

**JOIN US TODAY TO HONOR REV. ANTONIO CHRISTIE AND HIS FAMILY!**



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# FAIRHOPE

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Third Sunday After Pentecost  
June 26, 2022 ~ 8:30 & 11:00 am

PRELUDE

*My Lord, What a Morning*

(Marianne Kim)

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Throughout the ages, disciples have said,

“I will follow you wherever you go.”

**Lord, give us the freedom to follow you in the ways of love.**

We come from busy homes, filled with little time  
to consider Christ in our lives.

**Lord, give us the strength to follow you in the ways of peace.**

In times of struggle, we look to God for help.

**Lord, give us the opportunity to follow you in the ways of kindness.**

Today, we celebrate the Holy Spirit,  
who shows us the joy of following God.

**Lord, give us the patience to follow you in the ways of faith. Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Christ Jesus did not call down destruction  
upon those who rejected him.

How much more will he show mercy  
to those who seek forgiveness.

In faith, let us confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious Lord,**

**you have blessed us with freedom —  
freedom to follow or to turn away;**

**freedom to love or to hate;**

**freedom to heal or to hurt.**

**You ask only that we follow your ways,  
loving our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In the midst of our turbulent lives,**

**help us find teachers**

**to show us the gifts you set within us.**

**And help us claim these gifts today.**

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Harvest the fruit of the Spirit, freely given by God,  
and share it freely with others.  
Know that you are loved and forgiven.  
Trust that you are treasured, now and always. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Holy One, we come before you today:  
full of hope, full of desire, full of promise.  
Help us take up the mantle of faith you have laid before us,  
that we may use our own gifts of the Spirit to face the challenges before us.  
Help us face the turmoil within and around us, that we may face the future unafraid.  
Show us your way, your truth, and your life. Amen.**

HYMN #73

*O Worship the King*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

GLORIA PATRI

OFFERTORY

*All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord*

(arr. By Governor)

DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11:00)

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, by your Spirit plant your word within us that we may follow your Son,  
our Lord, Jesus Christ, and never leave him. May we find our home  
in your kingdom and our life in your Spirit. **Amen.**

PSALTER #798

Psalm 77:1-2,11-20

HYMN OF PREPARATION #361

*Rock of Ages*

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 9:51-62

SERMON

8:30 "Following Jesus"

Rev. Antonio Christie

11:00 "Travel On"

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

## CLOSING HYMN

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus -  
no turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me,  
the world behind me, the cross before me,  
the world behind me, the cross before me -  
no turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, still I will follow,  
though none go with me, still I will follow,  
though none go with me, still I will follow —  
no turning back, no turning back.

## RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

*Shannon Wycoff-Schlecht & Christopher Schlecht (11:00)*

## SENDING FORTH

## POSTLUDE

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

(Marianne Kim)

*The flowers on the altar are given the Glory of God and in honor of our parents,  
Jim & Gwen Robertson, on their anniversary.  
Given by Wendy Robertson*

Assisting in Worship Today:

Dr. Darren M. McClellan, Rev. Ontario Christie, Rev. Laura Parker, Dr. Ann Pearson

Music: Tom Hood, Minister of Music; John Richardson, Organist; Chancel Choir

Media and Sound: Alex Beaman, Colin Richardson & Josh McClellan

## Prayers for the People...

### (Members are in bold)

Medical personnel and first responders

### Sympathy:

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**Pauline Bensman** and family in the loss of her husband, **Dick**.

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The Gathering: June 26, 2022

OPENING SONG

*God of Wonders*

Shea White, Praise Team

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SINGING OUR PRAISES

*Learning  
Follow You*

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

OFFERTORY

*Beg*

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CLOSING SONG

*My Redeemer Lives*

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Music: Shea White and Praise Band

Media and Sound: Jamie Waldhour, Alex Beaman, Amelia Koser



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**SAVE THE DATE!**



**JOB OPENING!!!**

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

**ASSISTANT/INTERN OPENING:**

We are currently looking for a Children's Ministry Assistant/Intern as our current intern, Olivia Estes, transitions to a full-time teaching position (Congrats, Olivia!). This is a part-time position that works with our Children's Minister to love, teach, and reach the children in our church and community. If you are interested in this position and would like more information, please contact Mrs. Jenna at [jenna.hood@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:jenna.hood@fairhopeumc.org).





