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FAIRHOPE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

First Sunday after Christmas Day
11:00 am Combined Service
December 26, 2021

OPENING SONG

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Shea White, Praise Team

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise God from the heavens!

Praise Him from the skies above!

Praise God, angels and all the hosts of heaven!

Praise Him, sun and moon, and shining stars!

Praise God, all creatures great and small,

Praise Him, animals and birds, reptiles and fish!

Praise God, kings of the earth and people everywhere,

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Let all the earth bring praise to the Lord,
at whose word creation came into being.

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OPENING PRAYER:

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because of the abundance of your steadfast love.

A love so vast, so deep, so real,

that you became one of us.

May we live within the power of this love.

And may we share its light with a world

where too many dwell in darkness. Amen.

SINGING OUR PRAISES

Go Tell It On the Mountain

He Has Come For Us

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

OFFERTORY

My Grown Up Christmas List

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Laura Parker

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of light,
you have revealed your very self to us in your son Jesus Christ,
your Word made flesh, who lived among us, full of grace and truth.
Open us to your revelation once again,
that in the words of your holy scripture
we might know your presence and follow in your light always.
Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON

Colossians 3:12-17

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:41-52

SERMON

“Growing Up Christmas”

Dr. Darren M. McClellan, Rev. Ontonio Christie

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / SENDING FORTH

CLOSING SONG

Christmas All Over Again

Shea White, Praise Team

Assisting in Worship Today:

Dr. Darren M. McClellan, Rev. Laura Parker, Rev. Ontonio Christie

Acolyte: Savannah Grace Jones

Music: Shea White and Praise Band

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

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PRELUDE

Joy To The World/God Rest Ye Merry

(arr. Bish)

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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*HYMN OF PRAISE # 228

He Is Born

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

*GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING

Christmas Medley

Trumpet Duet, Susan Unger and Zach Dake

*DOXOLOGY

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you have revealed your very self to us in your son Jesus Christ,
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HYMN OF PREPARATION # 229 *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*EPISTLE LESSON Colossians 3:12-17

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN #242 *Love Came Down at Christmas*

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *Good Christian Men Rejoice* (Bach)

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Stay connected!

THE LINK

Weekly Newsletter

DEC. 19, 2021 – JAN. 2, 2022



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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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CARING MINISTRIES



Support Groups continue to meet...

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

Caregivers Support Group will be meeting Tuesday, December 21 at 9:30am in the Church Library.

Church Office will be closed December 27, 28 and January 3 – NO SUPPORT GROUPS ARE MEETING ON THOSE DAYS.



Caring Ministries extends
a heartfelt Christmas blessing
to each of our families and wishes
for a very Merry Christmas!

Our Stephen Ministers are
time with you as we all face
Pearson at 251-928-1148 or
would like more information.

*"Bear one another's burdens,
6:2*



available to walk this unprecedented
daily challenges. Please contact Dr. Ann
ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org if you

and so fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

FAIRHOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Luke Bible Study

The Luke

Bible study will resume Monday,
January 24 at 1:00 pm in Wesley Hall.

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

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

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. **Deadline for early bird registration has passed. Final Deadline is January 16th. This retreat is already halfway full. Early registration is highly encouraged.**

ELEMENTARY
WINTER
Retreat

FEB 4-6 | **CHILD: \$130**
EARLY BIRD: \$115
ADULT: \$85

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OPEN TO 3-6 GRADERS
JOIN US FOR A WEEKEND OF FUN!
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REGISTER TODAY
See Mrs. Jenna for details,
jenna.hood@fairhopeumc.org

 **bluelakecamp**



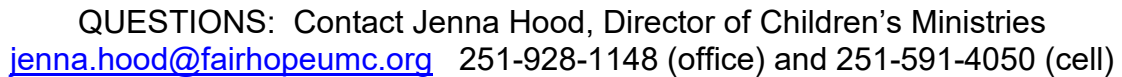
WONDERFULLY MADE, a faith-based sex education course, will be offered to our 5th & 6th graders January 13th-15th, 2022. This class will be led by Dr. Leigh Meekins. Registration fee is \$50 and deadline is January 7th, 2022. To learn more about this class, it's schedule, and to register, visit our website.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



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
- Animal Figures
- Cars/trucks
- Baby Dolls/clothes
- 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)





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 app for up-to-date information.



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

A registration link for our upcoming Confirmation Class has been emailed to all parents of current 7th graders. If you did not receive this link, please contact Michael Spicer to make sure we have your most current information. This class will begin on Sunday, January 9, 2022 at 12:30 pm with a Student & Parent Orientation lunch led by Pastor Darren. As a reminder, one of our confirmation requirements is to attend the upcoming Discovery Weekend Retreat on February 11-13. A separate registration link can be found for this retreat on our student ministry page of our church website.

HIGH SCHOOL//SKI RETREAT

January 14-16, 2022

9th-12th grade

The high school students will be taking a Ski Retreat to Beech Mountain, North Carolina. **Our trip is currently full; however, we do have a waitlist for those who wish to participate.** You can register for this waitlist on our youth page of the church website. All participants registered should have already received a packing list, hotel and travel itinerary via email. If you did not receive this confirmation email, please contact Michael Spicer (Michael.spicer@fairhopeumc.org) for more information.

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!

THANK YOU for supporting our local Angels!
This year we partnered with DHR Foster Care,
Ecumenical Ministries and Local Schools.

We are so grateful for your support each year!

We still have a few families that we are
supporting this year. If you are willing to help,
please let us know!

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

