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**OPENING SONG** 

Hark! The Harold Angels Sing

Shea White, Praise Team

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The Rice Family

Scripture: Malachi 3:1-4

Let us pray:

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SINGING OUR PRAISES

O Come all Ye Faithful Take My Life (And Let It Be)

**WORDS OF PRAISE** 

Luke 1:67-80

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OFFERING

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Scripture Readers: The O'Connell Family Gavin, Mary Kate, Coleman, William and Anne Kate

**SERMON** 

"Do You Hear What I Hear?"

Rev. Laura L. Parker

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / SENDING FORTH

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS ~ Charles and Michelle Scearce

CLOSING SONG

Shea White, Praise Team

Assisting in Worship Today: Rev. Laura Parker

Music: Shea White and Praise Band Acolytes: Carson Myrick, Harper Myrick

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PRELUDE O Come All Ye Faithful arr. Eithun FUMC Bell Ensemble

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\*HYMN OF PRAISE # 213 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

\*THE APOSTLES' CREED

\*GLORIA PATRI

WORDS OF PRAISE Luke 1:68-79 Marion McKnight

OFFERING Sing We Now of Christmas arr. Eithun

FUMC Bell Ensemble

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HYMN OF PREPARATION #207 Prepare the Way of the Lord

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN # 220 Angels from the Realms of Glory

8:30 RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS ~ Roger and Shirley VanDyke

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE Angels from the Realms of Glory

arr. Paul Rutz

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of Jennifer Myrick and in gratitude of her dedication to Missions.

Assisting in Worship Today:

Dr. Darren M. McClellan, Rev. Ontonio Christie

Music: Tom Hood, John Richardson, FUMC Bell Ensemble

Acolytes: Thomas Allgood, Judd Determann (8:30) Crucifer: Elliot Determann

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## Thanksgiving Highlights...





What a wonderful time of "thanksgiving" with Pastor Boykin and our friends from the African Universal Church What a blessing!





A great time was had at the highly unofficial Fairhope UMC "Turkey Bowl." Thank you, Basics SS class, for the invitation to your now sore Sr. Pastor.



Thank you to Bennie Ingram and Mike Kirk (Jubilee Shores) for transport Disaster Response supplies to LA! We also provided food for 500 meals to be distributed to a community in Thibodaux, LA.





## 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...



# The following memorials and honorariums have been received by the church:

In memory of:

Janet Nall (Caring Ministries) by Elsie and Walter Butler

Clarice Gustin (Caring Ministries) by Catherine Sherman

Leslie Williams

**David Hicks by**Johnny Northcutt

Dr. Henry Mullins (Caring Ministries) by Jean Smith

Virginia Trego (Caring Ministries) by Tim Trego

In honor of: Olivia Estes (Children's Ministry) by Kim and John Estes

## **CARING MINISTRIES**

## Luke Bible Study

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## **Church wide Christmas Delivery**

Our Christmas deliveries have begun and we need a few more drivers to complete the gift giving. Please contact Dr. Ann Pearson at the church office 251-928-1148 or ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org.

It's a blessed season! Come and be a part of the celebration!





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 <a href="mailto:ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org">ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org</a> if you would like more information.

"Pray for each other." Ephesians 4:32

## **Support Ministries**

**Grief Support Group** meets each Monday from 3:00 to 4:00 pm in B-112. **Caregivers Support Group** meets Tuesday, December 7 at 9:30am in the Church Library.



## **WEEKLY PROGRAMS**

**Sunday School** (3 yr-6th grades) ~ Sundays, 9:45-10:45 Topic this week: Advent and Tree Decorating! K-6<sup>th</sup> will meet in their rooms, then go outside to decorate their trees! PreK will enjoy their lesson "The Angels Visit" in their room!

Registration for Winter Retreat which is Feb 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> (open to 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>. Final deadline is January 16<sup>th</sup>.



#### REMINDERS

- Parents of acolytes, send us your #acolytesinaction photos! 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 <u>jenna.hood@fairhopeumc.org</u> 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!
- 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.
- WONDERFULLY MADE, a faith-based sex education course, will be offered to our 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders January 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2022. This class will be led by Dr. Leigh Meekins. Registration fee is \$50 and deadline is January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022.To learn more about this class, it's schedule, and to register, visit our website. Parents of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders will receive more information about this course in the coming weeks.

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

# SALT STUDENTS



## YOUTH CHRISTMAS BONFIRE

Sunday, December 4 @ 6:30-8:00 pm

Our student ministry (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) will celebrate the holiday together with a Christmas Bonfire at the home of the John & Lynn Oldshue. (MEET AT THE OLDSHUE'S FARM)

There will be dinner, games, bonfire and more! Please bring a blanket or lawn chair. The address can be found inside your grades Groupme App and will be sent via text message to those who are subscribed to our student ministry number on Sunday morning. Please text or call Rachael Waldhour (256)343-1303 for more details. (Details to subscribe are below.)

## ANGEL TREE SHOPPING

Wednesday, December 8th

@ 6:30-7:45 pm

Meet: @ Target

Bring: \$10 donation for the Angel Tree gifts

Please note that the pick-up and drop-off will be at

Target. Feel free to message others in the

groupme app to set up a carpool!

\*\*\*This is our final student ministry gathering (other than Sunday School) until January 5, 2022.





## 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.

CONFIRMATION 2022
Begins January 9th
12:30-2:00 pm

Registration for our upcoming Confirmation Class will be 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 watch for the registration link in the bulletin and through our social media accounts. One 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-13<sup>th</sup>, 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 can be found online. 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 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 next week on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021.** The price includes snow tubing, skiing, hotel, travel and breakfast. You will need money for lunch and dinner daily. We will send the names of our chaperones and a link for room assignments after the deadline.

#### **GET PLUGGED IN**

**Instagram:** @fairhopeumc.youth **Facebook:** @fhsaltstudents

Text Message Reminders: Text the word "Saltstudents" to the number "43506"

You can keep up with all that is going on in our area of ministry and get the news first! You can follow us on social media & receive text messages customized just for Student Ministry information.



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!

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



