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PRELUDE

*All Glory Be to God on High*

(Johann Pachelbel)

WELCOME~CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us worship our God, for there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

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\*PASSING THE PEACE

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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in place of loneliness, compassion; in place of aimlessness, direction;  
and in place of sickness, healing, through Christ Jesus,  
in whom you draw near to us. Amen.**

\*HYMN #547

*O Church of God, United*

\*THE APOSTLES' CREED

\*GLORIA PATRI

## WHOLEHEARTED -- A Testimony

OFFERING

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

(Wood)

DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11:00)

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HYMN OF PREPARATION #365

*Grace Greater Than Our Sin*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Ephesians 2:11-22

SERMON

"Strangers No More"

Dr. Darren McClellan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN #121

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

*Fugue*

(Johann Pachelbel)

✠ Stand as able

### **Assisting in Worship Today:**

Dr. Darren M. McClellan, Steve Pearson

Acolytes: Hackett Robertson, Adelaide Robertson (11:00)

Music: Tom Hood, Director of Music; John Richardson, Organ; Chancel Choir

Media and Sound: John McClellan, Colin Richardson, Wright Tapscott

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706) was a great organist of the generation just before J.S. Bach (1685-1750). Pachelbel held the post of organist in Vienna, Stuttgart, and finally Nürnberg. One of his organ students was Johann Christoph Bach, J.S. Bach's older brother. Besides his famous *Canon in D*, Pachelbel also composed hundreds of chorale preludes like *All Glory Be to God on High*. This one is based on a hymn that would have been well known at the time; in German, it's called *Allein Gott in der Höh sie Ehr*. The text and tune were written by Nicolaus Decius around 1539. In English, the first verse has been translated this way:

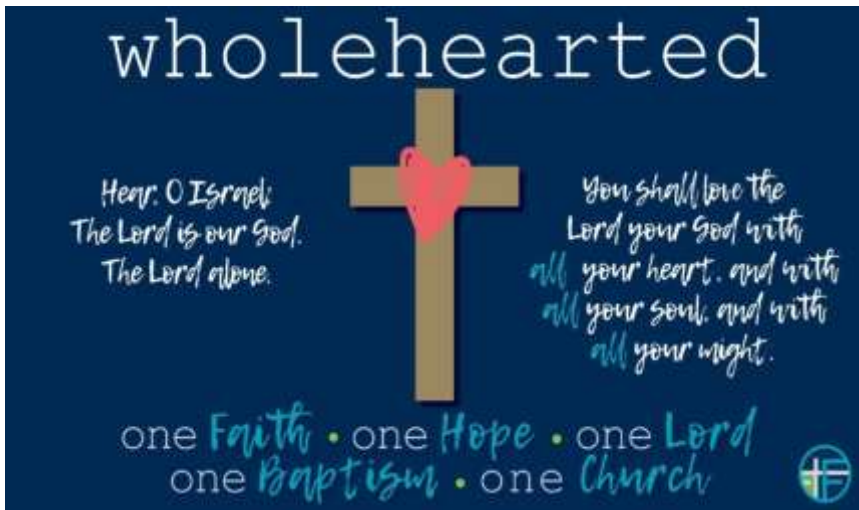
All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended!  
To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last has ended.  
God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again;  
O thank Him for His goodness!

All four verses and more information about the author of the text are available by searching the title online at [www.hymnary.org](http://www.hymnary.org).

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## GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

As you come before God to receive this Holy Meal,  
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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

