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## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany  
The Gathering: January 30, 2022

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Shea White, Praise Team

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SINGING OUR PRAISES

*Jesus Messiah*

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OFFERING

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**If you are not yet ready to join but would like more information about church membership, contact one of our pastors or attend Coffee with the Pastors on February 20th at @9:45 am in the CLC-Fellowship Hall.**

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5:00PM-6:00PM/ FEBRUARY 2, 2022



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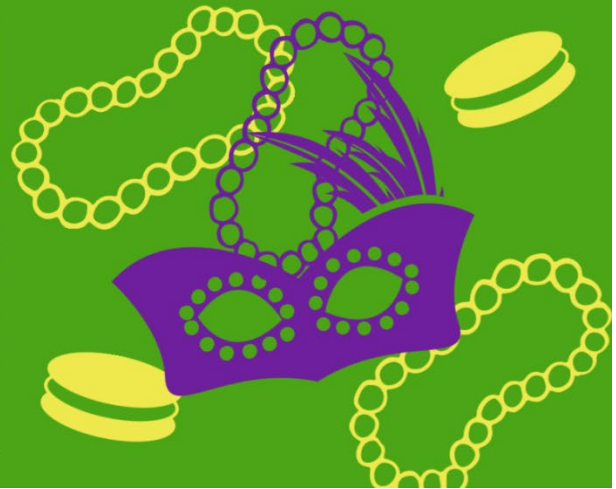
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**Jazz Sunday**  
**FEBRUARY 20, 2022**  
**8:30 & 11:00 AM**  
**(SANCTUARY)**

A logo for Jazz Sunday featuring the word "JAZZ" in large, stylized letters, with musical notes and a cross symbol.



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PRELUDE

*Festivity on "Holy Manna"*

Wagner

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\*HYMN OF PRAISE #568

*Christ for the World We Sing*

\*PSALTER #794

*Psalms 71:1-6*

\*THE APOSTLES' CREED

\*GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING

*This Is Love*

Schrader

\*DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S TIME (11:00)

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HYMN OF PREPARATION #408

*The Gift of Love*

GOSPEL LESSON

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SERMON

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(8:30) Dr. Darren M. McClellan ~ (11:00) Rev. Laura Parker

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CLOSING HYMN #430

*O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee*

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POSTLUDE

*Fanfare Postlude*

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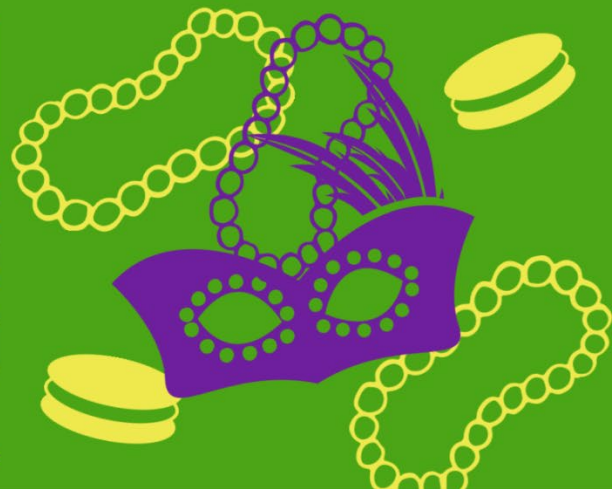
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(SANCTUARY)





## CARING MINISTRIES

Please know that your prayer team is praying for all the needs of our Church family and community. If you have a specific request, fill out your request and drop in the baskets located in the worship services. If you would like to send an email prayer request send to Mary Lucas [marylucas501@gmail.com](mailto:marylucas501@gmail.com) or Dr. Ann Pearson [ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org).



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### Durable Medical Equipment Loan Closet....

If anyone has used medical equipment especially walkers and wheelchairs we would love to have them. You can drop items off at the church office or contact the church office at 251-928-1148 and one of our team members will pick it up. Many thanks for the dedicated work of Hazel Odom, Deborah Pennington and Charles and Michelle Searce for serving in this ministry.



### Stephen Ministry News.....

Stephen Ministry training continues each Sunday morning throughout February. Be in prayer for this new class: Steve and Suzan Christensen, Jane Dolan, Rachel Lovingood, Norma Walden and Phil Webb. Prayers are always appreciated for our active Stephen Ministries who continue to serve faithfully.





## HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES...

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 PATIENCE!

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.)

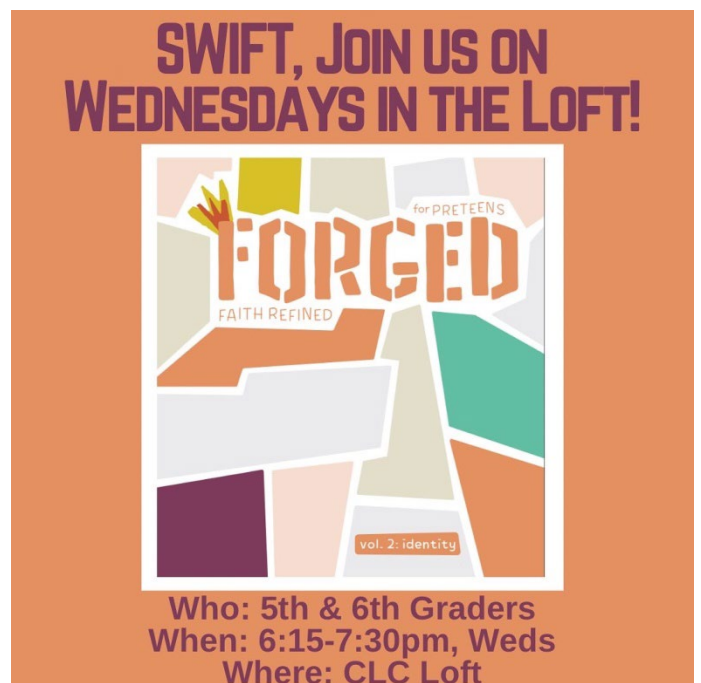


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**PIER KIDS**, join us on Wednesdays for our new series, "God Speaks!" as we look at questions such as "Does God still speak?" "Does God speak to kids?," and more. We'll enjoy worship, games, Bible stories, and small groups. Don't miss out!

**SWIFT**, join us for a brand new series, "Forged: Faith Refined, Identity." This 13 week study will dive deep as we discover our identity in Christ through Scripture, games, and discussion! Starts Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>!

PLEASE REGISTER FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMS TO HELP US WITH PLANNING & COMMUNICATION. Please go to our website: [fairhopeumc.org](http://fairhopeumc.org) to register your child.





## 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:



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.

Sign up to receive texts from us! This system is different from our previous system and allows us to include others in our community. You **MUST** sign up to receive them. This is how we will push out important information, deadlines, registrations, and updates.

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



## Preschool Registration for the 2022-2023 School Year:

Church Families ~ January 25

Open to the Public ~ January 31

QUESTIONS: Contact Terry Lowell, Director of Preschool  
[terry.lowell@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:terry.lowell@fairhopeumc.org) 251-928-1280



## **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.



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**7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Grade (CLC) & 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade (Host Homes)**

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.

Our C-Groups meet 6:30-7:45pm on Wednesdays.

## **DISCOVERY WEEKEND DONATIONS NEEDED:**

Our Discovery Weekend team is in need of help for our upcoming retreat. We are asking for donations for scholarships (\$90 per student) and money to purchase our weekend snacks. If you would like to help sponsor a student or donate money for the weekend snacks, please contact Rachael Waldhour. Thank you!

## **CONFIRMATION 2022**

***Begins January 30th***

**12:30-2:00 pm**

The class begins this Sunday, January 30, 2022 at 12:30pm with an Parent & Student Orientation which will include lunch for students participating in the class and their parents. A schedule for the class along with all the requirements for our Confirmands will be given to the students on this date.

## **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 can be done on our church website. Don't miss your chance to register and be a part of a life-changing experience!

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

**February 18-20, 2022**

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

Join the high school youth for a Ski Retreat to Beech Mountain, North Carolina. The cost is \$350 per person and the deposit of \$100 is due no later than February 6, 2022. The price includes snow tubing, skiing, hotel, travel and breakfast. You will need money for lunch and dinner daily. We meet to leave 5:30 am on Friday and return Sunday by 10:00 pm.

## **SAVE THE DATES:**

### **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.

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