Stay connected!

# THE LINK

Weekly Newsletter



JUNE 26, 2022

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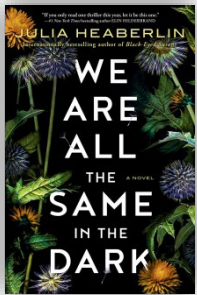
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QR CODE WITH YOUR PHONE CAMERA:



Rev. Laura's  
**SUMMER**  
**Book Club** **JUNE 21-JULY 12-AUG 9**  
5:30 - 6:30 pm, Parlor



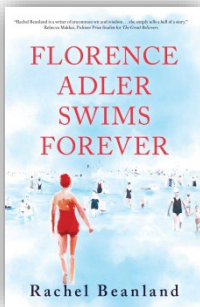
**TWO MORE SESSIONS REMAIN!**



*July 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-6:30, Parlor*

*Florence Adler Swims Forever: Rachel Beanland (2020)*

Atlantic City, 1934. 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 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!* 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.

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**We are hosting Family Promise the week of June 26 - July 3.**

**Interested in serving?**

**Contact Jennifer Myrick, [missions@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:missions@fairhopeumc.org)**

# CARING MINISTRIES

## Supporting our Community with Love and Care...



### Hospital Visits...

Church Family we need your help to let us know when you are in the hospital. Hospitals are not providing list so it is a challenge for the Pastoral staff to know when you are in the hospital if we are not notified. We would love to come and pray with you and provide spiritual care.

### Support Group meetings this week...

**Grief Support** meets each Monday from 3:00 to 4:00 pm in B-114. (Wesley Hall)

**Survivors of Suicide**, Monday, June 27, meets at 6:30 pm in B-114. A Zoom option is available by contacting Dr. Ann Pearson at [ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org).

**Tough Dogs Cancer Support Group**, Tuesday, June 28, meets at 12:30 pm in the Church Library. Come and be supported in yours and your families' cancer journey. A Zoom option is available by contacting Dr. Ann Pearson at [ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org).







## WEEKLY PROGRAMS

**PJ Party Movie Nights (ages 4 – rising 6th grades), Ed. Bldg – Wesley Hall**  
**Wednesdays, 6-8pm** (See graphic below for more information).

### Kids Summer Sundays

**Sundays, 9:45am, Pier Hallway** (Ages 3-Rising 6th Grades)

Topic this week: *The 10 Commandments: Jealousy*

### Kids' Church Summer Cinema

**Sundays, 11am Kids' Church, Pier Room**

After kids are dismissed to kids church during service, they will join us in the Pier Room for a special video lesson and activities! Bible Story this week: *The Ten Commandments*

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Join us on  
**Wednesday**  
 nights during the  
 summer for a  
 movie PJ party

**REGISTER NOW!**

**This Week's Movie:**  
*Cars*

**Menu:** Flo's Grilled Cheese,  
 Tow Mater's Taters, and  
 Lightning Lemonade

6:00pm-8:00pm  
 Ages 4-rising 6th grade  
**Donations gladly accepted**  
 To register, visit [linktr.ee/pierkids](https://linktr.ee/pierkids)

Dress code: favorite pajamas  
 or something comfy! Pillows  
 and blankets welcome!

Join us for **PJ Party Wednesdays!**  
 Make sure to register and turn in an  
 Emergency Release form if you  
 haven't already. Links to  
 registration and form can be found  
 on our Linktree:

<https://linktr.ee/pierkids>

## JOB OPENING!!!

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To stay up-to-date, make sure to join our Facebook group, <https://facebook/groups/fairhopeumckids> & follow us on Instagram @fairhopeumc\_childrens\_min.

Sign up to receive all the reminders and updates about our activities and events!

Want to keep your kids busy this summer AND stay connected with our church? Scan the code or [CLICK HERE](#) to visit our LINKTREE that contains links to the most current information! Forms, PJ Parties, FamJam Days, and more!