## BENEDICTION~SENDING FORTH

## CLOSING SONG

*Ain't No Man*

Assisting in Worship Today: Rev. Laura Parker, Jennifer Myrick  
Communion Servers: Nadine Baskin, Noah and Mary Funderburg,  
Lee and Katie Turner, Clay and Shayne Hare, Diana Justis  
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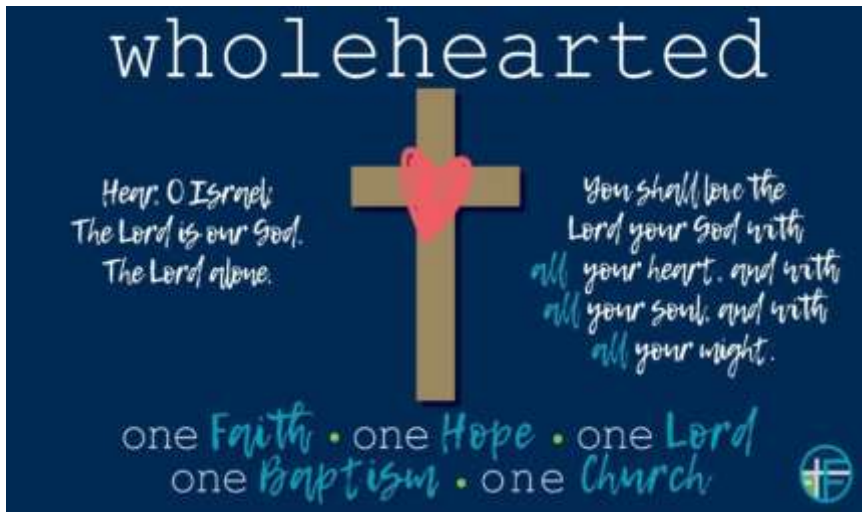
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# THE LINK

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October 23 - "By water and the spirit" Sunday

"GETTING THE BAND BACK TOGETHER" - 1 Corinthians 14:1-2

SANCTUARY: Rev. Laura Parker, *Associate Pastor*

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*What part do you intend to play?*

October 30 - commitment Sunday

8:30 SANCTUARY & 11:00 COMBINED (CLC)

Our Guest Speaker will be the Rev. Dan Morris, *Senior Pastor, Gulf Breeze UMC*

Light Brunch @ 9:45 am | Celebration Dinner on the Grounds @ 12:00 pm  
*Are we prepared to step forward, wholeheartedly and undivided, to build up the body of Christ?*

## **Discernment Team Elected**

At the recent Board of Stewards meeting the following persons were elected to the Discernment Team.

Emily Garner (Co Chair)  
Don Dolan (Co Chair)  
Troy Capstraw  
Rebekah Chambless  
Allan Chason  
Mary Corbitt  
Carol Danforth  
Emily Determann  
Ava Dowden  
John Estes  
Noah Funderburg  
Joe McGilberry  
John Richardson  
Katie Robertson  
Lany Simmons  
Norma Walden  
Phil Webb

The task of this team will include:

1. To gather, pray, inquire, listen, and evaluate the relevant aspects of this discussion for Fairhope UMC.
2. To support the concerns of the congregation as we work to identify the critical questions that will need to be addressed in order to faithfully pursue God's will here at Fairhope UMC.
3. To help serve as witnesses and educators to the congregation at large, seeking to provide prudent and accurate information in a timely fashion.
4. To seek a deeper understanding of how the issues at hand are relevant to the theology, worship, outreach, and fellowship of our local congregation.
5. To present to the Board of Stewards, after a period of due diligence and discovery, information and alternatives for the church's consideration of our next steps in the identity of mission and ministry for this congregation.

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With a steady vision on our goals and priorities, amazing things are happening with the participants, families, volunteers and our community. Under the leadership of Director Caroline Bishop and our dedicated volunteers, Shepherd's Place participants and families are not only welcomed but encouraged, supported, and blessed by compassion, fellowship, and friendship in a non-medical, social environment.

Our mission is to provide respite for caregivers of adults with Alzheimer's, Dementia, Parkinson's, Stroke or Traumatic Brain Injury by providing a safe, nurturing, fun environment for their loved one. We provide a variety of programs that will stimulate the mind, energize the body, enhance social connectedness, and build self-esteem.

For more information on being a part of the volunteer family at Shepherd's Place or for participant enrollment information, email Caroline at [Director@ShepherdsPlaceRespite.com](mailto:Director@ShepherdsPlaceRespite.com), call 251.270.0097, visit [ShepherdsPlaceRespite.Com](http://ShepherdsPlaceRespite.Com), or find us on Facebook.



