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FAIRHOPE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 18, 2022 ~ 8:30 am and 11:00 am

PRELUDE *Peace Medley, Wonderful Peace and I've Got Peace Like a River* (arr. Voltz)

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us worship the one who calls us here.

We gather to worship with joy and in hope.

Come, let us worship the one who desires our hearts.

We bring our whole selves in worship to our God.

Come, let us set aside all that distracts us from true worship.

We come as we are and ask the Spirit to gather us in and direct our vision.

Come, let us worship the one who calls us here.

We are here to worship with all that we are.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Before we speak, God knows our needs, yet our words open our hearts to God's grace.

Let us prepare ourselves for God's healing as, in words and silence, we tell of all that separates us from God and one another. Please join together as we pray,

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ, we call you Lord, yet it is too easy for us to worship other things... other activities, other relationships, other gods.

You tell us we cannot serve two masters, yet we spend more time focusing our energies elsewhere, diverting our time, our energy, our money, our attention away from you.

Forgive us, gracious Savior, when our hearts are led astray, when we serve other gods and worship them. We turn away from our distractions and sin.

Strengthen us to set our faces toward Jerusalem, to take up our cross and follow you.

We pray this, counting on your grace. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven,
and we are given a new way to live.

Let us accept God's grace,
and live new lives of faith, obedience, and joy.

*PASSING THE PEACE

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Masters, two and more, competing for our money clamoring for our time
creating chaos in our lives.**

Master, one God, quiet us and draw us near. AMEN.

***HYMN #66**

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

***GLORIA PATRI**

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

Embrace Alabama Kids

Dr. Blake Horne

OFFERTORY

Give Me Jesus

(arr. Ryan)

DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11:00)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GOSPEL LESSON (1st Reading)

Luke 16:1-14

HYMN OF PREPARATION #454

Open My Eyes, That I May See

GOSPEL LESSON (2nd Reading)

Luke 16:1-14

SERMON

"Debts are Tossed"

Rev. Laura Parker

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN #419

I Am Thine, O Lord

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

Manfredini

✠ Stand as able

Assisting in Worship Today: Rev. Laura Parker, Katie Turner

Acolytes: Sims Peters, Logan Peters (8:30) Adelaide Robertson, Anne Pavey Grant (11:00)

Music: John Richardson, Organist; Rebekah Atkinson, Harpist; Chancel Choir

Media and Sound: Alex Beaman, John McClellan, Colin Richardson

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VISITING WITH US TODAY?

We want to know! Scan this QR CODE:



EMBRACING ALABAMA KIDS: A CENTURY OF SUCCESS

*Formerly the United Methodist Children's Home

Having advocated for vulnerable kids for more than 130+ years, we strive to equip ourselves to serve children who will need us for decades to come. With God's love as our compass, we pull together both church, community and state resources to help connect kids in Alabama and Northwest Florida with a stable, loving home environment. What started as an orphanage in Summerfield, Alabama has since grown to serve thousands of children and families across two states. With this in mind, we answer the call to serve, bringing to life the ongoing mission to care for kids and families in crisis through homes, healing and hope.

We welcome Dr. Blake Horne today, President and CEO, to tell us more about this significant ministry of the United Methodist Church. Donations today can be earmarked for Embrace Alabama Kids.

New Young Adult Sunday School Class Now Meeting!

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For more information, contact laura.parker@fairhopeumc.org.

The Community Crew ~ Meets Weekly on Monday, 9 am

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Invitation to Join the Church ~ Present this to the pastor during the last song.

Name(s) _____

Phone _____ Email _____

_____ Joining by Transfer of Church Membership

Transferring from: _____

_____ Joining by Profession of Faith (have not previously been baptized or a member of a church).

_____ Joining by Reaffirmation of Faith (have been baptized but not sure last church where membership was held).

If you are not yet ready to join but would like more information about church membership, contact one of our pastors or attend Coffee with the Pastors on October 9th @ 9:45 am. ***Please note new location: Conference Room, adjacent to the sanctuary.*** Enter through the door under the bell tower or by the steps behind the sanctuary facing the parking lot. Look for directional signs on Sunday morning.

THE LINK

Stay connected!



Weekly Newsletter

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AT FAIRHOPE UMC**

SEPTEMBER 21ST/5:00PM - 6:00PM



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CHICKEN
PARMESAN OVER
PENNE

CAESAR SALAD

GARLIC KNOTS

\$5 FOR ADULTS
\$4 FOR CHILDREN
MAX \$20 PER FAMILY

PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH
OFFICE OR GO ONLINE TO
MAKE YOUR RESERVATION
251-928-1148

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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.

Gathering Volunteers Needed!

- **Great News! We are bringing back weekly communion in the Gathering.** 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 katie.robertson@fairhopeumc.org.
- **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: xlphilwebb@gmail.com.

Caring Ministries



Romans Bible Study...

Romans Bible Study begins Monday, September 19th at 1:00 pm in the sanctuary. Bring your Bible and let's study together.

Support Group meeting this week...

Grief Group meets Monday, September 19th at 3:00 pm in B-114 in Wesley Hall.

Stephen Ministry Supervision meets Monday, September 19th at 6:00 pm in B-114 in Wesley Hall.

