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FAIRHOPE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

The Gathering: February 20, 2022

11:00 am

OPENING SONG

Forgiven

Brandon White, Praise Team

CALL TO WORSHIP

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SINGING OUR PRAISES

House of the Lord

You Are My King (Amazing Love)

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

Recognition of Scouting Ministries

Presentation of medallions for completion of the God and Me program.

OFFERING

Goodness of God

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 6:27-38

SERMON

"The Confusing Jesus"

Rev. Antonio Christie

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SENDING FORTH

CLOSING SONG

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Media and Sound: Jamie Waldhour, Amelia Koser



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(McGuiness)

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HYMN OF PRAISE #89

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

SPECIAL MUSIC

Seven Steps to Heaven

(Davis/Tomaro)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING

Lord, I Know I Been Changed

(Shackley)

DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S TIME (11:00)

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON #772

Psalm 37:1-11

HYMN OF PREPARATION #170

O How I Love Jesus

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 6:27-38

SERMON

"Surrender To Love"

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

When the Saints

(Traditional/Severson)

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Assisting in Worship Today:

Dr. Darren M. McClellan, Rev. Laura Parker
Music: Tom Hood, John Richardson, FUMC Choir
Media and Sound: Peyton Phillips, Alex Beaman

Jazz Band

CJ Slack, alto sax
Michael Brown, trumpet
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FAIRHOPE UMC ~ LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

We would like to hear from YOU this year!!

The season of Lent will soon be upon us! During Lent this year, we have a goal of sending daily devotionals out to our congregation written by YOU, the good folks who are part of our church family.

Proverbs 27:17 says: *As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.*

Let's claim these words from scripture during our days of preparation leading up to Easter!

Some of you may not be familiar with the custom of recognizing Lent as part of your spiritual practice. This description from the UMC website may be helpful:

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word lencten, meaning "lengthen" and refers to the lengthening days of spring. The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry. Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by new converts and then became a time of penance by all Christians. Today, Christians focus on relationship with God, growing as disciples and extending ourselves, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of ourselves for others.

If you feel God calling you to share in this way, please follow the link and sign up for one of the 40 available slots on Sign-up Genius. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F45AFA82AA1FD0-fairhope>

Here are the guidelines:

1. All devotionals are due in our office by **Friday, February 25th**.
2. Please submit your devotional as a Word document.
3. The suggested length is between 200 and 700 words, as the Spirit leads.
4. The content may be varied! You may describe what the season of Lent means to you, you may offer encouragement to others in their walk with Christ, or generally share anything you believe may be helpful as our readers seek a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.
5. We suggest you include a key scripture verse and end with a brief prayer (a couple of sentences.)
6. You may include a photograph that relates to your devotional if you have one that is suitable. Photos should be submitted as a jpeg. (Please note, we are not asking you for a photo of yourself. If you are writing a devotional where the subject is a tree, feel free to send a photo of a tree!)
7. Email your submissions to laura.parker@fairhopeumc.org by February 25th. Please contact me if you have any questions!!
8. We may do minor formatting on your submission to provide uniformity in the way our devotionals are presented to the congregation. We may do minor edits of spelling or grammar if necessary. If we have any questions that impact content or understanding of your submission, we will contact you prior to publishing.



CARING MINISTRIES

Luke Bible Study continues...

Luke Bible Study continues on Mondays from 1:00-2:15 pm in the Sanctuary. This week we will be covering Chapters 11, 12, 13, and 14. Each class stands alone so you can drop in any week.

Support Meetings this week....

Mondays: Grief Support Group meets 3:00-4:00 pm each week in B-114 in the Education Building.

Tough Dogs Cancer Support Group meets Tuesday, Feb. 22 from 12:30-1:30 pm in the church library. If you, a friend or your family are facing a cancer journey you will be blessed by being with such compassionate people. Let's walk this journey together.



Stephen Ministry

Class of 2022 Stephen Ministers will be commissioned Sunday Feb. 27 in the morning worship services. Prayers for Steve Christensen, Suzan Christensen, Jane Dolan, Rachel Lovingood, Norma Walden, Phil Webb as they begin their journey of serving as Stephen Ministers for Fairhope United Methodist Church.

