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Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost September 11, 2022 ~ 8:30 am and 11:00 am

PRELUDE Arioso (J.S. Bach)

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Sisters and brothers, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God every time we turn toward our home and remember whose we are. With open hearts, let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator of the universe, we imagine that we are in familiar territory, that we know what to expect of this hour,

that we will leave much the way that we came.

Do not abandon us to our foolishness.

In judgment, illumine our darkness.

In mercy, bear us home –

until we recognize your presence wherever evil is confronted, truth is spoken, and life is restored.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

But this we call to mind, and therefore have hope:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,

God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning.

In the name of the Lord, who is our portion and our hope,

I declare that our sin is forgiven.

May our mouths be filled with praise.

*PASSING THE PEACE

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of abundant grace, may your Holy Spirit be with us now as we worship you this day.

Open our eyes to truly see one another,

that we might discover your presence in the smile of a neighbor.

Open our ears to the needs of the world, that we might hear your wisdom in the words spoken around us.

And open our hearts to your grace and love, that we might find guidance and strength for the journey, for ourselves and for one another. Amen.

*HYMN #400

Come Thou Fount

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

*GLORIA PATRI

OFFERTORY Claire Benediction

(Rutter)

DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11:00)

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be worthy of your grace, O God,

to whom all honor and glory is given now and forever more. Amen

GOSPEL LESSON (1st Reading)

Luke 15:1-10

HYMN OF PREPARATION

God Is So Good

God is so good, God is so good, God's so good to me

God cares for me, God cares for me, God cares for me, God's so good to me.

God loves me so, God loves me so, God loves me so, God's so good to me.

God is so good, God is so good, God's so good to me.

GOSPEL LESSON (2nd Reading)

Luke 15:1-10

SERMON

"Finding the Lost"

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN # 138

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE March (J.S. Bach)

¥ Stand as able

Assisting in Worship Today: Dr. Darren M. McClellan, Dr. Ann Pearson Acolytes: Anne Frances Bobo, Katie Phillips (8:30) Kate Richardson (11:00) Music: Tom Hood, Minister of Music; John Richardson, Organist; Chancel Choir Media and Sound: John McClellan, Colin Richardson, Wright Tapscott



Board of Stewards will meet on Thursday, September 15, at 6pm in Wesley Hall.

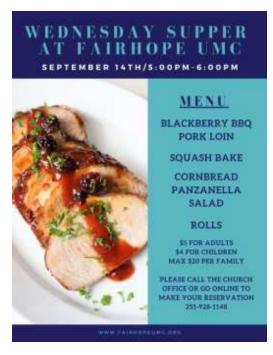
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A Stephen Ministry Church ~ Christ Caring for People Through People



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OPENING SONG Everlasting God Shea White, Praise Team

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Chain Breaker

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SERMON Finding the Lost Rev. Laura Parker

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE~THE LORD'S PRAYER RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

As you come before God to receive this Holy Meal, You are invited to bring all of who you are as an offering to the one who has given all of who he is for us.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Baskets are available to present your offering as you come forward to receive the bread and cup.

INVITATION TO PRAYER AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

BENEDICTION~SENDING FORTH

Assisting in Worship Today: Rev. Laura Parker
Acolytes: Caroline Turner, Anne Pavey Grant
Communion Servers: Amy & Craig Dowden, Karen Helms, Cairo Plauche,
Lindsey & Bo Tucker, Katie & Lee Turner
Music: Shea White and Praise Band
Media and Sound: Jamie Waldhour, Alex Beaman, Nellie Myers

Please Note: Next week, we will have 2 worship services in the sanctuary, 8:30 and 11:00. No service will be held in the Christian Life Center because of Blue Lake Church Family Fall Retreat.



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Welcome New Members



Baptism of Lucas Price Broussard (8/14/2022)
Parents: Matthew and Kristen



Krissy Dermody & Matt Derrenbacker (8/21/2022)



Baptism of Hammond Parker Daigle (8/28/2022)
Parents: Analise and Kolby



Baptism of Mary Emrich Curl (9/4/2022)
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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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SMALL GROUP ELECTIVE STUDIES

STUDY ON ROMANS

Everyone is welcome! <u>Please register so we can plan for enough handouts</u>. *Facilitated by Dr. Ann Pearson*. **Mondays, 1:00 pm. September 19**th **and 26**th, **October 3**rd, **10**th **and 17**th. No cost. Location: Sanctuary.

LAST CALL FOR THESE TWO STUDIES - REGISTER BY MONDAY 9-12-22 NOON!

EPIC OF EDEN - ISAIAH

Often named the fifth gospel, the book of the prophet Isaiah has more to say about Israel's coming Messiah than any other Old Testament book. But too often, when Isaiah speaks today, God's people have trouble hearing. This ten-week study explains Israel's religion and economy, explores the definition and role of the prophets, and helps us to apply the message of this great champion of the faith to our lives today.

Facilitated by Linda Smith. Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30 am. Orientation September 14th. Cost of Materials: \$20.

FAST TRACK DISCIPLE 1 BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH BIBLE STUDY

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 14th. 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.

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Caring Ministries



Stephen Ministry is here to serve you. Stephen Ministers provide one on one spiritual and emotional support as you experience life challenges. They are an extension of our Pastoral Care Team. Please contact Dr. Ann Pearson to learn more about this outreach ministry of care.

Support Group meeting this week...

Grief Group meets Monday, Sept. 12 at 3:00 pm in B-114 in Wesley Hall.

Survivors of Suicide meets Monday, Sept. 12 at 6:30pm in B-114 in Wesley Hall

Tough Dogs Cancer Support Group meets Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 12:30pm in the Church Library.

Tough Dogs / Tough Pups meets Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 1:30pm in Wesley Hall

Contact Dr. Ann Pearson (<u>ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org</u> or 251.928.1148) for more information on Support Groups..

Romans Bible Study...

The study begins on Monday, September 19 at 1:00 pm in the sanctuary. Call the church office to let us know how many handouts to make. Bring your Bible and let's study together.





Christ Caring for People Through People STEPHEN MINISTRY

A Stephen Minister can provide a Christian friend to listen and provide spiritual support.

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WEEKLY PROGRAMS

WEDNESDAY NITES:

KIDS CHOIR (K-6th grades, Ed Bldg- Wesley Hall Wednesdays, 4:15-5:00pm

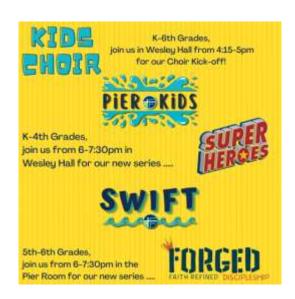
Join us as we learn about worship, music, and more!

PIER KIDS & SWIFT (K-6th grades), Ed. Bldg – Wesley Hall Wednesdays, 6-7:30pm SWIFT STUDY: Discipleship Pier Kids Study: Super Heroes - Esau Register at https://linktr.ee/pierkids

> Sunday School Sundays, 9:45am, Pier Hallway

Ages 3-6th Grades

Topic this week: *The Armor of God, Helmet of Salvation* (Ephesians 6:10-12, Acts 16:25-40





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!

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, missions@fairhopeumc.org

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.







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 @ 6:00-8:00pm (7th-12th 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.

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.



MISSION NIGHT for C groups will be Wednesday, September 28th. Mark your calendars & check your GROUPME account for specific details.

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
7-person 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!

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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 mailto:tina.wettermark@fairhopeumc.org 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!

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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! 11:00 AM-1:00 PM DONATION ONLY CAFE'



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO PROVIDE DESSERTS AND DELIVER MEALS!