



Come join us for dinner
this WednesdayNight
July 28
at 5:00 pm!
No Reservations Necessary!
Don't Miss it!!!





FAIRHOPE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
The Gathering: July 25, 2021

OPENING SONG

All Because of Jesus

Shea White, Praise Team

CALL TO WORSHIP

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Let us lift to God our songs, our prayers, our praises.

Come, let us honor Christ Jesus.

Let us love Christ with our hearts, our minds, our spirits.

Come, let us be filled with the Spirit of the Living God.

Breathe in us, Breath of God. Alleluia.

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, we gather this morning in this place of worship. We come as we are, sometimes distracted and weary, but willing to be expectant, opening our hearts to hope and grace. Speak to us, Spirit of Life, in word and song, and also in quiet moments. Let us be renewed in our faith and strengthened for your service. This we ask in Christ's name. Amen.

SINGING OUR PRAISES

*Our God
Trust In You*

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

OFFERING

God Gave Me You

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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

Your Word is our wisdom;
it gives us insight, strength, and courage.
Open our hearts and our minds on this day,
that we might receive what you want to give.
Speak, Lord! Your people listen! **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Proverbs 31:10-31

SERMON

"A Worthy Example"

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

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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Grace to You,

Darren



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PRELUDE Piano Improvisation on *"All Creatures of Our God and King"*

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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HYMN *Leaning On the Everlasting Arms*

#133

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS ~ Jerry and Cheri Forte

THE APOSTLES' CREED

GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING *Come To Me and Rest*
Choir

(arr. by Larson)

DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11:00)

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GOSPEL LESSON

Proverbs 3:1-8

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Rock of Ages Cleft for Me

#361

SERMON

"A Word from the Wise"

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

I Am Thine, O Lord

#419

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Piano Improvisation on "*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*"

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in honor of Bill Calhoun "Pappy" for his 85th birthday!
With love, from his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.*

Assisting in Worship Today:

Dr. Darren M. McClellan, Rev. Ontonio Christie

Music: Tom Hood, John Richardson

Media: Peyton Phillips

Sound: Robert Hammon, Ann Lyles Tapscott, Alex Beaman



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Stay connected!

THE LINK

Weekly Newsletter

July 25, 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 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:





DIVE DEEPER WITH SMALL GROUP DISCIPLESHIP

***WATCH YOUR WEEKLY LINK!**
**MORE SMALL GROUPS COMING
SOON.**

EXPERIENCING GOD

God is at work around you! Will you join Him? Many people who have taken this study have found it to be life-changing; great for individuals, but also an opportunity for couples to grow together! 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.*

FAST TRACK DISCIPLE 1 *BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH BIBLE STUDY*

An intensive 24-week survey of the Old & New Testaments. Activities include daily reading and study and weekly small group meetings featuring an informational video presentation. This is a pre-requisite to any other Disciple studies. Facilitated by Rev. Laura Parker. Begins September 15th. **Wednesdays, 6:00-7:15 pm. Cost of Materials: \$30.**

EPIC OF EDEN

This is a 12-week study from Old Testament scholar, Dr. Sandra Richter. Through text and video teaching, Dr. Richter brings a new dimension to the history of the ancient Near East, orienting participants in time, geography, culture, redemption, and relevance for today. The Epic of Eden video study is ideal for anyone eager for a strategic grasp of the good, the bad, and the ugly of the Old Testament and how it relates to God's activity in the present. **Past participants say this is the best Old Testament study they have ever taken!!** *Facilitated by Linda Smith. Tuesdays, 10:00-11:30 am. Orientation September 7th @ 10 am; First Meeting September 21st. Cost of Materials: \$20.*

Please note: Nursery can be provided upon request for children 4 years and under. Wednesday activities for all ages begin September 15th.

Registration by email, phone or through the church website.
bobbi.hobbs@fairhopeumc.org | 251-928-1148 | fairhopeumc.org



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.

Caring Ministries...

Joshua Bible Study...

Feel free to drop in for the Joshua Bible Study, which continues on Mondays at 1:00 pm in Wesley Hall. This week we will start with Chapter 5. We welcome you for this time of spiritual learning.

Support Group Meetings...

Grief Group Support meets every Monday at 3:00 pm in Wesley Hall. For more information, contact Dr. Ann Pearson at 251-928-1148 or ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org.

Survivors of Suicide (SOS) will meet on Monday, July 26 at 6:30 pm in Wesley Hall. We are meeting in person and a Zoom option is available also. For more information, contact Dr. Ann Pearson at 251-928-1148 or ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org for your invite.

Tough Dogs Cancer Support Group will be meeting Tuesday, July 27 at 12:30 pm in Wesley Hall. A Zoom option is also available by contacting Dr. Ann Pearson

Lord's Pantry

Thank you to all who have given to this ministry and thank you to the team who faithfully serve each week by preparing the food boxes. This is a wonderful asset in our community.



Wednesdays with Ann...