Wishing you all the love and care....

Do everything in love. I Corinthians 16:14

Our outreach project for Caring Ministries this month was to send valentines to the church congregation reminding them of God's love. Now is your chance to pass it on. Below are seven ways to express God's love during the month of February. Pick one or more and bless someone today.

- Offer the gift of listening.
- Say please and thank you.
- Tell your loved ones how much you love and appreciate them.
- Offer to help someone in need.
- Write a letter or send a card to someone you love and mail it.
- Write your loved ones a poem of gratitude.





WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Children's Choir (K-6th grades), Wesley Hall, Ed Building | Wednesdays, 4:15-5:00pm

SWIFT (5th-6th grades), CLC Loft 2nd floor | Wednesdays, 6:15-7:30pm

Topic this week: I Am Accepted, Ephesians 1:3-8

Pier & Pier34 (K-4th grades), Wesley Hall, Ed Building | Wednesdays, 6:00-7:15pm

Topic this week: "Why don't I hear God Speak? Eli Disobeys God, I Samuel 2-4

ALL K-6th grade Sunday School classes meet on the Pier Hallway.

3 & 4 yr olds meet in the first Preschool classroom on the left by the office entrance of the first floor.

Join us for our series, "EPIC TEACHINGS OF THE BIBLE: FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT." This week's fruit is FAITHFULNESS!

**Kindergarten – Yellow Room ~ 1st Grade – Blue Room ~ 2nd Grade – Green Room
3rd & 4th Grades – Aqua Room ~ SWIFT – Purple Room**








Vacation Bible School
June 6-10th, 8:45am-12:15pm
 Age 3 - Rising 6th Grade
 Sign Up to Volunteer Today!
 Adults & youth needed.
 Contact Jenna Hood at
jenna.hood@fairhopeumc.org
 Online Registration Opens Sunday, April 24th

SAVE THE DATE

Sign up to volunteer for VBS today! This community event takes many hands and many talents. We would love to have you on our team. Your time and talents can impact a child to grow closer to God. Now, THAT is *monumental*!
Contact Mrs. Jenna today to find your place at VBS, jenna.hood@fairhopeumc.org or 334.733.0003. REGISTER TO VOLUNTEER AT WWW.VBSPRO.EVENTS/P/FAIRHOPEUMC

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Blue Lake Camp
Andalusia, AL
July 11-15, 2022

CAMP X

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Registration Opens
February 21st
Completed
3rd-5th Grades

www.bluelakecamp.com
or contact Mrs. Jenna for
more info
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Swimming,
Gaga, campfire,
Bible stories,
crafts, and more!

SAVE THE DATE

IMPORTANT DATE AND REGISTRATION CHANGES! Blue Lake Summer Camp, July 11-15, Completed 3rd-5th grades. Early Bird Fee \$325. PLEASE REGISTER EARLY! Save the date above and let's make plans! Scholarships are available. Contact Mrs. Jenna for more info.

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 FOR OUR NEW TEXT SYSTEM! This is different from our previous one and allows us to include community members! Text "PIERKIDS" to 43506 to stay up-to-date with all the latest info!

STAY INFORMED ABOUT
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THANK YOU FOR LOVING OUR STUDENTS!

Our **DISCOVERY WEEKEND** was an amazing opportunity for our students to see just how wide and deep the love of God can be! We are so incredibly thankful to every single person who made this love known to our students. I cannot begin to list them all but thank you for blessing us through providing meals, hosting groups high school students in your home, donating both money and time, leading small groups, taking pictures, driving students to local mission sites, staying overnight with our middle schoolers, writing letters of encouragement, all of your prayers and so many much. It's impossible to name the entire team because the village of leadership that stepped up was beyond measurement. I would like to express my incredible gratitude to the amazing director team, *Larry and Megan Smith*.

*Note: Please check our church Facebook page for more photos, reflections of this past weekend and the awesome video that *Chad Kirtland* created of it all!

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH//6:30-8:00pm

7th-12th grade (THIS SUNDAY IS GAME NIGHT!!!)

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 [Parents | Fairhope UMC](#)