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Ascension Sunday Seventh Sunday of Easter ~ May 29, 2022 8:30 & 11:00 am

PRELUDE Purple Mountain Majesties (Ward/Olson)

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

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Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness befits your house,

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us come before God with contrite hearts, acknowledging our sin and trusting in forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, day by day we have failed to believe in your presence and your promised forgiveness. We have not trusted in your power to give the riches we cannot see. We have not honored our sisters and brothers as heirs of your desired peace. We have not forgiven others or ourselves. Give us the wisdom and faith to be your body on earth that we may rejoice in the presence of your saving bounty, to the glory of your ascended Son. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

By the power of the Holy Spirit, as a witness to the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus and the assurance of pardon in Jesus' name, I proclaim to you the forgiveness of all your sins, that with renewed life you may serve this creation and the people of God in peace and strength. God is with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God of every time and every place, you gather us to hear of Jesus. Help us see your infinite life in our own community and in all of creation, we pray in your holy name. **Amen.**

HYMN #327

Crown Him with Many Crowns

THE APOSTLES' CREED

GLORIA PATRI

A PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE AND PEACE

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OFFERTORY In the Garden (arr. Larson)

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CHILDREN'S TIME (11:00)

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PSALTER #812 Psalm 47

HYMN OF PREPARATION #399 Take My Life and Let it Be

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 1:1-11

*GOSPEL LESSON John 14:15-18, 25-31; 16:33

SERMON "In Search of a Hopeful Word" Rev. Laura Parker

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CLOSING HYMN #310

He Lives

(Roberts)

SENDING FORTH

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Don E. Smith by Jean Smith and family.

Assisting in Worship Today:
Rev. Laura Parker Liturgist: Emily Garner
Music: Tom Hood, Minister of Music; Sandy Tyre, Organist, Chancel Choir
Media and Sound: Alex Beaman, Ann Lyles Tapscott, Wright Tapscott



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OPENING SONG

House of the Lord

Shea White, Praise Team

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Mighty to Save

How Great Is Our God

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GOSPEL Luke 24:44-53

SERMON Can I Get A Witness?" Rev. Ontonio Christie

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS ~ Jill and Hiram Johnson

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING SONG Let God Arise

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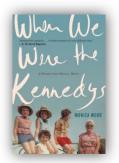






2022 Summer Book Club

Each of our selections for 2022 will have as its focus the death of a central character. Through three very different literary styles, we will explore the ripple effects across the lives of those who are touched by each loss. We will note that oftentimes one loss leads to another. As we travel alongside our primary characters, we will ponder themes of hope, redemption, courage and transformation. Not all our characters are victorious in their journey, but many will grow and change and find their path forward in ways that may inspire and challenge us.



June 21st, 5:30-6:30, Parlor

<u>When We Were the Kennedys: A Memoir from Mexico, Maine</u>: Monica Wood (2020)

Mexico, Maine, 1963: The Wood family is much like its close, Catholic, immigrant neighbors, all dependent on the fathers' wages from the Oxford Paper Company. But when Dad suddenly dies on his way to work, Mum and the four deeply connected Wood girls are set adrift. <u>When We Were the Kennedys</u> is the story of how a family, a town, and then a nation mourns and finds the strength to move on.



July 12th, 5:30-6:30, Parlor

We Are All the Same in the Dark: Julia Heaberlin (2021)

It's been a decade since Trumanell Branson disappeared in a small Texas town, leaving only a bloody handprint behind. Meanwhile, her brother, Wyatt, lives as a pariah in the old family house, cleared of wrongdoing by the police yet still highly suspect in the court of public opinion. When Wyatt finds a lost girl dumped in a field of dandelions, the town's youngest cop, Odette Tucker, embarks upon a very personal investigation. Odette fights to save the lost girl in the present and to dig up the shocking truth about a fateful night in the past--the night her friend disappeared, the night that inspired her to become a cop, the night that wrote them all a role in the town's dark, violent mythology.



August 9th, 5:30-6:30, Parlor

Florence Adler Swims Forever: Rachel Beanland (2020)

Atlantic City, 934. Florence Adler has returned from college, determined to spend the summer training to swim the English Channel. Her sister, Fannie, pregnant again after recently losing a baby, is on bedrest for the duration of her pregnancy. Their mother, Esther, only wants to keep her daughters close and safe but some matters are beyond her control. When tragedy strikes, Esther makes the shocking decision to hide the truth and pulls the family into an elaborate web of secret-keeping and lies. Based on a true story, Beanland's family saga presents a portrait of just how far we will go to in order to protect our loved ones and an uplifting portrayal of how the human spirit can endure—and even thrive—after tragedy.

We hope you will join us for one or all of these sessions! All gatherings this summer are in-person and facilitated by Rev. Laura Parker. Copies of each book have been ordered and can be checked out from the church office for two-week increments on a first-come-first-served basis.

Call 251-928-1148 to check on availability.

CARING MINISTRIES



Durable Medical Loan Closet

The Durable Medical Loan closet consists of donated medical equipment that can be loaned to individuals in the church or community free of charge. Items are then returned when no longer needed. The Loan closet is always looking for walkers, shower chairs, wheelchairs and other medical equipment. So if you any of these items, bring them to the church office and help someone



today! Contact Hazel Odom or Michelle and Charles Scearce for more information by calling the church office 251.928.1148.



