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FAIRHOPE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
The Gathering: August 15, 2021

OPENING SONG

Everlasting God

Jeff White, Praise Team

CALL TO WORSHIP

Have you not known?

Even youths will faint and be weary,

and the young will fall exhausted;

but we who wait for the Lord shall renew our strength.

Have you not heard?

We shall mount up with wings like eagles.

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

We shall run and not be weary.

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

We shall walk and not be faint.

They who wait for the Lord.

We who wait for the Lord.

OPENING PRAYER

Powerful God, from the very beginning you blessed creation. You have loved and shielded your people through all joys and trials of life. We come to you this day, rejoicing in the many blessings you have given to us. We open our hearts again to hear your word for us and to gather strength and joy for service in your world. Make us fully aware of all our blessings and our responsibilities. Give us again a spirit of joy in serving you. *Amen.*

SINGING OUR PRAISES

*God You Reign
Our God*

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

OFFERING

There Is None Like You

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of our deepest strength,
as we breathe in the words of ancient poets and prophets,
refresh our hearts and minds

so we might hear these words in new ways...
so we might struggle with those words long enough to understand them...
so we might understand the depth of your love for us.
so we might be renewed to go and be and do. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 40:21-31

SERMON

"Do You Not Know?"

Rev. Antonio Christie

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING SONG

Assisting in Worship Today: Rev. Antonio Christie, Dr. Darren McClellan

Music: Jeff White and Praise Band

Acolyte: Hackett Robertson

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



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Jeff White, Business Administrator



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PRELUDE

Lord Jesus Christ, Turn Thou to Us

Walther

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved of God, live as children of the light.

We clothe ourselves with faith and love, and the hope of salvation.

Christ died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we may live with Christ.

We give thanks for Christ's saving work.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN #384

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

THE APOSTLES' CREED

GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING

Amazing Grace

(arr. Courtney)

DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11:00)

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. **Amen.**

GOSPEL LESSON

Colossians 3:12-17

HYMN OF PREPARATION #408

The Gift of Love

SERMON

"Let's Get Dressed"

Rev. Laura Parker

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN #388

O Come and Dwell in Me

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Come, Creator God, Holy Spirit

Walther

Assisting in Worship Today:

Rev. Laura Parker

Liturgists: Dr. Darren M. McClellan (8:30), Dr. Ann Pearson (11:00)

Music: Tom Hood, John Richardson

Media: Peyton Phillips

Sound: Robert Hammon, Ann Lyles Tapscott, Colin Richardson & Alex Beaman

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THE LINK

Weekly Newsletter

August 15, 2021

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THIS QR CODE WITH YOUR
PHONE CAMERA:





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

STARTS THIS WEDNESDAY. REGISTER BY AUGUST 16 AT NOON.

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. Room B204. 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.*

****** JUST ADDED TO THE FALL LINEUP...**

A DISCIPLE'S PATH

Deepen your relationship with Christ and the Church. *A Disciple's Path* is a 6-week study that combines a Wesleyan understanding of our growth in God's love and grace with the practice of spiritual disciplines of prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. **A Disciple's Path Workbook** offers six weeks of daily readings (five per week), Scripture, a message for the day, and prompts for personal reflection. A special introductory session includes material on the history, beliefs, and structure of The United Methodist Church. Cost of materials: \$10

Two options will be offered, both beginning Wednesday, September 15th:

- **Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30 am. Facilitated by Doug and Emily Garner**
- **Wednesdays, 6:00-7:15 pm. Facilitated by Rev. Antonio Christie.**

"PASTOR'S CLASS" *UMC 101*

All are invited to join Pastor Darren for an interactive Bible study and discussion of the historic theology, beliefs, and mission of the United Methodist Church. As a supplement to our customary Wednesday Bible study, each session will explore the Wesleys' vision of 'scriptural Christianity' as found in the prayers, hymns, essays and sermons of John and Charles Wesley. We are getting back to our roots, friends! Come and join us for a lively renewal of the mind and heart. Begins September 15th in the Fellowship Hall immediately following supper. **Wednesdays, 6:10-7:10 pm. Books may be offered but will be optional. No registration necessary.**

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.

bobbie.hobbs@fairhopeumc.org ~ 251-928-1148 ~ fairhopeumc.org



ONLY ONE BOOK CLUB SESSION LEFT!



The Vanishing Half, Britt Bennett (August 17th, 5:30-6:30, Fellowship Hall)

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.

Caring Ministries...

"*Hope in Times of Change Leaning on Jesus*," an encouraging pamphlet has been mailed to you! Change is one of life's constants. Some changes are welcome; while others are not. But through each transition our changeless Savior is with you. This book provides comfort and support for anyone navigating life's many transitions, large and small. It includes encouraging Scriptures, heartfelt prayers, and words of encouragement, all anchored in the unchanging truths of God's Word.



Prayer Cards...

Let us know how our prayer team can be praying for you. It is one way to connect the body of Christ. Prayer cards are available in the sanctuary, elevator lobby and at the CLC.

Support Groups meeting this week:

Grief Group meets each Monday from 3-4:00 pm in B114.

Caregivers Support Group meets Tuesday, August 17 at 9:30 am in the Church Library. For your Zoom invite, contact Dr. Ann Pearson ~ 251-928-1148 or ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org.



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

Our third graders will receive the gift of a Bible from the congregation during next Sunday's Ministries Celebration worship service. Also, 6th grader Jackson Strunk will share his experience of serving our community during this summer's Rocky Railway VBS!



This school year, our Wednesday night programs are back and offer kids the opportunity to
WORSHIP God through music and song,
 study God's
WORD to strengthen their growing faith,
 and
WONDER how it all applies to their daily lives.

As children connect with one another and participate in fun, meaningful activities, adult leaders guide and encourage them to draw closer to Jesus – to know Him, trust Him and follow His example of love, forgiveness and compassion for others. ADULTS NEEDED TO SERVE IN ALL THESE PROGRAMS!

WHO	WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
K-2 nd grade	Choir	4:15-5:00pm	Sanctuary
	Pier	6:00-7:15pm	Ed Bldg, Room B217
3 rd & 4 th Grade	Choir	4:15-5:00pm	Sanctuary
	Pier34	6:00-7:15pm	Ed Bldg, Wesley Hall
5 th & 6 th Grade	Choir	4:15-5:00pm	Sanctuary
	SWIFT	6:00-7:30pm	CLC, Attic (upstairs)

* Nursery available for younger children who have parents/caregivers who are on campus participating in an adult study/ministry or serving in a children/youth program.

Online registration will be available soon on the church website! Parents will receive an email with the registration link. Contact Tom Hood for questions regarding children's choir and Michelle Graham for questions regarding Pier, Pier34 and SWIFT. Both can be reached at 928-1148.

Student Ministries...



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

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!



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.