### CONTACT US:

Jenna Hood

*Director of Children's Ministries*

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# Bible Buddy Program



Make an impact on a child's life forever: sign up to be a Bible Buddy!

## What is a Bible Buddy?

A Bible Buddy is a spiritual mentor who encourages and guides one of our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Bible recipients throughout the school year.

## How do you do this?

- Sign up to sponsor a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade child to receive a Bible. *We ask for a \$20 donation to help cover Bible costs.*
- Write a letter for your Bible Buddy to receive at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Presentation.
- Send encouraging notes/cards throughout the school year (Christmas, birthday, etc.)
- Pray for your buddy
- Get updates from your Buddy. *We recommending checking in at least three times during the school year.*

## Bible Buddy Requirements

- Be over the age of 19.
- Submit a background check and Bible Buddy covenant.
- Be willing to love and encourage one of our third graders.
- HAVE FUN!



## WHY?

As a Bible Buddy, you have the potential to change the life of a child forever by connecting with them and giving them an everlasting treasure, God's Holy Word. You also have a chance to allow an intergenerational relationship to grow and blossom. This is so important to the future of the church! Kids that feel connected to the larger congregation and who have meaningful

intergenerational relationships are much more likely to continue to grow in faith and stay active in the church as they grow older. You are important!

To sign up to be a Bible Buddy, contact Jenna Hood at [jenna.hood@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:jenna.hood@fairhopeumc.org).

**\*\* Spots are limited. Each Buddy is only paired with one student. \*\***





# FAIRHOPE UMC RECREATION

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



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](http://www.paynestewart.org).



## JULY 18-21, 2022



### EMAIL

[jamie.waldhour@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:jamie.waldhour@fairhopeumc.org)



## RONNIE ARROW SKILLS CAMPS

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

DROP-IN | NO COMMITMENT

\*\* Call for pricing \*\*

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For further information email  
[ronniearrow@gmail.com](mailto:ronniearrow@gmail.com) or call/text 251.509.2700

## PICKLEBALL

Tuesdays & Thursdays  
8:00am-noon

Sundays  
2:00-4:00pm

## PLAY WITH PURPOSE

## VOLLEYBALL IS COMING!

**COST: \$95**

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW!**

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

Students in 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join the SALT Student gang for all the summer fun! Check out our schedule below: sign up for text messages, emails & follow us on facebook & Instagram to keep up-to-date!

PLEASE NOTE: NO Youth group meetings on Sunday, June 19 due to Father's Day & Middle School Mission Trip or July 3 due to High School Mission Trip and Fourth of July Holiday.



### FLOAT-IN

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 26

2:00 pm-12:30 am// Meet @ CLC// \$40

Don't miss FOMO Night Sunday, June 26. We meet to leave the CLC at 2:00 pm. Be sure to bring a swim suit, towel, sunscreen, change of clothes and shoes! Don't miss your chance to be a part of the most BEST mystery night of all time! Pay online or in person. Reserve your spot on the bus today. Scan the QR code below to register you & a friend.

### WORK TOGETHER WEDNESDAYS

Wednesday's this summer // Meet @ CLC// 9am-12pm// 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 Linktree 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! THE NEXT ONE IS JUNE 29

### Work Together Wednesday



**Free Car Wash**  
**June 29th**

- Join us to host an event that gives back to our congregation and local community!
- Free car wash to all that attend
- Complementary lunch for patrons served in the fellowship hall

Meet @CLC  
9 - noon

20 PARTICIPANT LIMIT  
LINK TREE SIGN UP IN BIO

# IN THE QUEUE FOR SUMMER 2022!!!



## UNIVERSAL TRIP DEADLINE EXTENDED to NEXT WEEK!!!!

High School (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)

July 29-31

Cost=390

(price includes hotel, transportation + ticket)

**DEADLINE to sign up is June 27!**

Don't miss our end of summer Universal Trip on July 29-31! Sign up deadline is June 27! Go to the linktre to sign up and for more details!



## UNDERGROUND CHURCH

SUNDAY, JULY 10

6:30-8:00 pm

All 7<sup>th</sup>-12 graders invited to a fan favorite as we play Underground Church. No money, no food, just show up!

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

