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January 8, 2023

8:30AM and 11:00AM

PRELUDE

We Three Kings

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

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Together they invite us down into the waters of life where the Spirit flows.

From there we may rise to go, to dare, to walk, and to serve beyond where we have been before.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us be bold and confess our sins, for God is gracious and always ready to forgive.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you show no partiality, yet we are not always as tolerant and accepting.

Forgive our intolerance, and help us to see as you see,

that we may be found acceptable in your sight through Jesus our Christ. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God forgives all our sins and promises to bring us to everlasting life.

Thanks be to God!

✠PASSING OF THE PEACE

✠HYMN OF PRAISE 173

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

OFFERING

Come to Me and Rest

(Larson)

✠DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S TIME (11:00)

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mark us with your images, and raise us to live our baptismal vows

empowered by the Holy Spirit and the example of Christ our Lord,

in whose name we pray. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 3:13-17

SERMON

"He Is With Us In These Waters"

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT #50

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ THE LORD'S PRAYER

Father in heaven,

at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan

you proclaimed him your beloved Son

and anointed him with the Holy Spirit.

Grant that all who are baptized into his name

may keep the covenant they have made

and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior,

Who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,

One God, in Glory everlasting. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN # 252

When Jesus Came to Jordan

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Down By the Riverside

✠ Stand as able

Assisting in Worship Today: Dr. Darren M. McClellan

Acolytes: Cate Richardson (8:30) Nicholas Goleash (11:00)

Music: Tom Hood, John Richardson, Chancel Choir

Media and Sound: Alex Beaman, Wright Tapscott, Colin Richardson

VISITING WITH US TODAY?

We want to know! Scan this QR CODE:



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2022 Flower Calendar for Altar Flowers in the Sanctuary

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the water that cleans us, the land that feeds us, and the air that allows us to breathe your Spirit in and out of us; you claim us in our baptism, but too few of us even remember our own baptism. And if we remember (or imagine) our baptism, we too rarely grasp its meaning and power. As we contemplate again the witness of Christ's baptism, may we remember that in the water with Christ, like Christ, we are commissioned to go: to teach, preach, heal, and even to take up a cross. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

SINGING OUR PRAISES

Your Grace Is Enough

Washed By The Water

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RESPONDING TO THE WORD

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM AND THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

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.

****Baskets are available to present your offering*

as you come forward to receive the bread and cup.

INVITATION TO PRAYER AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING SONG

Assisting in Worship Today:

Rev. Laura Parker

Acolytes: Claire Furlong, Edmond Furlong

Communion Servers: Shayne and Clay Hare, Mary and Noah Funderburg,
Anne and Lane Dorman, Emily and Doug Garner

Music: Shea White and Praise Band

Media and Sound: Jamie Waldhour, Alex Beaman, Nellie Meyers



**WEDNESDAY SUPPER
AT FAIRHOPE UMC**
JANUARY 11TH/5:00PM-6:00PM

MENU

BLACKBERRY BBQ
PORK LOIN

SEASONED GREEN
BEANS

MAC & CHEESE

DINNER ROLL

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

PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH
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THE LINK

Stay connected!



January 8, 2023

Weekly Newsletter

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Welcome New Members...



New Members: Cameron and Meghan DeShazo
Baptism: Cam, Duncan, Ellie and Mia
(12/25/2022)



Baptism of Connor and Whit Rodden
Parents: Casey and Jenny Beth Rodden Sister: Anna Caroline
(12/25/2022)



Roger and Sandy Tyer
(12/18/2022)



Baptism: Nehemiah and Lazarus
Parents: Justin and Lorraine Perdue
(12/25/2022)



Jill and Joe Svejkosky
(1/1/2023)

Memorials and Honorariums Received by the church:

In memory of:

Rob Stewart by

Mary Beth and Robert Gibson (Community Café)

Ann Calhoun by

Jennifer and Evan Myrick and family (Community Café & Blue Lake Children's Scholarship Fund)

In honor of:

The Eugene Lammers Family by

Joseph Lammers

Bill and Ginny Hollis by

Jane Dukes (Community Café)

Yvonne Cox by

Dr. Anne Scarborough (Caring Ministries)

Julia Gavin by

Tommy and Wanda Harris (Caring Ministries)



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Weekly Bible Study...

