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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
The Gathering: August 8, 2021

OPENING SONG

When We Pray

Shea White, Praise Team

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

You, who did not withhold your own Son, will you not also give us all things through him?

Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, we do not know how to pray as we ought, but as Christ intercedes on our behalf we are emboldened to come before your throne of grace. You make us mindful of your bountiful care as each morning we arise to greet the dawn of a new day. As we enter the sanctuary we behold your countenance in the eyes of sisters and brothers. As your Word is read and proclaimed we hear how you have been faithful throughout the ages. May you be pleased with our offerings of praise and thanksgiving as we respond to your goodness in thought, word, and deed. *Amen.*

SINGING OUR PRAISES

Promises

Power To Redeem

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

OFFERING

Known

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Calm us now, O Lord, into a quietness that heals and listens. Open wounded hearts to the balm of your Word. Speak to us in clear tones so that we might feel our spirits leap for joy and skip with hope as your resurrection witnesses. **Amen.**

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 8:26–39

SERMON

"Praying as We Ought?"

Rev. Antonio Christie

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING SONG

Assisting in Worship Today: Rev. Antonio Christie, Rev. Laura Parker

Music: Shea White and Praise Band

Acolyte: Savannah Grace Jones

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



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PRELUDE

In the Garden

(Justice)

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Now is the moment of grace. This is the hour of blessing.

Today is the day of salvation. Here is the path to new life.

Already joy is abounding, and love is flowing.

For this is the day God is making. Let us rejoice in God's holy presence.

OPENING PRAYER

Oh God, we come together today, not in our own strength,

but in the power and knowledge that your spirit abides within and among us.

As we stand in this place, we acknowledge this moment is holy

and you are at work in our midst.

Ignite in us gifts of hope and joy so that the blessings of this hour

may draw others to the Holy God we serve. Amen

HYMN No. 400

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS (11:00) Jerry and Betty Bruce, Charlie and Sarah Savery

THE APOSTLES' CREED

GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

We thank you Lord for the children and youth in this church and our community. We thank you for those who will be teaching them and leading their schools.

Thank you Lord.

As this new school year begins, please bless them with your wisdom and strength.

Bless them Lord.

Help them show your love to everyone.

Help them Lord.

Keep them safe and healthy.

Protect them Lord.

Guide the students as they learn and the teachers as they teach.

Guide them Lord.

May they always honor You in all they do, think and say.

Thank you Lord.

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OFFERING *Three Spirituals Harp Solo* (arr. McDonald/Wood)
Rebekah Atkinson, soloist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you, eyes to behold you, ears to listen for your word, a heart to love you, and a life to proclaim you, through the power of the spirit of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

THE PSALMER Psalms 14 UMH No. 746

HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 356 *When We Are Living*

SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 1:1-7, 16-17

SERMON *"Getting it Right"* Dr. Darren M. McClellan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN No. 368 *My Hope Is Built*

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Beethoven

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of loved ones by Peggy Sagan and family.*

Assisting in Worship Today:

Dr. Darren M. McClellan, Rev. Laura Parker, Dr. Ann Pearson

Music: Tom Hood, Rebekah Atkinson, Marion McKnight

Acolytes: Sims Peters, Hackett Robertson (11:00)

Media: Peyton Phillips

Sound: Robert Hammon, Alex Beaman, Joshua McClellan



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THE LINK

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August 8, 2021



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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 remaining opportunities.
All classes taught in the Fellowship Hall on
Sunday mornings, 9:45-10:40.**

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

**Register for one or all three at 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.

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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...

Support Groups...

Survivors of Suicide (SOS) meets Monday August 9 at 6:30 pm in Wesley Hall socially distanced and wearing masks. A zoom option is available by contacting Dr. Ann Pearson.

Tough Dogs Cancer Care Support Group meets Tuesday August 10 12:30 pm in the Church Library. Contact Dr. Pearson to receive your Zoom invite.

Grief Support Group meets each Monday in B-114 from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm as we navigate those very difficult times in our lives.

Servants Needed...

If you have the gift of telephone calling, this ministry needs your time. Caring ministries is making every attempt to contact our members by phone every couple of months to check in to see if there are any needs. For more information, contact Dr. Ann Pearson for more information about this opportunity to serve.

Hospital Visitation...

Remember to let us know when you are in the hospital so we can come and pray with you.



PROMOTION SUNDAY

Today is Children's Ministries Promotion Sunday! Children 3 years old – 6th grade move up to their new classroom. Sunday School meets 9:45-10:40am in these locations:

3-year olds (room B118), 4-year olds (room B107) ~ Education Building, 1st Floor
Lower Elementary (K-4th grade) ~ Education Building, 2nd Floor, children's hallway
Upper Elementary: SWIFT (5th & 6th grade) ~ CLC, 2nd Floor, Room 3

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Sunday, August 22nd | 11:00am Combined Service | CLC

During our annual Mission Sunday worship service at 11:00, third graders will receive the gift of a Bible from our congregation. If you are a parent of a third grader and you did not receive a letter regarding the presentation, contact Martha in the church office at 928-1148.

