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### Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost September 4, 2022 ~ 8:30 & 11:00am

PRELUDE

Trumpet Tune

(Stanley)

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

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\*PASSING THE PEACE

#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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*HYMN #530	Are Ye Able	
BAPTISM	Mary Emrich Curl	
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OFFERTORY

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Luke 14:25-33

(Johnson)

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#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy and merciful God, we have come to hear your word. Break down in us all that resists your will, for we would be your disciples. By your Spirit, come to us, now, in ancient texts, in everyday visions, in the need of our neighbor; we pray in the name of Jesus, our light. **Amen.** 

GOSPEL LESSON (1st Reading)

HYMN OF PREPARATION O How He Loves You and Me

O how he loves you and me! O how he loves you and me! He gave his life. What more could he give? O how he loves you; O how he loves me; O how he loves you and me!

Jesus to Calv'ry did go; His love for sinners to show. What he did there brought hope from despair. O how he loves you; O how he loves me; O how he loves you and me.

GOSPEL LESSON (2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading)	Luke
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SERMON

### "Counting the Cost"

14:25-33

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

RESPONSE #607

#### A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition

I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, Exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O Glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, Let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

POSTLUDE

#### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING UMH Page 13 THE LORD'S PRAYER BREAKING OF THE BREAD / GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP CLOSING HYMN #295 In the Cross of Christ I Glory SENDING FORTH

Marche Royale

(Lully)

✤ Stand as able

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dee Chapman by Wink, Winston and Claire.* 

Assisting in Worship Today: Dr. Darren M. McClellan, Gene Lammers Acolytes: Darby Butler, Judd Determann (8:30) Crucifier: Elliot Determann (8:30) Acolytes: Emma Clare Furlong, Edmond Furlong (11:00) Communion Servers: (8:30) John & Mary Hodgkins, Bud and Norma Walden (11:00) Bruce and Michelle Graham, Katie Robertson, Hackett Robertson Music: Tom Hood, Minister of Music; John Richardson, Organist; Chancel Choir Media and Sound: John McClellan, Colin Richardson, Wright Tapscott

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SINGING OUR PRAISES

All For You I Have Decided

#### CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

OFFERTORY

How He Loves

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy and merciful God, we have come to hear your word. Break down in us all that resists your will, for we would be your disciples. By your Spirit, come to us, now, in ancient texts, in everyday visions, in the need of our neighbor; we pray in the name of Jesus, our light. **Amen.** 

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#### CONSECRATING THE ELEMENTS ~ GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

#### CLOSING SONG

#### SENDING FORTH

Trust In You

Assisting in Worship Today: Rev. Laura Parker Communion Servers: Nadine Baskin, Rick and Shelly Fitzhugh, Noah and Mary Funderburg, Clay and Shayne Hare, Diana Justis Music: Shea White and Praise Band Media and Sound: Jamie Waldhour, Alex Beaman Nellie Myers

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#### **Assisted Living Facilities**

Brennity of Fairhope: Joseph Lammers, Joyce Liukko
Country Place Senior Living: Rita Higbee, Jim Huggins
Brennity of Daphne: Jean Haney, Trish and Bill Holmes
Robertsdale Health: Anne Wolfe
Carillon Oaks: Quida Nolan
Westminster Village: Billie Garrison, Ray Hartwell, Vergie and Andy Huggins, Ann Kimbrough, Ann Calhoun
Homestead Village: Lois Alspach, Bardee and Ed Davidson, Daisy Gilbert, Shirley Lunsford, Gail Phillips, Claudia Fortis
Huntington at Homestead Village: Mercia Coulter, Joan Roberts, Yvonne Cox Inspiritas of Pensacola: Bettye Farmer

### Memorials received by the church in memory of:

Larry Stejskal (Caring Ministries) by

Friends at South State Bank Theresa J. Lacey Janice and Richard Green Dottie and Larry Vines

**Vester Jay Thompson by** *Mr. and Mrs. Norvelle Smith* 

**Dottie B. Long (Caring Ministries) by** *Jean Smith* 

Luther Tate (Baldwin Family Village) by Lynne Weeks

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### New Opportunity – MPPPG

Attention, Gentlemen: Are you burdened by the thought of another work week? Are you feeling like you're about to be up the creek without a paddle? Or is it just time to get off the couch?