# HELP US STOCK THE BALDWIN FAMILY VILLAGE!

We are collecting the following NEW ITEMS  
for the BFV during the month of October:

## BATHROOM ITEMS:

- Bath Mat
- Bath Towel
- Wash Cloths
- Hand Towels
- Bath Soap
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Toilet Paper

## KITCHEN ITEMS:

- Paper Towels
- Dish Towels
- Dishwashing Liquid
- Dish Cloths
- Kleenex/Tissues
- Laundry Detergent

## BEDDING ITEMS:

- Twin/Full Bedding Sets

**Help stock the Baldwin Family Village during the month of October!** As a joint initiative with other United Methodist Churches in the Baypines District, we are collecting items listed in the graphic above. Please bring NEW ITEMS to the CLC and place them on the Fellowship Hall Stage.

**Deadline for donations is Sunday, October 30.**

# Caring Ministries



## *Bible Study...*

Romans study continues on Mondays at 1:00 pm in the sanctuary. This week we will be studying chapters 11, 12, 13 in Romans.

## *Support Groups meeting this week...*

**Survivors of Suicide (SOS)** meets Monday, Oct. 10, at 6:30pm in B114 in Wesley Hall.

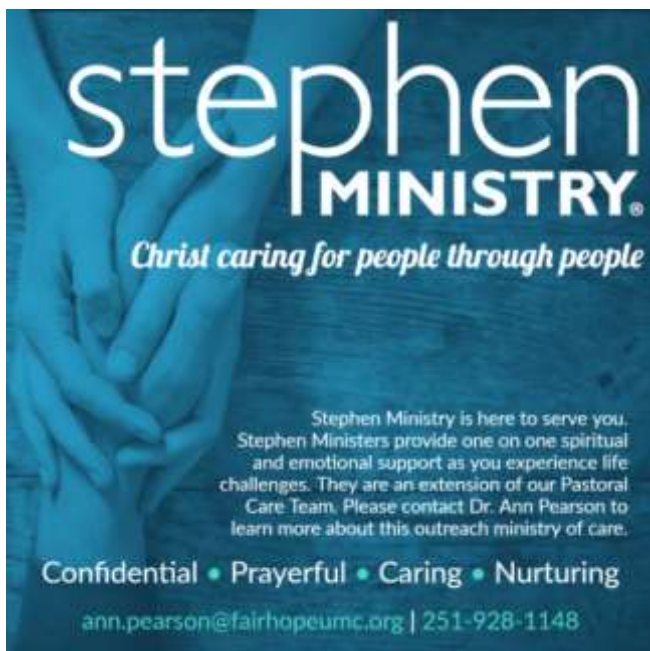
**Tough Dogs Cancer Support Group** meets Tuesday, October 11 at 12:30pm in the church library.

**Chemo Care Bag** Assimilation meets Tuesday, October 11 at 1:30pm in Wesley Hall.

For more information about any of the ministries contact Dr. Ann Pearson,  
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## *Hospital Visits...*

Continue to let us know when you are in the hospital, so your Pastoral Prayer Team can stop by and pray with you.



Remember to share the Caring Ministry Outreach Ministry pamphlet that was mailed out recently with your friends and neighbors. More copies are available in the church office.

**Stephen Ministry** is here to serve you.

Stephen Ministers provide one on one spiritual and emotional support as you experience life challenges. They are an extension of our Pastoral Care Team.

Please contact Dr. Ann Pearson to learn more about this outreach ministry of care available for you or your loved ones, [ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org) or 251-928-1148.





## **WEEKLY PROGRAMS**

**LIGHTHOUSE KIDS' CHOIR (K-6<sup>th</sup> grades), Ed. Bldg – Wesley Hall**

**Wednesdays, 4:15-5:00pm**

**Register at <https://linktr.ee/pierkids>**

Join us as we worship and praise God through music and the arts. Our Kids' Choir performs multiple times throughout the year during Sunday services, special programs, and musical presentations. Mark your calendars! We will hold auditions for our Spring Musical, "The Rockslinger & His Greatest Hit," on November 9<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. To participate in our Christmas musical, "Starry Night, Noisy Night (performed on Dec 4<sup>th</sup> at 4pm), please make sure to attend Kids' Choir weekly rehearsals consistently.

