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## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Third Sunday of Advent  
December 11, 2022 ~ 8:30 and 11:00 am

PRELUDE *Fantasia on Greensleeves* (Vaughan Williams/Monday)

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Be patient! Wait and Watch for the Lord is drawing near to us.

**We have gathered here this day to hear the good news and to gather strength  
for the times to come.**

Be at peace with one another.

**Let love and wisdom prevail.**

Open your hearts and souls to God's healing word.

**Lord, touch our hearts. Teach us to listen patiently for your words of love. AMEN.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Turner Family: Joseph, Lexie, Caroline, Haddie (8:30 am)

The Goleash Family: Greg, Katy, & Nicholas (11:00 am)

Scripture: Isaiah 35:1-10, Psalm 146:5-10

Congregational Response: Hymn #206, *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* (verse 3)

\*PASSING THE PEACE

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #202 *People Look East*

\*THE APOSTLES' CREED

\*GLORIA PATRI

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ THE LORD'S PRAYER

MUSICAL PRESENTATION ~ *LET THERE BE PEACE!*

Introduction *Dr. Darren M. McClellan*

*When the World Was at Peace*.....(arr. Wagner)

*Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5*

*Sing Glory to the King* .....(Schmidt)

*Ose Shalom* .....(Leavitt)

*Traditional Hebrew Text*

*Ose Shalom bimromav (The One who makes peace in the heavens)*

*hu ya'ase shalom aleynu (May He make peace for us)*

*veh'al kol Yisrael (and for all Israel)*

*veh'imru, imru Amen. (and let us say, let us say Amen.)*

*Scripture Lesson: Luke 2:1-7*

*The World's Been a Waitin'.....(Shackley)*

*It Came Upon a Midnight Clear.....(arr. Forman)*

*Offertory: In Deepest Night Above the Earth .....(arr. Ottomanyi)*

**Doxology**

*Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7*

*Still, Still, Still.....(arr. Biemesderfer)*

*Soloist, Carrie French*

*Silent and Still.....(arr. Nix)*

**Psalter #761: Psalm 29**

*Let There Be Peace on Earth.....(arr. Courtney)*

*Soloist, Ford Macklem*

**Congregation sings:**

*Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.*

*With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow;*

*to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.*

*Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.*

**SENDING FORTH**

**POSTLUDE**

*Star of Emmanuel*

*(arr. Ford)*

*\* Stand as able*

**Assisting in Worship Today:**

**Dr. Darren M. McClellan**

**Acolytes: (8:30) Caroline Turner Anne Pavey Grant**

**Crucifer: Cate Richardson**

**(11:00) Adelaide Robertson, Nicholas Goleash**

**Music: Tom Hood, John Richardson, Chancel Choir, Lighthouse Choir**

**Orchestra: Rebekah Atkinson, Stephanie Calhoun, Elizabeth French,  
Julie Marks, Laura Morris and Joshua Titford**

**Media: Alex Beaman, John McClellan**

**Sound: Colin Richardson, Wright Tapscott**

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OPENING SONG

*Joy, Unspeakable Joy*

Shea White, Praise Team

WELCOME~CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

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**Congregational Response** *Light of the World (chorus)*

SINGING OUR PRAISES

*Angels We Have Heard On High  
He Has Come For Us  
The In Between*

Children 4 years-2<sup>nd</sup> grade can meet at the side doors for Children's Church.

They are to be picked up immediately following the service in the Pier Room upstairs in the Education Building.

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord God, in this dry and dusty place, our out the power of your Spirit  
so that your Word may blossom in our lives; through Jesus Christ,  
our way in the wilderness. **Amen.**

GOSPEL READING

*Matthew 11:2-11*

SERMON

*"A Holy Collision"*

Rev. Laura Parker

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE~THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION



## CALL TO CONFESSION

Let the desert rejoice, and let the dry land be glad,  
for God has come to save us. Let us confess our sin.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of majesty and glory, we are thirsty for your grace.  
You made a way for us in the wilderness,  
and still, in our foolishness, we go astray.  
We hide our eyes from your presence. We do not listen to your word.  
We are lifeless when we ought to dance and speechless when we ought to sing.  
Forgive us, O Lord. Speak peace to our fearful hearts,  
strengthen our weak hands, and make firm our feeble knees  
as we seek to follow in your holy way. Amen.