Each Wednesday in July I invite you to come and visit with me in my office from 11-12 each week. It's a time for conversation and visiting with one other.

Prayer Cards Available....

Please note the Prayer cards are back in the pews in the sanctuary and on the desk right outside of the worship space in the CLC. You may put your prayer cards in the offering plate in the sanctuary and in the Prayer box at the CLC.

If you would like to be a part of FUMC prayer team please contact Dr. Ann Pearson 251-928-1148.

Hospital Visitation...

Let us know when you are in the hospital. Your pastoral staff would love the opportunity to come and pray with you.



CHILDREN'S SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Only 2 more Sundays of 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 need two adults to help on the last Sunday – August 1st! Please contact Olivia Estes if you can serve – olivia.estes@fairhopeumc.org.**



A new school year is about to begin and that means a new year of children's Sunday School as well! **August 8th is Promotion Sunday** when children move to their new grade level class. With 8 classes for children ages 3 years – 6th grade and two teachers needed for each one every Sunday, we are in need of 80 teachers. Yes – 80! Would you prayerfully consider a journey with our children this year as they learn and grow in God's Word?

- You choose the class you'd like to teach.
- You are asked to serve JUST ONE SUNDAY A MONTH (August 8, 2021 - June 12, 2022).
- You do not need to have a child or grandchild in the class you teach.
- Each lesson is easy to follow and everything you need is prepared and ready in the room when you arrive.

Want to learn more? Call Martha Monckton in the church office at 928-1148 and ask her to email you the details!



Sunday, August 8th

YES! Bring your backpacks to church! During the Children's Moment at both 11:00 worship services, students of all ages, teachers, administrators and support staff will be asked to come forward for a special time of prayer for the new school year.

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

for "Gaga Ball Fund" or "Michelle Graham Fund."

Student Ministries...

SOFA WARS **Sunday, July 25** **6:00-8:00 pm**

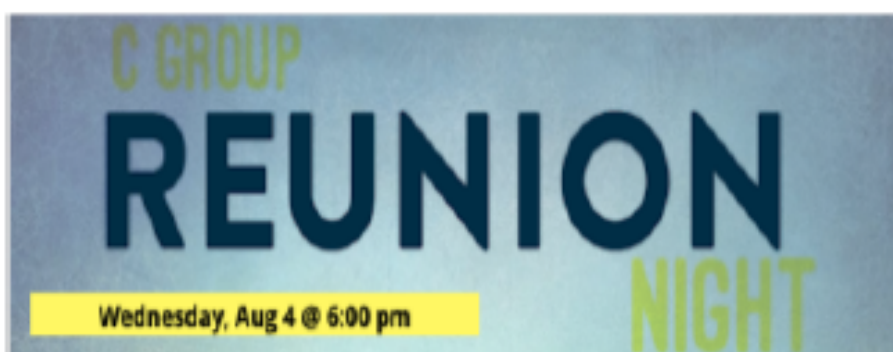
Join the group this Sunday night for the ultimate scavenger hunt downtown Fairhope. Meet at the CLC to form your teams and head out to search for the best spot to park your sofa for the most creative photo points. We can't wait to see you then!

Our original events scheduled for Middle and High School youth have been postponed until Sunday, August 8 due to a shortage in chaperones. Parents, if you can serve as a chaperone for any upcoming youth event, please let us know. We cannot do ministry without you!



Our final week of dinner, Bible Study and Volleyball on Wednesday night is this week at 5:15pm! They begin serving dinner at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall and the Bible Study starts at 6:00 in the Attic. For more information, check-in with Rachael Waldhour or the Groupme App for your grade.

*****NO STUDENT MINISTRY ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 1. WE WILL RETURN ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4.**



We missed you this summer and your C-Group leaders did as well! Check-in, reconnect and share your stories from summer on Wednesday, August 4 @ 6:00 pm. The important details for the evening will vary for every grade, therefore, they will be announced within the GROUPME app only.

If you are new to our church family or if you haven't participated in Community Groups (C-Group) before, please email rachael.waldhour@fairhopeumc.org to let me know you're interested! If you are a rising 7th grader, you or your parent will receive a text from Rachael inviting you to join the GROUPME app. *Please join with the groupme invitation even if you are hesitant of your time commitment to Wednesday C-Group.* This app will keep you up-to-date on ALL programming as we release the important details!



The new school year is ahead and it's time to get plugged-in! Parents, did you know that you and your students can stay connected and hear about ALL the activities in student ministry as they're first announced? If you are on social media, follow us:

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"

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

FAMILIES WILL BE STAYING AT THE DAY CENTER IN SUMMERDALE. OUR PLAN TO PROVIDE GIFT CARDS TO THE 3 FAMILIES CURRENTLY IN THE PROGRAM. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PROVIDING GIFT CARDS, PLEASE CONTACT JENNIFER MYRICK OR LANNY SIMMONS



SUMMER TIME FELLOWSHIP!

JULY
5:00PM

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

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

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.