**PIER KIDS & SWIFT (K-6<sup>th</sup> grades), Ed. Bldg – Wesley Hall**

**Wednesdays, 6-7:30pm**

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**SWIFT STUDY - DISCIPLESHIP: What about Anxiety & Worry?**

**PIER KIDS STUDY – SUPERHEROES: David & Saul – A lesson of Self-Control**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> 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: Paul Keeps the Faith**



**To stay up-to-date, make sure to  
join our Facebook group, <https://facebook/groups/fairhopeumckids>  
& follow us on Instagram @fairhopeumc\_childrens\_min.**

**Sign up to receive all the reminders and updates about  
our activities and events!**



## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**SAVE THE DATE**  
Saturday, December 3rd

*Breakfast at the Manger*



**FAIRHOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
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Save the date!

**WINTER RETREAT**  
**2023**



**February 3rd-5th, 2023**  
**3rd-6th grades**  
**information and registration coming soon!**

**CONTACT US**

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# Student Ministry

Middle School  
(7th & 8th grade)  
High School  
(9th-12th grade)



*\*Register for all S.A.L.T. Student Ministry programs through our Linktre. For more information on Student Ministry, subscribe to our weekly text messages by clicking the link above.*

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## MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

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## SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH **(NO YOUTH THIS SUNDAY NIGHT OCT 9!)**

**Weekly//CLC @ 6:00-8:00pm**  
**(7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)**

Sunday Night Youth takes place almost every week and includes: worship, games, free time in the gym, snack 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! Download the PARENT CUE in our series email for all details on how to continue the conversation at home.

## 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 Worship Team. Registration is LIVE!

THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING

**ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

**JANUARY 6-7**  
HIGH SCHOOL  
(9-12 GRADE)

**JANUARY 7-8**  
MIDDLE SCHOOL  
(7-8 GRADE)

**LOCATION:**  
CAMP  
BECKWITH

**COST=\$100**

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER!

## COMMUNITY GROUPS

### Wednesday @ 6:00-7:30pm

(Grade Level C-Groups)

Community group registration for the '22-'23 school year are now open! C-Groups are small groups divided by grade level that meet weekly with committed and dedicated adult leaders who strive to connect, serve and help our students grow in their faith with God & one another. This mid-week program is the perfect way for students to get-to-know each other and adults who truly care and want to walk with them in their faith journey.



## UPCOMING DATES:

### MISSION NIGHT

#### Trunk or Treat//C-Groups

Wednesday, October 26

5:00-6:30 pm

(7th-12th grade)

Students will create a trunk & theme with their C group. They will need to bring candy & dress up! This event begins earlier than C groups.

### Pumpkin Olympics

Sunday, October 30

6:00-8:00 pm/7th-12th grade

Join the youth group for a night of fall fun including: pumpkin olympics, costume contest, bonfire and more! Invite a friend & join us out at the OLDSHUE FARM!

## SAVE THE DATES FOR: SUMMER MISSIONS

(7th-12th grade)

High School Mission Trip

July 2-8, 2023

Scranton, Pennsylvania

Middle School Mission Trip

Hurricane Ian Relief

June 18-11, 2023





# REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

4YRS-4TH GRADE



SCAN ME



**FAIRHOPE**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**SIGN UP NOW!**

**COST: \$95** Includes: Jersey +

**Practices:** Beginning on November 7

**Games:** Beginning on November 28

All practices and games will be held at the

Fairhope UMC Christian Life Center Gym

Register at: <https://registration.upward.org/UPW82604>  
or scan the QR code.



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## JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY!

COMMUNITY CAFE' IS OPEN FOR LUNCH!

11:00AM-1:00PM

DONATION ONLY CAFE'

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO PROVIDE DESSERTS AND DELIVER MEALS!

