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FAIRHOPE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Third Sunday of Advent
The Gathering: December 12, 2021

OPENING SONG

Angels We Have Heard On High

Shea White, Praise Team

CALL TO WORSHIP

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In the midst of troubles and stress, God is near, offering compassion.

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Let all the people praise God.

Hallelujah! AMEN.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Johnston Family: Mitch, Jill, Campbell, Ann Caryl and Mac

Scripture: Isaiah 12:2-6

Let us pray...

God of compassion, you come to us time and time again. As we await your coming into the world as the Christ, we are filled with your hope, your peace, and your joy. It is more than we can contain! Help us to bring such joy to all we encounter this week. Amen.

SINGING OUR PRAISES

*Joy Unspeakable Joy
God With Us*

WORDS OF PRAISE

Zephaniah 3:14-20

The Goldman Family

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Paul and Candi Eichstaedt, Joyce Kelley, Jon, Elizabeth, Whit, Ford and Sutton Macklem

OFFERING

He Has Come For Us

*Children 4 years-2nd grade can meet at the side doors for Children's Church.
They are to be picked up immediately following the service in the CLC Fellowship Hall.
Nursery is also available for children 4 years and younger in the Education Building.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Word, you are our guide and ultimate assurance. By your Holy Spirit, open us to your promises and commands and shower us again with the fire of your love. **Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Philippians 4:4-7

The Macklem Family

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 3:7-18

SERMON

"I Will Bring You Home"

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / SENDING FORTH

CLOSING SONG

Softly and Tenderly

Shea White, Praise Team

Assisting in Worship Today: Dr. Darren M. McClellan, Rev. Ontonio Christie

Acolytes: Karys Mayfield, Kylee Mayfield

Music: Shea White and Praise Band

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



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Von Himmel hoch, da komm'ich her

Pachelbel

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*HYMN OF PRAISE # 249

There's a Song In the Air

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ THE LORD'S PRAYER

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

*GLORIA PATRI

WORDS OF JOY

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Joe Bullington

OFFERING

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Wilbur Held

*DOXOLOGY

What Sweeter Music ~ A Festival Of Carols (Mark Hayes)

**Please sing as directed*

Opening Medley

What Sweeter Music Can We Bring? / Angels We Have Heard on High

I Saw Three Ships / Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day

Promise of Peace

Song of Mary

Soprano Soloist, Jenna Hood

Cradle Medley

***Still, Still, Still/ Away in a Manger/ What Sweeter Music Can We Bring?
Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne/ *Silent Night***

*Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright 'round yon virgin mother and Child!
Holy Infant so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light; with the angels let us sing
alleluia to our King; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.*

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Song of the Angels

Angels We Have Heard on High

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing/ *The First Nowell

*The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.*

O Holy Night

Baritone soloist, Joe Bullington

We Three Kings of Orient Are

Closing Medley

***What Sweeter Music Can We Bring?/ Good Christians All, Rejoice
*Joy to the World/ *O Come, All Ye Faithful***

*Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sin.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love,
and wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.*

*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels!*

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Von Himmel hoch, da komm'ich her

Walther

Assisting in Worship Today:
Dr. Darren M. McClellan, Rev. Laura Parker
Director of Music: Tom Hood
FUMC Chancel Choir & Children's Choir
Orchestra

Rebekah Atkinson	Dominic Luthje
Celeste Boone	Linde Lynn
Anne Brooks	Julia Marks
Stephanie Calhoun	Chris McCrary
Zach Dake	Laura Morris
Mark Hoffman	Heather Nutting
Elizabeth Jones	John Richardson
Robyn Koser	Susan Unger
Amber LeBatard	Bob Whitfield

Narrators

Debbie Bolton, Emily Garner, John Hodgkins, Melinda Murphy, Steve Pearson
Media and Sound: Peyton Phillips, Robert Hammon

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THE LINK

Weekly Newsletter

DECEMBER 12, 2021



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THIS QR CODE WITH YOUR
PHONE CAMERA:**





Pathways
FAIRHOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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. Antonio Christie, and friends...

Scan this QR code with your smart phone camera to register

OR visit <https://www.fairhopeumc.org/pathways/>



A Disciple's Path:

*...Deepen your relationship with Christ and the Church.
A 6-week Wednesday evening class: 6:00-7:15 pm.*

This study combines a Wesleyan understanding of our growth in God's love and grace with the practice of spiritual disciplines of prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

A Disciple's Path Workbook offers six weeks of daily readings (five per week), Scripture, a message for the day, and prompts for personal reflection. A special introductory session includes material on the history, beliefs, and structure of The United Methodist Church.

Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm beginning January 12th.

