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The Gathering: September 19, 2021

OPENING SONG

Glorious One

Shea White, Praise Team

CALL TO WORSHIP

God, you are here when we arrive,
and you are here when we leave.

**You move with us into new places,
and you give us glimpses of the home
for which we are looking.**

You call out our names
as though each of us were
the one lost child
for whom you were searching.

**Your face lights up
when you see us coming into your presence.**

Now God we want to prepare a home for you.

We are looking for you.

Hear us calling your name to be with us.

**Watch our faces light up
when we recognize your presence.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Father in heaven, in your goodness
you pour out on your people all that they need,
and satisfy those who persist in prayer.
Make us bold in asking, thankful in receiving,
tireless in seeking, and joyful in finding,
that we may always proclaim your coming kingdom
and do your will on earth as in heaven. Amen.**

SINGING OUR PRAISES

*Good God Almighty
Forgiven*

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

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All My Hope

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FIRST LESSON

Matthew 18:21-33

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:16-20

SERMON

"Forgive Us... As We Forgive"

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING SONG

No Hard Feelings

Assisting in Worship Today: Dr. Darren M. McClellan

Acolytes: Jackson Strunk, Ellie Strunk

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Sermon Notes—The Dance of Forgiveness

Truth – Telling

Acknowledging Anger

Concern for the Other

Recognizing, Remembering, Repenting

Commitment to Change

Hope for the Future

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PRELUDE

Draw Us to Thee

Walther

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

The love of God has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us;

we dwell in him and he in us.

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;

make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him,

and speak of all his marvelous works.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,

who was and is and is to come!

— based on Psalm 105:1-2; Romans 5:5; Revelation 4:8

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Jesus prayed that we, the church, would be one, just as he and the Father are one. Today we offer our praise and prayer together, as one body, in Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit. In harmony, let us glorify God – Father, Son, and Spirit. AMEN.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #64 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

*GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING

Spirit Come Down

(by Hayes)

*DOXOLOGY

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FIRST READING

John 14:15-21, 25-27

HYMN OF PREPARATION #331

Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us

SECOND READING

John 17:20-26

SERMON

The Holy Spirit, This Holy Church

Rev. Laura Parker

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CLOSING HYMN #547

O Church of God, United

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Praise God the Lord, Ye Sons of Men

Walther

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Sylvia Rhea by her family.*

Assisting in Worship Today:

Rev. Laura Parker, Rev. Ontonio Christie

8:30 Acolytes: Elliot Determann, Judd Determann Crucifier: Shep Searcy

11:00 Acolytes: Savannah Grace Jones, Sims Peters

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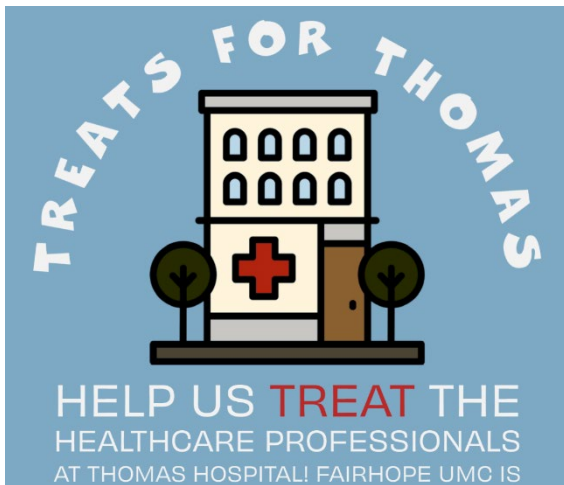
Bible Study...

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Support Ministry Groups...

Grief Group meets each Monday at 3:00 pm in B114 in the Education Building. Contact the church office and they will be happy to show you where the class meets. Suzanne Glass and Dr. Ann Pearson are facilitating this group.

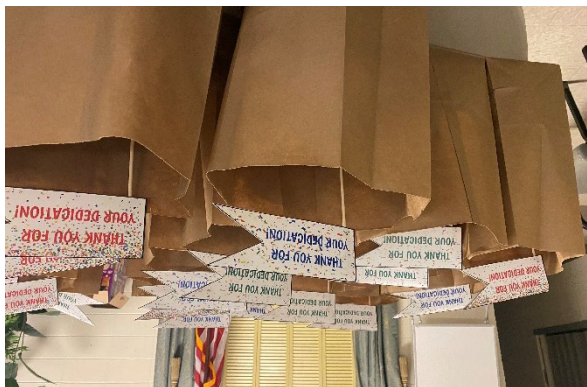
Caregiver's Support Group is meeting Tuesday, September 21 at 9:30 am in the Church Library. A zoom option is available upon request from Dr. Ann Pearson, ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org.



Yall are doing great in providing snacks! Know that if you would like to make a donation the team will purchase snacks. Mark your check payable to FUMC and the memo line snacks for Thomas, Caring Ministries. We can all help and support in so many ways. Thank you dear church family.