Tonight, the CLC will be hosting the inaugural Men's Pickleball, Ping Pong and Prayer Group at 8:30 pm. Competition is for entertainment purposes only. Athletic ability is optional, as is prior knowledge or experience. Pursuit of edification required. Prayers of confession, pardon, and intercession shall be exercised with regularity. Relax. We'll teach you that, too.

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An intensive 24-week survey of the Old & New Testaments. Activities include daily reading and study and weekly small group meetings featuring an informational video presentation. This is a pre-requisite to any other Disciple studies. Facilitated by Rev. Laura Parker. Wednesdays, 6:00-7:15 pm. Begins September 14<sup>th</sup>. Cost of Materials: \$32. Concurrent Wednesday night programs are offered for youth and children of all ages. \*Need a minimum of 8 people to offer this class. Great opportunity for people who have taken all Disciple classes to put themselves back in the place of daily study and group accountability.

#### Nursery can be provided <u>upon request</u> for children 4 years and under.

Register through the website (preferred) or call the church office.

### Gathering Volunteers Needed!

- Great News! We are bringing back weekly communion in the Gathering starting in September. We will need volunteers to make this happen! If you would be willing to be part of a team to help set up the elements before the service, serve the elements during the service or remove the elements after the service, we would love to tell you more! For more information, contact <u>katie.robertson@fairhopeumc.org</u>.
- Ushers Needed! Our usher team could also use a few willing hands and smiling faces on Sunday mornings to greet and seat people as they come in and receive the offering. Phil Webb (Head Usher) would love to tell you more about this opportunity: <u>xlphilwebb@gmail.com</u>.

LIFESOUTH Community Blood Centers

Caring Ministries

Thanks to everyone for their participation in last week's blood drive. Life South received 10 donations that translates to 30 lives being saved. Once again FUMC is making a difference in the lives of others!

### Romans Bible Study...

Mark your calendar for a 5-week study on Romans beginning September 19 at 1:00 pm in the sanctuary. Please let the church office know if you will be attending so we can adequately prepare for the number of handouts (251-928-1148). Invite your neighbors and friends in the community to come and be a part of an FUMC Bible study.



### Support Group meeting this week...

**Caregivers Support Group** will be meeting on Tuesday, September 6, at 9:30 am in the church library. A zoom option will be available for this meeting. Please contact Dr. Ann Pearson for your invite.

Contact Dr. Ann Pearson (<u>ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org</u> or 251-928-1148) for more information on other Support Groups available.



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For more information, contact Dr. Ann Pearson ~ 251-928-1148 Confidential . Prayerful . Caring . Nurturing



#### WEEKLY PROGRAMS

KIDS CHOIR (K-6<sup>th</sup> grades, Ed Bldg- Wesley Hall Wednesdays, 4:15-5:00pm Join us as we learn about worship, music, and more!

PIER KIDS & SWIFT (K-6<sup>th</sup> grades), Ed. Bldg – Wesley Hall Wednesdays, 6-7:30pm Register at <u>https://linktr.ee/pierkids</u> See graphic below for more info.

> Sunday School Sundays, 9:45am, Pier Hallway Ages 3-6th Grades Topic this week: *The Armor of God, Shield of Faith* (Ephesians 6:10-12, Genesis 6-9, Hebrews 11:7

### WEDNESDAY NITES:



Children are invited to join their families in worship this week to celebrate communion as a family. Children's Church will not be available.



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

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

### **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

BLUE LAKE FAMILY CAMP IS COMING! SEPTEMBER 16-18 at Camp Blue Lake in Andalusia, Alabama. Make plans to attend this awesome family retreat and get a taste of what our kids are able to experience during Winter Retreat and Summer Camp. Registration now open. Contact Jennifer Myrick for more details, <u>missions@fairhopeumc.org</u> Scripture Sidekicks have kicked off! Remember, to earn your Sidekick, you must attend either 4 Sunday Schools or 4 Wednesday night programs consecutively. For more information or questions, see the Parent Resource Board on the Pier Hallway or contact Mrs. Jenna.







#### **JOB OPENING!!!**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ASSISTANT/INTERN OPENING: We are currently looking for a Children's Ministry Assistant/Intern. 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.



Scan the code or <u>CLICK HERE</u> to visit our LINKTREE that contains links to the most current information! Forms, Pier Kids, SWIFT, Kid's Choir registrations, and more.

### CONTACT US

Jenna Hood Director of Children's Ministries jenna.hood@fairhopeumc.org 334.733.0003.