Facilitated by Rev. Laura Parker

Cost of materials: \$10



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OR visit [A Disciple's Path | Articles | Fairhope UMC](#)



CARING MINISTRIES



Church wide Christmas Delivery

Thank you Christmas delivery drivers! You did an amazing job reaching our 735 families. This could not have been accomplished without the following elves for Caring Ministries: John Helmstadter, Linda and Len King, Keith Hoffman, Janie Mullins, Ken and Pat Cooper, Helen and Bennie Ingram, Mike and Lynn White, Jim Robertson, Mary and Noah Funderburg, Patti and David Hanafourde, Mike and Rosie Lockwood, Ginger Ready, Donna and Butch Hughes, Betty Stejskal, Gloria Fisher, Izzy Pike, Shelley Corley, Kim Gibson, Nancy and Bob Grogan, Gayle and Marcus Lawrence, Synthia Kaiser and JoAnn Riggs, Bonnie Norton, Tom Yow, Mary Finger, Hazel and JD Odom, Carol and Don Danforth, Sandy Noel, Brenda Robinson, Joyce Kelley, Carolyn Kidd and Sonny James.

Luke Bible Study

Monday, December 13th, 1-2:15 pm in Wesley Hall.. We will be studying Luke 2. Our class will resume our study on January 24th beginning with Chapter 3.



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.

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2

Support Ministries

Grief Support Group meets each Monday from 3:00 to 4:00 pm in B-114 off Wesley Hall.

Survivors of Suicide (SOS) meets in person on Monday, December 12 at 6:30 pm in B114.

A zoom option is available upon request from Dr. Ann Pearson at ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org.

Tough Dogs Cancer Support Group meets in person on Tuesday, December 14 at 12:30 pm in the church library.

A zoom option is available upon request from Dr. Ann Pearson at ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org.



The FUMC Covenant Bible Study group, celebrating ten years this year, came together to assemble the beautiful Christmas baskets for the Baldwin County Sheriffs Boys Ranch. Their Director, Larry Lewey, and the staff and volunteers at the ranch were so grateful that we remembered the boys again this year.



WEEKLY PROGRAMS

SWIFT, PIER & PIER34 activities are taking a holiday break. Activities resume January 12, 2022!

Sunday School (3 yr-6th grades)

Sundays, 9:45-10:45, Locations [HERE](#)

Topic this week: Mary Visits Elizabeth, Luke 1:39-58

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 10th. Final deadline is January 16th.*





WONDERFULLY MADE, a faith-based sex education course, will be offered to our 5th & 6th graders January 13th-15th, 2022. This class will be led by Dr. Leigh Meekins. Registration fee is \$50 and deadline is January 7th, 2022. To learn more about this class, it's schedule, and to register, visit our website. Parents of 5th and 6th graders will receive more information about this course in the coming weeks.

We are working on making our children's rooms more connectional! This includes adding some toys to encourage play, community, and connection. Here are some things we are looking for:

- Legos (big and small)
- Building blocks
- Little People
- Dress up/costume play items
- Action figures
- Cars/trucks
- Small dolls
- Fake food
- Board games
- Anything that encourages creative play (and doesn't need batteries)



We ARE NOT looking for items that are too large! (Think of things easy to store or can fit on a shelf)



We are currently looking for Sunday School coordinators. This is a great service opportunity for those who like behind the scenes work and would love a chance to get to know our families! Coordinators help with Sunday School support, including prepping lesson materials, assisting in scheduling/finding teachers, and occasionally subbing. If you are interested, please contact Jenna Hood.

Parents of acolytes, send us your #acolytesinaction photos! It is the Advent season and we know our acolytes are busy serving. So, let's see them in action!

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



NO SUNDAY OR WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH

We hope you enjoy your holiday season and have a very Merry Christmas! Our student ministry (7th-12th grade) will not meet on Sunday or Wednesday evenings for remainder of December. We will resume our regularly scheduled ministry programming on Wednesday, January 5! We look forward to seeing you all in the new year!

While we take this break, the Discovery Weekend Drama team and Speakers will be hard at work using this time for rehearsal to prepare for our retreat in February. If you have a student in this group, please make sure they check their practice schedule in their groupme app. If you are a parent of a DW student leader, let us know if you would like to be added to our groupme app for up to date information.

ANGEL TREE SHOPPING UPDATE

Our Angel Tree Shopping this past Wednesday night was a great success! Our student ministry purchased gifts for 12 children, bags of stocking stuffers and 4 bikes!

Thanks to all the parents, small group leaders and Students involved in this service project.



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 is can be done online now!*

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 above. Please save this date as well.

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 next week on December 7th, 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.

Angel Tree Christmas Giving

Our Angels are Coming!

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



**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR ANGEL TREE
GIVING THIS YEAR!**

**DHR Angels are due by December 15th.
Please bring the gifts to the church.**