A delivery was made on Wednesday, September 15th.





Online registration remains open for all these programs – the link is provided below! If you have an interest in serving in one of these programs, please contact Michelle Graham at 928-1148. As always, you do not need to have a child in children's ministries to serve!

Children's Choir: K-6th grade | Wednesdays - 4:15-5:00pm | Pier Room B217 (Ed Bldg, 2nd floor)

- * The first meeting was last Wednesday – a great group of kids had a wonderful time with Mr. Tom!
- * New friends always welcome! Pre-registration is greatly appreciated.
- * Children enjoy learning different kinds of worship music which will be sung in various Sunday services. Their first time singing in a service will be Sunday, October 3 during The Gathering at 11:00am in the CLC. They will sing The Lord's Prayer.

SWIFT: 5th & 6th grade | Wednesdays - 6:00-7:30pm | Attic (CLC, 2nd floor)

- * The first meeting was last Wednesday. The group learned what a typical night of SWIFT will be like then discussed ideas for mission projects and social events. A Pizza & Pool Party is being planned – date to be determined! Parents will receive an email with details.
- * New friends always welcome! Pre-registration is greatly appreciated.
- * Students will learn and know how it feels to own their faith. Each week they grapple with a specific question about faith, relationships and choices and search God's Word for answers. This group engages in large and small group discussions, mission projects, free-play in the gym and social get-togethers!

Pier: K-2nd grade | Wednesdays - 6:00-7:15pm | Children's Hallway (Ed Bldg, 2nd floor)

- * **Begins Wednesday, October 13**
- * Pre-registration is greatly appreciated.
- * In need of additional volunteers!
- * Pier focuses on planting God's Word in kid's hearts and training them to become disciples that make a difference. Program activities include Bible stories, games, crafts and mission projects.

Pier34: 3rd & 4th grade | Wednesdays - 6:00-7:15pm | Wesley Hall (Ed Bldg, 1st floor)

- * **Begins Wednesday, October 13**

- * Pre-registration is greatly appreciated.
- * In need of additional adult volunteers!
- * Students will become familiar with using their Deep Blue Kids Bibles and learn some basic principles of our faith: what is ... a Christian, the Lord's Prayer, the Apostle's Creed, Baptism and Communion. Students who do not already have a Deep Blue Kids Bible will be given one.

Click now to register ...

<https://www.fairhopeumc.org/wednesdayprograms/>

Student Ministries...

Sunday Night Youth//6:30-8:00pm



7th-12th grade

Sunday Night Youth takes place almost every week and includes: worship, games, free time in the gym, dinner and so much more. We provide an opportunity for every student in grades 7-12 to worship together with one another and we give them space to build

relationships. We can't wait to see you there! There's no need to register and you can always bring a friend. We hope to see YOU this Sunday night! Parents, if you'd like to know more about what youth series we are studying. Simply download the PARENT CUE and read the email updates that are sent out at the beginning of every new series. We provide discussion starters and new ideas on how to continue the conversation and growth at home.

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

(Registration Open)

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 is now open. 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

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Text Message Reminders: Text the word "Saltstudents" to the number "43506"

SAVE THE DATE:

DISCOVERY WEEKEND 2022

FEB 11-13, 2022

Discovery is a 43-hour spiritual retreat designed for Middle School students held on our church campus and led by High School students and Adult Mentors. Registration for 7th-8th grade participants & 9th-12th grade High School leadership will open on October 1! Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details. If you'd like to help in an adult leadership role, please contact our DW Directors, Larry or Megan Smith.

SERVE HURRICANE IDA

HOW CAN YOU HELP? PRAY

Please continue to pray for the emergency responders & those impacted by Hurricane Ida. We continue to be in contact with our friends in LA who are organizing the response efforts.

SERVE

Fairhope UMC is coordinating efforts at the District and Conference levels. We are working to send more cook teams and ERT teams. We are also participating in a distribution that is being organized by the Mobile County VOAD. The distribution will provide items needed to evacuees who are in the Mobile area. The distribution will be held at Christ Presbyterian Church September 23rd & 24th.

GIVE

Donations are being received to help with our response efforts. Support is needed for cleaning buckets, supplies, water & food.*Water continues to be a huge need. We are accepting donations to help cover the cost of the water. Donations can be made online or given to the church office, Fairhope UMC- Disaster Response.

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Items currently needed:

- Tarps
- Cleaning Buckets- Buckets can be picked up at the church. (List Provided)
- Can openers
- Batteries (All Sizes)
- Dust Pans
- Trash Bags
- Scoop shovels
- Extension Cords
- Deck Screws 2" & 3"
- Cap nails

Questions? Please contact Jennifer Myrick
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Drive-Through Vaccine Clinic Friday, September 24th

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Fairhope United Methodist

155 South Section Street

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