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A Stephen Ministry Church ~ Christ Caring for People Through People



Invitation to Join the Church ~ Present this to the pastor during the last song.

Name(s) _____

Phone _____ Email _____

_____ Joining by Transfer of Church Membership

Transferring from: _____

_____ Joining by Profession of Faith (have not previously been baptized or a member of a church).

_____ Joining by Reaffirmation of Faith (have been baptized but not sure last church where membership was held).

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FAIRHOPE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Christmas Day ~ December 25, 2022
10:00 am Combined Service

OPENING SONG

Joy To The World

(arr. Trio West)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is born!

Alleluia!

Jesus is among us!

Alleluia!

The Word has become flesh!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

OPENING PRAYER:

God of Love,

There is light in our lives

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.

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE #240 & #224

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing/Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

OFFERING

Little Drummer Boy

(arr. Trio West)

✠ DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 52:7-10

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Mia DeShazo, Ellie DeShazo, Cam DeShazo, Duncan Deshazo
Nehemiah Perdue, Lazarus Perdue, Connor Rodden, Whit Rodden

*THE APOSTLE'S CREED

✠ GLORIA PATRI

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN #251

Go, Tell It On The Mountain

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

✠ Stand as able

Assisting in Worship Today:

Dr. Darren M. McClellan, Rev. Laura Parker

Acolyte: Cate Richardson

Director of Music: Tom Hood Accompanist: John Richardson



NEXT SUNDAY ~ NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICES:

8:30am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

11:00am COMBINED SERVICE (CLC)

**Children's Church is not available. Children are encouraged to attend worship with their family.*

Nursery available for children 6 months to 4 years

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Year End Giving Note:

According to the IRS, all contributions for 2022 must be received by noon on Friday, December 30TH in the church office or postmarked by December 31st.

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SAVE THESE DATES

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December 25, 2022
and January 1, 2023

Weekly Newsletter

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CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE:

ONE Service at 10:00am (Sanctuary)

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Caring Ministries



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

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE NEW YEAR...

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13

Hospital Visitation:

Please let us know when you are in the hospital so the Pastoral staff can come and pray for you. It is our honor and privilege to come along side you in your time of healing and restoration.

Mark your Calendar for the Life South Blood Drive coming January 15. They will be in the back parking lot from 8am until 1pm. Give the gift of life to save a life.

Support Group Meeting:

Caregiver's Support Group will be meeting on Tuesday, January 3 at 9:30 am in the church library. This support group offers encouragement and support and is open to all who are in caregiving roles.



At our last group meeting, one of the Four Seasons supper clubs provided a Holiday Brunch to express their love and encouragement.



Robin Simons, Sarah Savery and Karen Walding were the hostesses for the morning.



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 11th, 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

THERE IS NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON DECEMBER 25TH OR JANUARY 1ST. THANKS!

3s & 4s – 1st Floor, Room B 107

Kindergarten– Yellow Room

1st Grade – Blue Room

2nd Grade – Green Room

3rd/4th Grades – Aqua Room

SWIFT – Purple Room

****color rooms are located on the 2nd floor on the Pier Hallway****

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

2nd, 3rd, 4th Sundays of the month during 11am services

THERE IS NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH ON DECEMBER 25TH OR JANUARY 1ST. THANKS!

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.

STAY INFORMED

Facebook Page – @pierkidsfairhopeumc

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

Instagram - @fairhopeumc_childrens_min

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



5th and 6th 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 for more info
scholarships are available

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



REGISTRATION OPENS SOON!

Completed 3rd-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
or contact Mrs. Jenna for more info
jenna.hood@fairhopeumc.org
334.733.0003 (toll)

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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 clicking the link above.*



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.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL

No Meeting on 12/25 or 1/1
Sunday's @ 9:45-10:40am
CLC// 2nd Floor (Attic)

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH
CLC @ 6:00-8:00pm
WEDNESDAY C-GROUPS
CLC @ 6:00-7:30pm

No youth programs until
Wednesday, January 11



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.*



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 United Methodist Church.

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.

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