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Now return to the Lord with joy and gladness.  
Sing a song of redemption! Let sorrow and sighing be no more.  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

As you come before God to receive this Holy Meal,  
You are invited to bring all of who you are as an offering  
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

Assisting in Worship Today: Rev. Laura Parker  
Acolyte: Edmond Furlong

**Communion Servers:** Trey and Amanda Canida, Rick and Shelly Fitzhugh, Doug and Emily Garner

**Music:** Shea White and Praise Band

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### **Assisted Living Facilities**

**Brennity of Fairhope:** Joseph Lammers, Joyce Liukko, Rebecca Kramer

**Country Place Senior Living:** Jim Huggins

**Brennity of Daphne:** Jean Haney, Rita Higbee, Trish Holmes

**Robertsdale Health:** Anne Wolfe

**Carillon Oaks:** Quida Nolan

**Westminster Village:** Billie Garrison, Ray Hartwell, Andy and Vergie Huggins, Ann Kimbrough

**Homestead Village:** Lois Alspach, Ed and Bardee Davidson, Daisy Gilbert, Shirley Lundford, Gail Phillips, Claudia Fortis, Sarah Peters

**Huntington at Homestead Village:** Mercia Coulter, Joan Roberts, Yvonne Cox

**Inspiritas of Pensacola:** Bettye Farmer

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(11/6/2022)



Alan and Vicki Wright  
(11/13/2022)



Johnny and Sherry Herron  
(11/20/2022)



Jennifer and Joseph Jones,  
Evan and Cole  
(11/20/2022)



Brent and Brittany Harwood  
Gwendolyn and Vivienne  
(11/27/2022)



Baptism of Mateco Stanley  
Parents: Carter and Monica Stanley  
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Baptism of Whittaker Keith Kuglar  
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*Brenda Robinson (Caring Ministries)*

#### **Marcus Smith by**

*Budd and Callie Cullom*

*Teresa and Harry Call*

*Hazel Terry*

*James Colee*

*Bob and Marilyn Wheat*

*Yvonne Cox (Caring Ministries)*

*Brenda Robinson (Caring Ministries)*

*Wanda and Tommy Harris (Caring Ministries)*

*Bob and Nell McAnelly (Christian Education)*

*Rev. Bill Calhoun (Baldwin Family Village)*

*Mary Beth and Robert Gibson (Community Café)*

#### **Ann Calhoun by**

*Dot Ballard (Fairhope UMC Blue Lake Children's Scholarship)*

*Dr and Mrs. Karl Stegall (Fairhope UMC Blue Lake Children's Scholarship)*

*Shirley Smith (Fairhope UMC Blue Lake Children's Scholarship)*

*The Randy Clark Family (Fairhope UMC Blue Lake Children's Scholarship)*

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*Jesse and Dorothy Moore (Fairhope UMC Blue Lake Children's Scholarship)*

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*Richard and Dianne Bass (Fairhope UMC Blue Lake Children's Scholarship)*

*The Calhoun Family (Caring Ministries)*

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#### **Joe and Marguerite Mize by**

*Burl and Ann Barbour (Caring Ministries)*

#### **Nancy Beard by**

*Allison and Wyatt Beard*

#### **G.B. Taylor by**

*Trish and David Sutley (Baldwin Family Village)*

*Wanda and Tommy Harris (Children's Ministries)*

*Your friends at The American Equity Underwriters, Inc. (Caring Ministries)*

### **In honor of:**

#### **Darren McClellan by**

*Bonnie Norton (Baldwin Family Village)*

#### **Mary and Van Finger by**

*Richard and Cynthia Lacey (Baldwin Family Village)*

#### **Dr. Anne Scarborough by**

*Yvonne Cox (Caring Ministries)*

**Friends in Faith Sunday School Teachers: Audrey Barr, Joe Bullington, Ed Colvin, Lee Frailie,  
Joe McGilberry Ari Ojanpera, Roy Truebood and Carol Willis by**  
*the Friends in Faith Sunday School Class (Caring Ministries)*



