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#### First Sunday after the Epiphany ~ Baptism of the Lord The Gathering: January 9, 2022 11:00 am

OPENING SONG

Changed

Shea White, Praise Team

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 29:1-4, 10-11

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. **Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.** The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, upon many waters.

The voice of the Lord is powerful, the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as Ruler forever. May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan You proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, One God, in glory everlasting. AMEN.

SINGING OUR PRAISES

Washed by the Water I Have Decided

#### CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

OFFERING

Something in the Water

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| OLD TESTAMENT LESSON   | Isaiah 43:1-7                    |                   |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| GOSPEL LESSON          | Luke 3:15-17, 21-22              |                   |
| SERMON                 | "I Belong to God"                | Rev. Laura Parker |
| REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM |                                  |                   |
| PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  |                                  |                   |
| THE LORD'S PRAYER      |                                  |                   |
| SENDING FORTH          |                                  |                   |
| CLOSING SONG           | Forgiven                         |                   |
| Assisting in           | Worship Today: Rev. Laura Parker |                   |

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| <b>Invitation To Join The Church</b><br>Present this to the pastor during the last song.  |  |
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First Sunday after the Epiphany ~ Baptism of the Lord January 9, 2022 ~ 8:30 and 11:00 am

PRELUDE

Jesus Shall Reign

(Hatton/arr. Krapf)

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

God says: Look! See my chosen servant, the One in whom I utterly delight; I have placed my Spirit upon him, he will bring true justice to the nations. When Jesus was baptized, the heavens opened up, and the Spirit came down like a dove; and there was a voice from heaven saying: "This is my dearly loved Son, with whom I am delighted." The joy of the Lord be with you all. And also with you.

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| *HYMN OF PRAISE #117    | O God, Our Help in Ages Past |            |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------|
| PSALTER #761            | Psalm 29                     |            |
| OFFERING                | All Loves Excelling (Martin) | FUMC Choir |
| *DOXOLOGY               |                              |            |
| CHILDREN'S TIME (11:00) |                              |            |

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| NEW TESTAMENT LESSO  | DN Acts 8:14-17                                |                         |
|----------------------|--|-------------------------|
| HYMN OF PREPARATION  | N #252 When Jesus Came to Jordan               |                         |
| GOSPEL LESSON        | Luke 3:15-17, 21-22                            |                         |
| SERMON               | "More Than Just A Name"                        | Dr. Darren M. McClellan |
| PRAYERS OF THE PEOPL | Æ  |                         |
| REAFFIRMATION OF TH  | E BAPTISM COVENANT                             |                         |
| INVITATION TO BAPTIS | M/CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP                       | UMH pages 37-38         |
| THE LORD'S PRAYER    |  |                         |
| CLOSING HYMN #337    | Only Trust Him                                 |                         |
| SENDING FORTH        |  |                         |
| POSTLUDE             | Go Your Way with Rejoicing!                    | Wagner                  |
|                      | Assisting in Worship Today:                    |                         |
|                      | Dr. Darren M. McClellan, Rev. Ontonio Christie |                         |
|                      | Acolytes: Ellie Strunk, Jackson Strunk (8:30)  |                         |
| M                    | usic Team: Tom Hood, John Richardson, FUMC Cho | oir                     |

Media and Sound: Peyton Phillips, Colin Richardson, Ann Lyles Tapscott

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### WEDNESDAY SUPPER AT FAIRHOPE UMC 5:00PM-6:00PM/JANUARY 12, 2022

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# <u>MENU</u>

BLACKBERRY BBQ PORK LOIN

> SQUASH CASSEROLE

SEASONED GREEN BEANS

SOUR CREAM MINI MUFFINS

\$5 FOR ADULTS \$4 FOR CHILDREN MAX \$20 PER FAMILY

PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE OR GO ONLINE TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION 251-928-1148



Weekly Newsletter

# January 9, 2022



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





The following memorials and honorariums have been received by the church:

#### In memory of:

My Husband (Children's Ministries) by Linda Callaway

Joan Hoffacker (Music Ministries) by Cathy and Keith Wiley

Joe and Marguerite Mize (Caring Ministries) by Burl and Ann Barbour

**Deidre Lee (Living Word Scholarship) by** *Emily and Doug Garner* 

> **Nancy Beard by** *Wyatt Beard*

### In honor of:

The Church Staff (Missions) by Emily and Doug Garner

**Dr. Anne L. Scarborough (Caring Ministries) by** *Yvonne Cox* 

Our talented and dedicated teachers (We love them all): Audrey Barr, Joe Bullington, Ed Colvin, Lee Frailie, Joe McGilberry, Ari Ojanpera, Roy Trueblood and Carol Willis (Caring Ministries) by The Friends in Faith Sunday School Class

> The Eugene Lammers Family by Joseph E. Lammers

Mary Finger (Robert B. and Nancy Carr Memorial Scholarship) by Ruth Rogers

In memory of my grandmother, Ann Hartwell and in honor of my superhero of a grandfather, Ray Hartwell by Bailey McInnis

#### 2022 Flower Calendar for Altar Flowers in the Sanctuary

If you would like to place flowers on the altar in the sanctuary, you can call the church office 251-928-1148 (ask for Julia) or sign up on the calendar on the wall outside of the main offices to reserve your special date.



### 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 early 2022 for these opportunities.

All classes taught on Sunday mornings, 9:45-10:40 in the Fellowship Hall of the CLC.

#### Marks of a Methodist

#### Sunday, January 16, 2022

- 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

#### Growing in Grace

#### Sunday, January 23, 2022

- Establishing the disciplines of the Christian lifestyle.
- Exploring tools for a healthy devotional life.
- Exploring avenues for Christian accountability.
- Facilitated by Rev. Laura Parker

#### Finding your Fit

#### Sunday, January 30, 2022

- 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, February 6, 2022

- 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...