Martha Monckton Children's Ministries Admin martha.monckton@fairhopeumc.org 251.928.1148.





# **Student Ministry**

Middle School (7th & 8th grade) High School (9th-12th grade)



\*Register for all S.A.L.T. Student Ministry programs through our Linktre. For more information on Student Ministry, subscribe to our weekly text messages by clicking the link above.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL Sunday//9:45-10:40am CLC// 2nd Floor//Attic



### SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH Weekly//CLC (No Youth this Sunday due to Labor Day) @ 6:00-8:00pm (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)

Sunday Night Youth takes place almost every week and includes: worship, games, free time in the gym, snack 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. Please note we will not have Youth this Sunday due to Labor Day.

### COMMUNITY GROUPS Wednesday @ 6:00-7:30pm

#### (Grade Level C-Groups)

Community group registration for the '22-'23 school year are now open! C-Groups are small groups divided by grade level that meet weekly with committed and dedicated adult leaders who strive to connect, serve and help our students grow in their faith with God & one another. This mid-week program is the perfect way for students to get-to-know each other and adults who truly care and want to walk with them in their faith journey. **Sign-up on our linktre at the top of the student ministry page.** 



### Dodgeball Tournament Sunday, September 25 6:00-8:00 pm (7th-12th grade)

Don't miss out on the **11th annual Student Ministry Dodgeball Tournament**! All students can assemble a 7person team and sign up together OR wait until that night to join a team! All teams MUST have at least 1 female & wear the proper footwear to play. Sign up on our linktre page today!

\*Prizes given to the winning team!





#### WHAT IS THE BLUE LAKE CHURCH FAMILY FALL RETREAT?

A time to get away together as a church family, to GROW in fellowship with one another and to GROW closer to God.

#### WHO CAN ATTEND?

All Ages! There is something for everyone!

## WHAT ARE THE ACCOMMODATIONS?

We will be staying in the Oakwood Lodge overlooking the Lake. Rooms have Twin(s) or Queen beds & a private bathroom. Children & youth may sleep in parent's room. Please bring sleeping bags or air mattress for them. \*Rooms

will be assigned on a first come, first serve Basis, special needs etc. If needed we will use additional rooms with community bathrooms. \*If you are an individual adult who would like to share a room with another participant, contact Jennifer Myrick 251.510.1628 mailto:missions@fairhopeumc.org

#### WILL CHILD CARE BE PROVIDED?

Yes! Nursery will be provided for infants-3 years of age during worship and study sessions. email <u>mailto:tina.wettermark@fairhopeumc.org</u> to reserve a spot. \* Please let us know ASAP, so we can plan to have enough nursery staff.

#### WHAT ABOUT DINNER ON FRIDAY NIGHT?

Dinner is not provided at camp Friday night. The Gator Cafe' in Baker, FL is a wonderful place to eat! It has become a FUMC tradition to stop at the Gator for dinner & a milkshake! 5747 Highway 4 Baker, FL 35231

#### WHAT ACTIVITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE DURING THE WEEKEND?

Morning Vespers, Ebenezer Service, Dominoes, Campfire, S'mores, Gaga Ball, Swimming, Worship, Fellowship, Football and much more! A Detailed schedule will be provided by email closer to the retreat!

#### WILL THERE BE A SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR THE YOUTH?

Yes! The youth will have their very own speaker. Youth 9th -12th are allowed to attend without a family member. but we encourage you to come as a family!

#### WHAT ABOUT A PROGRAM FOR THE CHILDREN?

Yes! Ages 4-SWIFT

#### WHAT IS THE PLAN ON SUNDAY AFTER WORSHIP?

We will clean up and hit the road! Snacks will be provided!

#### HOW DO I REGISTER?

Two Ways:

- Fill out the form & pay online (optional) at www.fairhopeumc.org
- Download the form & mail or drop it off to the church.

A \$75 deposit is due at the time of registration. The remaining balance is due no later than September 15th.\* Retreat Scholarships are available.

#### CONTACT JENNIFER MYRICK FOR MORE INFO, <u>missions@fairhopeumc.org</u> WE WANT EVERYONE TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE A PART OF THIS GREAT WEEKEND!

HOW ARE WE SERVING?

## JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY! COMMUNITY CAFE' IS OPEN FOR LUNCH!

11:00AM-1:00PM

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VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO PROVIDE DESSERTS AND DELIVER MEALS!