Mission Friends

Mission Friends formerly known as Edith Lawson Circle cooked casseroles to fill the Caring ministry freezer to be used for Church family needs. To get involved with this group, call the church office, 251.928.1148.







For more information about these ministries, the Prayer Team, Support Groups or Stephen Ministry, you can contact Dr. Ann Pearson by calling 251.928.1148 or by emailing her at ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org.



NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES! PIER KIDS/SWIFT are on summer break till August!

ALL K-6th grade Sunday School classes meet on the Pier Hallway. **PLEASE NOTE CLASSROOM CHANGES THIS WEEK!**

Our lesson this week is on *The 10 Commandments: Honor your Parents*. 3 and 4 year olds and Kindergarten – Yellow Room 1^{st} & 2^{nd} Grade – Blue Room ~ 3^{rd} - 6^{th} Grades – Aqua Room

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to all registrations and information, including VBS, Summer Camp, and our Summer Activity Book!





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.

If you want to stay up-to-date with the latest information, deadlines, registration openings, etc., you HAVE to sign up for our text reminders!

This is our main form of communication.







Registrations for PJ Party Wednesdays are NOW OPEN! Make sure to register for all the fun! Use the link below to go to our Linktree to sign up!





Adults, College Students, Youth: Are you interested in serving over the summer? This is a great way to get involved if you can't do a school year commitment! You can sign up to help for ONE Sunday or more depending on your availability. This is an awesome opportunity to get to know our kids. Sign up for SUNDAY SCHOOL or CHILDREN'S CHURCH help or visit our Linktree for the registration link. Contact Mrs. Jenna for questions or more information.

MISSIONS ...



JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY!

COMMUNITY CAFE' IS OPEN FOR LUNCH!

11:00AM-1:00PM

DONATION ONLY CAFE'

*VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO PROVIDE DESSERTS!

WE WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, JUNE 10TH



PLEASE KEEP OUR COSTA RICA MISSION TEAM IN YOUR
THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS THIS NEXT WEEK! WE ARE SO GRATEFUL
FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

RECREATION

CLC HOURS: 8AM-5PM (M-F)



iamie.waldhour@fairhopeumc.org



We are partnering with the Payne Stewart Kids Golf Foundation again this year to provide a four-day golf camp for youth.

The camp will be held in the CLC Gym on July 18 – 21 and is available to all boys and girls ages 4 -9.

Sessions times are TBD and will be at either 8:30-11:30am OR 1:30-4:30pm.

Cost is \$95. To register, go to https://paynestewartgolf.regfox.com/psge-fairhope-umc or scan the code below.

For more information about the Foundation, go to www.paynestewart.org.

JULY 18-21, 2022





The Classroom teaches fundamental basketball skills to develop players at all level of play

EVERY TUESDAY
GRADES 3-6 | 5:30 - 7PM
GRADES 7-12 | 7 - 8:30PM

** Call for pricing **

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For further information email ronniearrow@gmail.com or call/text 251.509.2700





VOLLEYBALL
IS COMING

COST:\$95

Includes: Jersey + 7 regular season games and a season-ending tournament.

Practices: every Monday beginning on August 1
Games: every Thursday beginning August 11
All practices and games will be held at the
Fairhope UMC Christian Life Center Gym
Register at: https://registration.upward.org/UPW82110
or scan the QR code.



FOR GIRLS
GRADES 3RD-5TH

STUDENT MINISTRY SUMMER 2022





VBS Week ONLY!!! Join us for Lunch Bunch! See details below.







SUMMER KICK-OFF PARTY THE HOOT WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1st

6:30-8 pm// Gravel Parking next to the CLC Don't miss THE HOOT for all of student ministry and kick-off our summer together with lots of crazy games, food and friends!

SOFA WARS SUNDAY, JUNE 5

6:30-8 pm// Meet @ CLC//7th-12th grade
Back by popular demand the epic battle to get the best video footage and sofa placement downtown. This scavenger hunt is one of the best! Wear tennis shoes and bring a friend!
Prizes for the winning team!





FLOAT-IN SUNDAY, JUNE 12

6:30-8 pm// Home of Michelle Graham//7th-12th Graders Check it out! You can do all the fun summer stuff in ONE night! Join the gang for a cookout, bring your own float (swim suit +towel) and watch a moving in the pool together! Let us know you're coming and register on our link tree!





WORK TOGETHER WEDNESDAYS

Wednesday's this summer // Meet @ CLC// 9am-12pm//7th-12th graders

Come serve in our community this summer! We realize that not everyone can participate in a week-long mission trip but would like to help out a local organization by serving. This summer our SUMMER YOUTH INTERN, Joy Davis, is leading us in partnering with groups in our community looking to make a difference. If you would like to serve, sign up for individual dates through the Linktre app this week! Some details for every week are listed above and all work takes place in the morning. Find at least one date or more you can SERVE!



*Register for all S.A.L.T. Student Ministry programs through our Linktre.