# Caring Ministries



## Support Group Meetings this week:

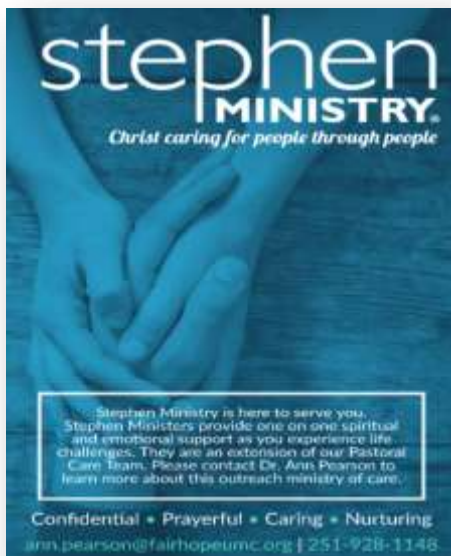
- Grief Group meets every Monday at 3:00 pm in B-114.
- Monday, December 12 Survivors of Suicide (SOS) is meeting at 6:30 pm in B-114.
- Tuesday, December 13 Tough Dogs Cancer Support Group is meeting at 12:30 pm in the Church Library.
- Tuesday, December 13 at 1:30 pm in Wesley Hall we will be assembling chemo bags for our children and adults with cancer. The smiles that come with these gifts outshine the stars in the sky! Thank you church for making this ministry such a blessing to so many. God is at work all around.



Our weekday Preschool children have been learning about the birth of Jesus during their chapel time. It was a real treat for them to walk out and visit the manger.

Thank you to our Worship and Caring Ministries and Community Crew who have made the Nativity scene on the front lawn a reality. What a gift to the community to help remind us of God's greatest GIFT to the world ~ His Only Son, "Jesus."

Luke 2:11-14 ... <sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, <sup>14</sup>Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



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Hello, friends! Here's what's happening this week in Children's Ministries....

## **WEEKLY PROGRAMS**

**LIGHTHOUSE KIDS' CHOIR, PIER KIDS, & SWIFT ARE ON BREAK TILL JANUARY 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023! See you in the new year!**

**Thank you to all who volunteered at Breakfast at the Manger! It was an absolutely wonderful morning. You are truly appreciated.**



### **SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS, (ages 3-6th grades), Ed. Bldg, Pier Hallway**

**Sundays, 9:45-10:40am**

Join us during the Sunday School hour for an age appropriate, hands-on Bible lesson.

**THIS WEEK:** The Gospel Project Christmas Edition: Jesus was Born

3s & 4s – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Room B 107

Kindergarten– Yellow Room

1st Grade – Blue Room

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Green Room

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grades – Aqua Room

SWIFT – Purple Room

**\*\*color rooms are located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor on the Pier Hallway\*\***

### **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**

**\*\*This week, children will only be dismissed in the Gathering service. Sanctuary friends are invited to listen to our wonderful music program!**

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:** "Twas the Fight Before Christmas" from *McGee & Me*

### **STAY INFORMED**

Facebook Page – @pierkidsfairhopeumc

Facebook Group – <https://www.facebook.com/groups/fairhopeumckids>

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# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

January 12th - 14th, 2023

## WONDERFULLY MADE

5th & 6th Graders

A faith-based sex education course with Dr. Leigh Meekins.  
Find more information and register at [linktr.ee/pierkids](https://linktr.ee/pierkids)



5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders, registration for Wonderfully Made, January 12th-14th is now open. Cost is \$65. For more information or to register, please visit our Linktree.

## REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

# WINTER RETREAT

## 2023



February 3rd-5th, 2023  
3rd-6th grades  
Go to [Linktr.ee/pierkids](https://linktr.ee/pierkids) to register or contact [jenna.hood@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:jenna.hood@fairhopeumc.org) for more info  
scholarships are available

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!  
\$135/per camper + bus fee. Scholarships available.  
Link to register is on our Linktree. \*\*6<sup>th</sup> grade IS included\*\*



REGISTRATION  
OPENS  
SOON!



