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The Meador Family

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SINGING OUR PRAISES

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Be Thou My Vision

FIRST READING Psalm 25:1-10

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Luke 21:25-36

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In your Word, O God, show us heaven. By your Spirit, show us truth; through Christ, the Living Word, in whom we see your face. **Amen.**

SERMON

"Something is About to Happen"

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / SENDING FORTH

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Media and Sound: Robert Hammon, Jamie Waldhour, Amelia Koser



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*HYMN OF PRAISE #211

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

*GLORIA PATRI

PSALTER #756

Psalm 25:1-10

8:30 Carolyn Kidd, 11:00 Natalie Woodrow

OFFERING Let All Mortal Flesh arr by Ortega/Schreiner

*DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S TIME (11:00)

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Tiffany Beasley (8:30) Rebekah Chambless (11:00)

HYMN OF PREPARATION #206

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

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SERMON

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Rev. Ontonio Christie

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN #203

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Walther

Assisting in Worship Today:

Toccato in C Minor

Rev. Ontonio Christie, Rev. Laura Parker, Tiffany Beasley, Rebecca Chambless Acolytes: 8:30 Sims Peters 11:00 Hackett Robertson Music: Tom Hood, John Richardson, Jeff White

Media and Sound: Peyton Phillips, Wright Tapscott, Colin Richardson

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Weekly Newsletter

NOVEMBER 28, 2021



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Pathways!

...Finding your way to community at Fairhope UMC; visitors, new members, longtime members...anyone is welcome who wants to know more or dive deeper!

Join us in early 2022 for these opportunities. All classes taught on Sunday mornings, 9:45-10:40.

Marks of a Methodist

Sunday, January 16, 2022

- Exploring faith in Jesus Christ and the distinctives of Methodism.
- How does the concept of "grace" mark who we are as God's people?
- Church "membership" through the lens of covenant-making.
- Facilitated by Dr. Darren McClellan

Growing in Grace

Sunday, January 23, 2022

- Establishing the disciplines of the Christian lifestyle.
- Exploring tools for a healthy devotional life.
- Exploring avenues for Christian accountability.
- Facilitated by Rev. Laura Parker

Finding your Fit

Sunday, January 30, 2022

- Learning about how spiritual gifts function within the body of Christ.
- Exploring the results of a spiritual gifts inventory.
- How do spiritual gifts, passion, life experiences and personality work together to prepare you for service?
- Learning about opportunities to serve at Fairhope UMC.
- Facilitated by Katie Turner

Conquering the Campus

Sunday, February 6, 2022

- Participate in a campus tour.
- · Identify where staff offices are located.
- Learn where the various ministries take place on campus.
- Gain confidence that this is YOUR church...you are welcome here!
- Facilitated by Rev. Ontonio Christie, and friends...



CARING MINISTRIES

Being Thankful...

We are thankful for our Preschoolers from our Preschool Program for bringing food for the Lord's Pantry. This month they are learning about giving and how to help others. They truly are cheerful givers!







We are thankful to the Knit and Crochet Group for preparing special Christmas Bags for Tough Pups. These bags go to children with cancer from birth to age 18. This outreach ministry continues to support Lord's Pantry with special dish clothes, Tough Dogs Chemo Care Bags with hats, Nursery Ministries with blankets, and Ecumenical Ministry Angel Tree with handmade items.

Church wide Christmas Delivery

Drivers Needed for Christmas Deliveries to our Church Members Homes. If you are available to make deliveries any time during the next 3 weeks, please contact Dr. Ann Pearson at the church office 251-928-1148 or email ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org.



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Our Stephen Ministers are available to walk this unprecedented time with you as we all face daily challenges. Please contact Dr. Ann Pearson at 251-928-1148 or ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org if you would like more information.

"Be kind and compassionate to one another." Ephesians 4:32

Support Ministries

Grief Support Group meets each Monday from 3:00 to 4:00 pm in B-114. **Caregivers Support Group** meets Tuesday, December 7 at 9:30am in the Church Library.





On

Sunday, November 14, this congregation was proud to celebrate Mrs. Lisa Calhoun as the inaugural recipient of the "Here I Am" award here at Fairhope United Methodist Church. Rooted in Abraham's response to God during a dramatic season of sacrifice (Gen. 22:1), this newly conceived recognition is presented in honor of one who has "loved

boldly" through their outstanding service to both church and community. A longtime member of Fairhope UMC, Lisa Calhoun has served as an infectious disease nurse at Thomas Hospital for over 40 years. She also served as our primary cook for Wednesday Night suppers for nearly 20 years. She and her family have offered a witness of steadfast love and support that now spans several generations.

Upon receiving this award, Lisa replied simply: I love my church.

We are *much obliged* to Lisa for her love, dedication and service. Hers is a model of discipleship on which all can agree!

A replay of this presentation is available on the Fairhope UMC Facebook page. Search the CLC service for November 14.



WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Sunday School (3 yr-6th grades) ~ Sundays, 9:45-10:45 Topic this week: A Ruler in Bethlehem

UPCOMING EVENTS











Registration for Winter Retreat which is Feb 4th-6th (open to 3rd-6th graders) is now open! This is a great time to get a taste of what camp is like at Blue Lake right outside of Andalusia, AL. Join us for a weekend of worship, games, fun, and God! See Mrs. Jenna for a registration packet! If you are interested in volunteering/chaperoning, please contact Mrs. Jenna. *Early bird deadline is December 15th. Final deadline is January 16th.*

- Children's Ministries is looking for an Elementary Sunday School Coordinator to start in January 2022. This position helps coordinate teachers and Sunday School room/lesson preparation. It is a wonderful opportunity to serve and get to know our kids and young families. If interested, contact Jenna Hood at Jenna.hood@fairhopeumc.org to find out more.
- The last Wednesday night of PIER, PIER34, & SWIFT activities for 2021 is DEC 1st!



ACOLYTES IN ACTION

Have an acolyte that loves to serve? We want to see our #acolytesinaction! We are so proud of our kids for serving in this way. So, take a picture of your acolyte serving and send it to Jenna at jenna.hood@fairhopeumc.org to share on our children's Insta page or post it on your own Instagram account for us to see! Don't forget to tag @fairhopeumc_childrens_min and use the hashtag #acolytesinaction! We can't wait to see all of our wonderful acolytes!

QUESTIONS: Contact Jenna Hood, Director of Children's Ministries <u>jenna.hood@fairhopeumc.org</u> 251-928-1148 (office) and 251-591-4050 (cell)



SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH//6:30-8:00pm (November 28)

*No Regular Youth Meetings in December (Dec 5 party details below)

Sunday Night Youth takes place almost every week and includes: worship, games, free time in the gym, dinner 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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT//6:30-7:45pm



*December 1st @ 6:30 pm C Group Dinner Night

Please see your Groupme account for more information on the location for your group. You will need to bring \$10 for dinner that night and meet at the location assigned.

*December 8th @ 6:30 pm Angel Tree Shopping Night

All C-Group members should bring \$5 and meet at the CLC 6:00 pm. We will go shopping at Target and return by 8:00 pm.

*NO C GROUP MEETINGS DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER. WE WILL RESUME JANUARY 5.



Follow us on social media & receive text messages customized just for Student Ministry information. Follow these simple steps below:

Instagram: @fairhopeumc.youth Facebook: @fhsaltstudents

Text Message Reminders: Text the word "Saltstudents" to the

number "43506"

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AVAILABLE ONLINE

Our Fairhope United Methodist Church college scholarship application is now available for download on the youth page of our church website. The deadline for ALL applications is January 16, 2022.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

DEC 5 @ 6:30-8:00 pm// The Oldshue's Farm

Our Christmas Party will be held at the home of Jake, Lynn and John Oldshue this year. We will meet there and the address will be sent out via text message. Please make sure you are subscribed to the youth text message service by following the directions above. Wear your Ugly Christmas sweater and bring a 2-liter drink. We can't wait to celebrate the season with you all!

CONFIRMATION 2022

Begins January 9th//12:30-2:00 pm

Registration for our upcoming Confirmation Class has been emailed to parents of current 7th graders on November 7. The class begins on Sunday, January 9, 2022 at 12:30pm with an orientation which will include lunch for students participating in the class and their parents. Please click the registration link in your email and or on our social media account to register.

Note: A requirement for our Confirmation Class is to participate in Discovery Weekend. The important details can be found below. Please save this date as well.

MIDDLE SCHOOL//DISCOVERY WEEKEND February 11th-13th, 2022

Discovery is a 43-hour spiritual retreat designed for Middle School students held on our church campus and led by High School students and Adult Mentors. Registration for 7th-8th grade participants & 9th-12th grade High School leadership is now open! Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details. If you'd like to help in an adult leadership role, please contact our DW Directors, Larry or Megan Smith.

HIGH SCHOOL//SKI RETREAT

January 14-16, 2022 9th-12th grade

Join the high school youth for a Ski Retreat to Beech Mountain, North Carolina. The cost is \$350 per person and the deposit of \$100 is due no later than December 7, 2021. The price includes snow tubing, skiing, hotel, travel and breakfast. You will need money for lunch and dinner daily. We meet to leave Friday morning and return Sunday by 10:00 pm.

SUMMER YOUTH MISSION TRIPS 2022

Middle School Mission Trip Rising 7th-9th grade June 19-23, 2022

Location: Louisiana Hurricane Ida Relief

Cost: \$465

Deposit: \$100 due by February 1

Our registration for the summer mission trip opens November 18. A text message link will be sent to the "SALT Student" text service (see above to subscribe). There will be more details on housing, fundraisers and payment plans sent December 13, 2021. If you would like to volunteer to chaperone, please text or email Rachael Waldhour.

High School Mission Trip

July 3-9, 2022

Rising 10th-College Freshmen Location: Las Animas, Colorado m Cost=\$850 (housing + airfare)

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We are partnering with Ecumenical Ministries, DHR & Baldwin County CareHouse to provide Christmas for children & elderly in our community. Our children & elderly angels will be available this Sunday!

Children Angel will be due back to the church by Sunday, December 12th or before!

More info questions? Contact Jennifer Myrick missions@fairhopeumc.org