Scan this QR code with your smart phone camera to register OR visit <u>https://www.fairhopeumc.org/pathways/</u>



**A Disciple's Path:** ...Deepen your relationship with Christ and the Church. A 6-week Wednesday evening class: 6:00-7:15 pm.



This study 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.

Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm beginning January 12<sup>th</sup>. **Facilitated by Rev. Laura Parker** ~ Cost of materials: \$10

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## **CARING MINISTRIES**

Stephen Ministry training resumes Sunday, January 9th during the months of January and February for the Class of 2019. Please be in prayer for this class as they continue their studies: Steve and Suzan Christensen, Jane Dolan, Rachel Lovingood, Norma Walden and Phil Webb.

*Our Stephen Ministers are available to walk with you as we face daily challenges.* Please contact Dr. Ann Pearson at 251-928-1148 or <u>ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org</u> if you would like more information.



"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2



**Luke Bible study resumes** Monday, January 24 at 1:00 pm in Wesley Hall. This 5-week study will go through February 21<sup>st</sup>. Our first class we will be studying Luke 3 through 6. Call the church office at 251-928-1148 to let us know you are coming so we can have handouts for everyone.

#### Support Groups continue to meet:

Grief Group meets weekly on Mondays from 3-4:00 pm in B-114.

**Survivors of Suicide (SOS)** will meet Monday, January 10 at 6:30 pm in B-114. A zoom option is available upon request by contacting <u>ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org</u>. This support group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month.

**Tough Dogs Cancer Support Group** meets Tuesday Jan. 11 at 12:30 pm in the Church Library. A zoom option is available upon request by contacting <u>ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org</u>. This support group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month.





Here's what's happening this week in Children's Ministries....

#### WEEKLY PROGRAMS

This Sunday, ALL K-6<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School classes will meet on the Pier Hallway. Join us as we start our new series, "EPIC TEACHINGS OF THE BIBLE: FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT." This week's fruit is LOVE!

Kindergarten – Yellow Room 1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Blue Room 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Green Room 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grades – Aqua Room SWIFT – Purple Room (3s & 4s will meet in their normal preschool room on the first floor.)



Who: K-4th Graders When: Wednesdays , 6pm-7:15pm Where: Wesley Hall

To stay up-to-date, make sure to find and join our Facebook group and don't forget to follow us on Instagram@fairhopeumc\_childrens\_min.





#### CHECK OUT OUR AMAZON WISHLIST:

Our Children's Ministries Team and dedicated volunteers have been hard at work over the break to give our small group rooms a refresh as we enter the New Year. Our vision is to make our rooms inviting, safe spaces for children to both learn and play and to make connections with each other, our leaders, and God. This wishlist has been created to help assist our team in making these rooms great and give our children some ownership of their space! We invite you to check out our list and see if there is a purchase that your family would like to help with! As you make your way back to the Pier Hallway in the New Year, check out our spaces and see what great things are in store for Pier Kids! Pictures of our progress below; kindergarten room is still under construction!



QUESTIONS: Contact Jenna Hood, Director of Children's Ministries jenna.hood@fairhopeumc.org 251-928-1148 (office) and 251-591-4050 (cell)



### SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH

We are excited to announce that Sunday Night Youth is back this week! Our student ministry (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) <u>will</u> meet on Sunday for youth worship and Wednesday for Community Groups at <u>6:30 pm</u>. We look forward to seeing you all this week!

### MIDDLE SCHOOL//DISCOVERY WEEKEND February 11th-13<sup>th</sup>, 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 is can be done online now!* 



### COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AVAILABLE ONLINE

Our Fairhope United Methodist Church college scholarship application is now available for download on the youth page of our church website. <u>The deadline for</u> <u>ALL applications is January 16, 2022.</u>

#### **CONFIRMATION 2022 (New Information)**

*Begins January 30th* 12:30-2:00 pm

A registration link for our upcoming Confirmation Class has been emailed to all parents of current 7th graders. If you did not receive this link, please contact Michael Spicer to make sure we have your most current information. The *Student & Parent Orientation Lunch* led by Pastor Darren has been postponed until Sunday, January 30, 2022 at 12:30 pm. **As a reminder, one of our confirmation requirements is to attend the upcoming Discovery Weekend Retreat on February 11-13.** A separate registration link can be found for this retreat on our student ministry page of our church website.

## **HIGH SCHOOL//SKI RETREAT**

### January 14-16, 2022

9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade

Next Friday, January 14 our high school students are going on a Ski Retreat to Beech Mountain, North Carolina. **Our trip is currently full; however, we do have a waitlist for those who wish to participate.** You can register for this waitlist on our youth page of the church website or by contacting Michael Spicer. The packing list has been sent and all details regarding departure as well as the return. If you did not receive this confirmation email, please contact Michael Spicer (<u>Michael.spicer@fairhopeumc.org</u>) for more information.

### GET PLUGGED IN

Instagram: @fairhopeumc.youth Facebook: @fhsaltstudents



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

You can keep up with all that is going on in our area of ministry and get the news first! You can follow us on social media & receive text messages customized just for Student Ministry information.

# SAVE THE DATE:

#### SUMMER MISSIONS 2022

The High School Mission trip to Las Animas, Colorado with Group Workcamp will take place on July 3-9, 2022. The Middle School Mission trip to Louisiana for Hurricane Relief will take place on June 19-23, 2022. You can **register** for your trip, **reserve** your spot and sign up for upcoming **fundraisers** by clicking the registration **Linktree (@saltstudents)** found on our social media page or on the youth page of our church website.