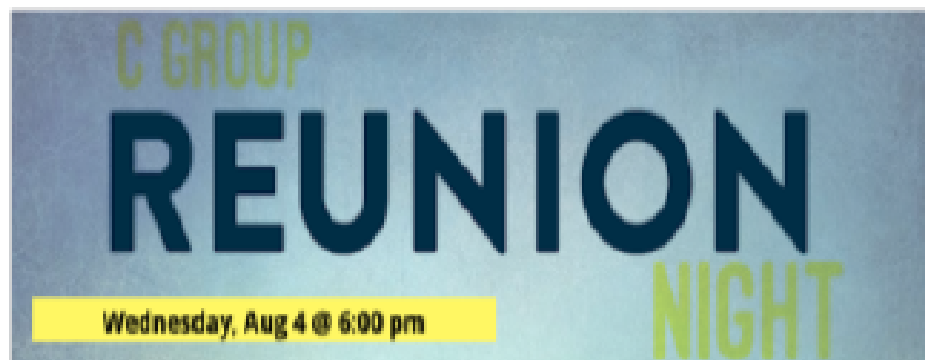
Join our group for a Neon Night at the CLC on Sunday, July 18th! Glow-In-the-Dark 9-Square in the Air, Glow in the Dodgeball, DJ and more. Don't miss out on the fun and wear your NEON! No reservations required but please bring a 2-liter drink and a snack to share.



Join our middle school youth for a swim party & slip n'slide dodgeball game at the home of Michelle Graham on Sunday, July 25th. You can make your reservation on our youth page of our church website.



Join the High School youth as we travel to an escape room and dinner in Orange Beach on Sunday, July 25th. Please make your reservation on our youth page of our church website no later than July 22nd.



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.



Join the student ministry for Dinner, Bible Study and Volleyball on Wednesday nights at 5:15 in July! Dinner begins serving at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall and the Bible Study starts at 5:30 in the Attic. For more questions, check in with Rachael Waldhour or in the Groupme for your grade.

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!



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 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

FAIRHOPE RECREATION NEWS

Recreation Ministry at Fairhope United Methodist Church

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

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.

Registration is currently underway!!

To register, go to <https://registration.upward.org/UPW80172>.

Or scan the QR Code to be taken to online registration.

Practices will begin on Aug. 9 and first games will begin on Aug. 30.



SUMMER COED VOLLEYBALL—WEDNESDAYS, 6-8pm



Come to supper on Wednesdays in July and stay 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, 8am-11am & 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.