Completed  
1st-5th Grades

## CAMP

@ BLUE LAKE

Swimming, Gaga,  
campfire, Bible stories,  
crafts, and more!



Early Bird  
Registration  
**\$355**

Blue Lake Camp  
Andalusia, AL  
July 10-14, 2023  
[www.bluelakecamp.com](http://www.bluelakecamp.com)  
or contact Mrs. Jenna for  
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Scan the code or [CLICK HERE](#) to visit our LINKTREE that contains links to the most current information! Forms, Pier Kids, SWIFT, and more!





# Student Ministry

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



*\*Register for all S.A.L.T. Student Ministry programs through our Linktree. For more information on Student Ministry, subscribe to our weekly text messages by scanning 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

Weekly//CLC @ 6:00-8:00pm

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!

## **CONFIRMATION 2023 Begins for Students on January 22nd//9:30 am**

Registration for our upcoming Confirmation Class has been emailed to parents of current 7th graders and is now open. The class begins on Sunday, January 22, 2023 at 9:30 am. **The Parent (only) Orientation will be January 8 @ 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.** Please click the registration link in your email and or on our social media account to register. Class will meet at 9:30 am each week. *Students are encouraged to participate in the ENCOUNTER WEEKEND retreat on January, 7-8 at Camp Beckwith.*



## **SUMMER**

**HIGH  
SCHOOL  
JULY  
2-8TH**

Hgh School Mission Trip  
July 2-8, 2023  
Scranton, Pennsylvania

## **MISSIONS**

**MIDDLE  
SCHOOL  
JUNE  
18-22ND**

Middle school Mission Trip  
June 18-22, 2023  
Hurricane Ian relief



## **FUMC College Scholarship Application Due Sunday, January 15, 2023**

Fairhope UMC is privileged to administer scholarships to help prepare leaders for the church, community, and world. These scholarships are awarded to church members whose character and accomplishments make them worthy representatives of FUMC and the individuals whom these grants honor. Scholarships are awarded to students who are actively involved with Fairhope UMC.

Some scholarships are awarded to an applicant who is preparing for ordained ministry, attending a Methodist college, or pursuing a church related vocation; need based; or other criteria. Numbers and amounts of scholarships will depend on annual availability of funds. This is the time to apply for these scholarships for the 2023-24 academic year. The deadline for applications is January 15, 2023. The scholarships are awarded in February. This will position the scholarship winner to apply for matching funds offered through the Methodist conference and by many colleges.

To apply, go to the student ministry page of our church website or scan the student ministry code above for a direct link. Other inquiries regarding scholarships may be made to committee via [scholarships@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:scholarships@fairhopeumc.org)

# HAVE YOU HEARD?



**SHELBYNEXT** is our online portal for church members, which provides you with secure access to the church directory, your personal contribution history, and the ability to view events on the church calendar. The ShelbyNext Portal also allows you to update your information and connect with other members.

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**BENEFITS OF THE NEW APP:**

-  ACCESS THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY WITH PHOTOS
-  ACCESS YOUR GIVING RECORD 24/7
-  ACCESS THE CHURCH CALENDAR, CHECK-IN FEATURES & MORE!

 **FAIRHOPE**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

For the past several months our staff and a small group of leaders have been putting our Church App powered by **ShelbyNext** to the test. We have been using our online church directory, online giving portal, group features such as attendance, child check-in and mass contact options, and more.

The **ShelbyNext** Portal will be used exclusively by church members who have a valid email address that matches the one in our database. Rest assured that your personal data is secure. The only information that is shared between members is your immediate contact information (ie. Name, Email, Phone Number) and you can set restrictions on what you would like viewed as well. The roll out of the new church directory app powered by **ShelbyNext** provides our congregation with a tool to effectively connect with one another while connecting, as a community, with God and the mission and ministries He has called us to take part in. Before we launch, make sure we have your correct email address in the database. **Let's Stay Connected!**

If you have any questions, please contact Bobbi Hobbs, *Communications Coordinator*, [bobbi.hobbs@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:bobbi.hobbs@fairhopeumc.org) or 251-928-1148