Caregiver's Support Group meets Tuesday, September 20th at 9:30 am in the Church Library. A zoom option is available by contacting Dr. Ann Pearson at ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org.

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

Shout Out and Many Thanks...

The Church Family was amazing in their response to clean up after Wednesday Night Supper. Everyone was blessed by the opportunity to serve together. What a difference this made.



Christ Caring for People Through People

STEPHEN MINISTRY

A Stephen Minister can provide

a Christian friend to listen and provide spiritual support.

For more information, contact Dr. Ann Pearson ~ 251.928.1148

Confidential . Prayerful . Caring . Nurturing



WEEKLY PROGRAMS

LIGHTHOUSE KIDS' CHOIR (K-6th grades), Ed. Bldg – Wesley Hall

Wednesdays, 4:15-5:00pm

Register at <https://linktr.ee/pierkids>

Join us as we worship and praise God through music and the arts. Our Kids' Choir performs multiple times throughout the year during Sunday services, special programs, and musical presentations.

PIER KIDS & SWIFT (K-6th grades), Ed. Bldg – Wesley Hall

Wednesdays, 6-7:30pm

Register at <https://linktr.ee/pierkids>

SWIFT STUDY - DISCIPLESHIP: Whose Direction Should I Follow?

PIER KIDS STUDY – SUPERHEROES: Jacob & Esau

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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!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Scripture Sidekicks have kicked off! Remember, to earn your Sidekick, you have to come to four times in a row. For more information or questions, see the Parent Resource Board on the Pier Hallway or contact Mrs. Jenna.





FALL FAMILY FAITH KIT: LEAVES OF CHANGE

We are so excited to share a very special prayer resource with you this fall that will help your kids develop a daily habit of Bible reading and prayer! If you are interested in receiving a kit, make sure to let Mrs. Jenna know by Thursday, September 22nd.

BLUE LAKE FAMILY CAMP IS THIS WEEKEND! SEPT 16-18 at Camp Blue
Prayers to all attending for safe travels and great times!



Scan the code or [CLICK HERE](#) to visit our **LINKTREE** that contains links to the most current information! Forms, Pier Kids, SWIFT, Kid's Choir registrations, and more.

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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//9:45-10:40 am
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! Download the PARENT CUE in our series email for all details on how to continue the conversation at home.

ENCOUNTER WINTER RETREATS 2023

High School Retreat (9-12)

1/6 @ 5pm-1/7 @ 5pm


Middle School Retreat (7-8)

1/7 @ 5pm-1/8 @ 5pm

Don't miss out middle & high School winter retreat, **ENCOUNTER 2023!** Two different retreats-same weekend-same place! We will host both retreats back-to-back at Camp Beckwith this January 6-8. Our worship for the retreat will be led by John Matheou & Port City Worship Team. Registration is LIVE!

THIS CHANGES
EVERYTHING

ENCOUNTER
WEEKEND



SCAN HERE TO
REGISTER!

JANUARY 6-7
HIGH SCHOOL
(9-12 GRADE)

JANUARY 7-8
MIDDLE SCHOOL
(7-8 GRADE)

LOCATION:
CAMP
BECKWITH

COST=\$100

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.



MISSION NIGHT

Wednesday Sep 28th
Serve with your C-Group!

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Wednesday, September 28

(SERVE with C-GROUPS)

(7th-12th grade)

Come serve on our first **Mission Night** this fall on **September 28!** All C-groups will serve together & volunteer adult drivers are needed. Every team will be going to a different location therefore our times, locations & details will be placed in your grade level GROUPME account. If you're not on this platform of communication, please text Rachael @ 256-343-1303!

Dodgeball Tournament & NEON NIGHT

Sunday, September 25

6:00-8:00 pm

(7th-12th grade)

Don't miss out on the **11th annual Student Ministry Dodgeball Tournament!** We will sign up teams that night or scan the link above to sign up early. Wear your **BRIGHTEST COLORS** & prepare for the tournament & **GLOW IN THE DARK** dodgeball at the end.



UPCOMING DATES:



MISSION NIGHT

Trunk or Treat//C-Groups

Wednesday, October 26

5:00-6:30 pm

(7th-12th grade)

Pumpkin Olympics

Sunday, October 30

6:00-8:00 pm

(7th-12th grade)

SUMMER MISSIONS

(7th-12th grade)

High School Mission Trip

July 2-8, 2023

Scranton, Pennsylvania

Middle School Mystery Mission Trip

June 18-11, 2023

SUMMER

MISSIONS

**HIGH
SCHOOL
JULY
2-8TH**

**MIDDLE
SCHOOL
JUNE
18-22ND**

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

4YRS-4TH GRADE



SCAN ME



SIGN UP NOW!

COST: \$95 Includes: Jersey +

Practices: Beginning on November 7

Games: Beginning on November 28

All practices and games will be held at the

Fairhope UMC Christian Life Center Gym

Register at: <https://registration.upward.org/UPW82604>
or scan the QR code.



**UPWARD
SPORTS**



H O W A R E W E S E R V I N G ?

JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY!

COMMUNITY CAFE' IS OPEN FOR LUNCH!

11:00AM-1:00PM

DONATION ONLY CAFE'

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO PROVIDE DESSERTS AND DELIVER MEALS!