This study will meet on Wednesdays beginning January 11th at 1:30PM in B-114 in Wesley Hall. The One Year Bible will be our text and we will study in small groups. We will go at our own pace reading the daily scriptures together and discussing. This will be an ongoing drop-in study that is available each week. My goal is not to complete the study in one year but to have a weekly check in with the scriptures to enhance our faith. Our love for the scriptures can keep us connected and accountable to our Heavenly Father. Let the church office know if you would like to sign you up and order a book for you. Come and join me in study.

Short Term Bible Study...

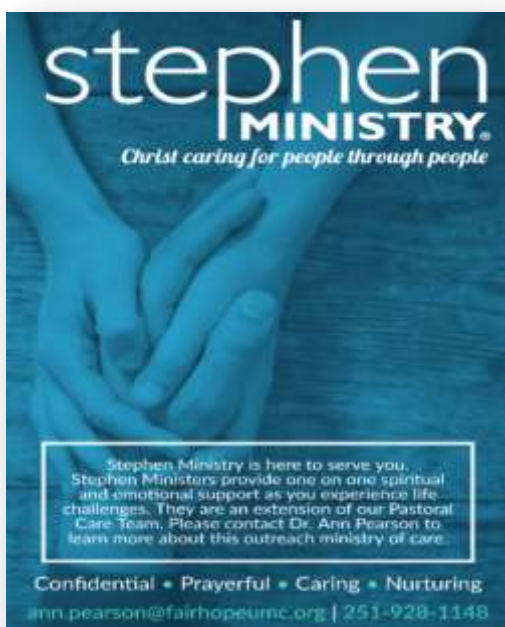
Beginning the end of February, this Monday Bible study will meet at 1:00PM to study 1st Corinthians. Be on the lookout for the startup date.

Blood Drive...

A Blood Drive will be on Sunday, January 15th from 8:00AM to 1:00PM in the back parking lot of the church. Come and give the gift of life.

Support Group Meetings this week.....

- **Grief Support Group** meets every Monday from 3:00–4:00PM in Room B-114 in Wesley Hall. We will begin a new study by Max Lucado, *God Will Make a Way*, the middle of January. Come and see how God provides in our lives even when we can't see Him.
- **Survivors of Suicide** will be meeting on Monday, January 9, at 6:30PM in Room B-114 in Wesley Hall.
- **Tough Dogs Cancer Support Group** will be meeting on Tuesday, January 10 at 12:30PM in the church library. Following our meeting we will be assembling Chemo Care Bag in Wesley Hall at 1:30PM.



Stephen Ministry is here to serve you.

Stephen Ministry is a one-on-one ministry where our trained lay caring ministers come alongside people in challenging situations. If you need a Christian sounding board contact Dr. Ann Pearson at 251-928-1148 or email her at ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org.



Hello, friends and HAPPY NEW YEAR! Here's what's happening this week in Children's Ministries....

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

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

Wednesdays, 4:15-5:00pm

Congrats to the cast of "The Rockslinger and His Greatest Hit!" Our kids' choir is currently working on their Spring musical! There is still time to join and not miss out on the fun. Check out the linktree for more information.

PIER KIDS (K-4th grades), Ed. Bldg., Wesley Hall

Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30pm

THIS WEEK: WINTER KICK-OFF GAME NIGHT

Join us for a night of fun and games! Come dressed in clothes to play and tennis shoes!

SWIFT (5th-6th Grades), Ed. Bldg., Pier Room, 2nd Floor

Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30pm

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Join us for a night of fun and games! Come dressed in clothes to play and tennis shoes!

SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS, (ages 3-6th grades), Ed. Bldg, Pier Hallway

Sundays, 9:45-10:40am

Join us during the Sunday School hour for an age appropriate, hands-on Bible lesson.