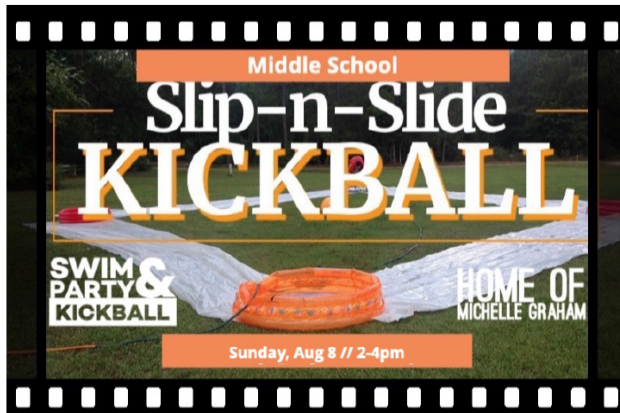
Help us Celebrate Michelle Graham's Ministry!!!

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...



MIDDLE SCHOOL (7-8 grade) STUDENTS this Sunday, August 8th is our **BACK TO SCHOOL** party for YOU! We cannot wait to see you guys! Everyone will meet at the home of Bruce & Michelle Graham for **Slip N Slide Kickball** from **2:00-4:00 pm**. Wear a swim suit & bring a towel and come ready to swim, hang-out and play kickball with your friends! **WARNING:** this will get **MESSY!** Sign-up now and & we will send

the address to you on Saturday. Parents, we always need chaperones! If you are able to help us out on Sunday evenings this fall, please email rachael.waldhour@fairhopeumc.org. I look forward to hearing from you!



HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 grade) STUDENTS this Sunday, August 8th is our **BACK TO SCHOOL** party for YOU! We cannot wait to see you guys! Everyone will meet at the home of Bruce & Michelle Graham for **Slip N Slide Kickball** from **6:00-8:00 pm**. Wear a swim suit & bring a towel and come ready to swim, hang-out and play kickball with your friends! **WARNING:** this will get **MESSY!** Sign-up now and & we will send the address to you on Saturday. Parents, we always need chaperones! If you are able to help us

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Wednesday Nights//6:30-7:45pm

(Begins September 1st)

7th-12th grade

Community Groups are for students in grades 7-12. We provide an opportunity for every person committed to attending C-Groups to grow deeper in their faith with a community of believers their own age to support & pray with them. Every C-Group will have 2 adult leaders committed to walking their faith journey with them. Our C-Groups launch on Wednesday, September 1st @ 6:30-7:45pm. The 10-12 grade C-Groups will

meet off campus every Wednesday in a host home with their adult small group leaders. The 7-9 grade C-Groups will meet on-campus upstairs in the CLC. Sign-up is now open for the 2021-22 school year.



A 6-Week Study on Worry & Anxiety for 7th Grade Teen Girls+ Mother

Led by:

Robyn Koser, LPC

Lynette Mattina, Integrative Coaching, Movement & Yoga

Rachael Waldhour, Director of Student Ministry

Study Overview

This fall we will host a 6-week pilot class on Worry & Anxiety for both 7th Grade girls and their respective moms. Each week the class will include a session for both moms and daughters separately on Yoga & Mindful movement then a follow-up discussion on a book written by Sissy Goff. The teen girls will use the book "Brave" and moms will use "Raising Worry Free Girls." **We will begin on Sunday, September 12 and end October 24 and each week the class meets 3:00-5:00 pm.** The cost is \$50 per person which covers a weekly yoga & movement class led by Lynette Mattina. The books for both mom and daughter are available on Amazon.

How to Register

Registration for this course will open on August 1st @ 8:00 am. We have a limited space in our pilot class. We only have space for 10 (7th grade girls and their moms) in our first

class. Once you register, you will receive a confirmation email that you are in the class or a notification that you have been placed on the waitlist. We realize that a class like this one is unique and identifies a real need in our community. Therefore, we will be offering this class another time during the year. We completely understand that it could be an incredibly useful tool for teen girls of all ages and we are looking for ways to offer it to that group as well.



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"

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!



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR BACK TO SCHOOL BASH!
OVER 300 SETS OF UNIFORMS HAVE BEEN GIVEN OUT SO FAR!



WE ARE GRATEFUL TO HAVE PARTNERED WITH FAIRHOPE POLICE DEPARTMENT, FAIRHOPE BAPTIST CHURCH & OTHER AREA CHURCHES TO SERVE CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY!
WE ARE CONTINUING TO SERVE CHILDREN THROUGH DHR & BALDWIN COUNTY CAREHOUSE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THIS MINISTRY.