THIS WEEK: The Gospel Project Christmas Edition: Wise Men Visited Jesus

3s & 4s – 1st Floor, Room B 107

Kindergarten– Yellow Room

1st Grade – Blue Room

2nd Grade – Green Room

3rd/4th Grades – Aqua Room

SWIFT – Purple Room

****color rooms are located on the 2nd floor on the Pier Hallway****

KIDS CHURCH, (ages 4 and above), Ed. Bldg – Pier Room

2nd, 3rd, 4th Sundays of the month during 11am services

Children ages 4 and above are invited to join us after being dismissed during services for a video lesson and activities in the Pier Room.

THIS WEEK:

STAY INFORMED

Facebook Page – @pierkidsfairhopeumc

Facebook Group – <https://www.facebook.com/groups/fairhopeumckids>

Instagram - @fairhopeumc_childrens_min

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

January 12th - 14th, 2023

WONDERFULLY MADE

5th & 6th Graders

A faith-based sex education course with Dr. Leigh Meekins.
Find more information and register at linktr.ee/pierkids



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

WINTER RETREAT 2023



February 3rd-5th, 2023
3rd-6th grades

Go to [Linktr.ee/pierkids](https://linktr.ee/pierkids) to register or contact jenna.hood@fairhopeumc.org for more info
scholarships are available

Our Wonderfully Made Workshop is January 12-14th. Please be in prayer for our leaders and students as they learn about their bodies and God's wonderful plan for it all!

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

\$135/per camper + bus fee. Scholarships available. Link to register is on our Linktree. **6th grade IS included**
DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS JANUARY 15TH.



REGISTRATION OPENS SOON!

Completed 3rd-5th Grades

CAMP @ BLUE LAKE

Swimming, Gaga, campfire, Bible stories, crafts, and more!

Early Bird Registration
\$355

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Andalusia, AL
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www.bluelakecamp.com
or contact Mrs. Jenna for more info
jenna.hood@fairhopeumc.org
334.733.0003 (toll)

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Join us at Blue Lake for SUMMER CAMP!
For those currently in 3rd-5th grades.

REGISTRATION OPENS SOON, so be on the lookout for reminders from Mrs. Jenna!

Scan the code or [CLICK HERE](#) to visit our LINKTREE that contains links to the most current information! Forms, Pier Kids, SWIFT, 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 Linktree. For more information on Student Ministry, subscribe to*

our weekly text messages by clicking the link above.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday's @ 9:45-10:40am
CLC// 2nd Floor (Attic)

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH

CLC @ 6:00-8:00pm

WEDNESDAY C-GROUPS

CLC @ 6:00-7:30pm

All Programming resumes
Wednesday, January 11



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.

SUMMER

**HIGH
SCHOOL
JULY
2-8TH**

MISSIONS

**MIDDLE
SCHOOL
JUNE
18-22ND**



CONFIRMATION 2023 Begins for Students on January 22nd//9:30 am

Registration for our upcoming Confirmation Class has been emailed to parents of current 7th graders and is now open. The class begins on Sunday, January 22, 2023 at 9:30 am. **The Parent (only) Orientation will be January 8 @ 12:30 pm an in the Fellowship Hall.** Please click the registration link in your email and or on our social media account to register. Class will meet at 9:30 am each week. *Students are encouraged to participate in the ENCOUNTER WEEKEND retreat on January, 7-8 at Camp Beckwith.*

FUMC College Scholarship Application Due Sunday, January 15, 2023



Fairhope UMC is privileged to administer scholarships to help prepare leaders for the church, community, and world. These scholarships are awarded to church members whose character and accomplishments make them worthy representatives of FUMC and the individuals whom these grants honor. Scholarships are awarded to students who are actively involved with Fairhope United Methodist Church.

Some scholarships are awarded to an applicant who is preparing for ordained ministry, attending a Methodist college, or pursuing a church related vocation; need based; or other criteria. Numbers and amounts of scholarships will depend on annual availability of funds. This is the time to apply for these scholarships for the

2023-24 academic year. The deadline for applications is January 15, 2023. The scholarships are awarded in February. This will position the scholarship winner to apply for matching funds offered through the Methodist conference and by many colleges.

To apply, go to the student ministry page of our church website or scan the student ministry code above for a direct link. Other inquiries regarding scholarships may be made to committee via scholarships@fairhopeumc.org.