



FAIRHOPE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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The Link

We exist to **LOVE BOLDLY**, casting the **LIGHT** of **JESUS** into the world.



GOD

IS IN THE MANGER

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Fairhope UMC has a new logo!

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Artwork from the Creative Word Bible Study will be on display and selected pieces will be up for a silent auction.

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Enjoy a pancake breakfast hosted by our fm³ Men's Ministry - **\$5 per person!**

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Come celebrate the birth of Christ @ Fairhope UMC! Advent Wreath Making, Children's Choirs Christmas Concert & MORE!

Our theme for Advent this year comes from a devotional book by the same name: *God is in the Manger, Reflections on Advent and Christmas* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. One of the primary disciplines of Advent, waiting, is one Bonhoeffer knew well from his own personal experience. In 1943, he was arrested for his strong criticism of the Nazi regime. Most of his Advent devotions were written during the two years he spent in prison.

For Bonhoeffer, waiting was a fact of life—waiting to be released from prison; waiting to be able to spend more than an hour a month in the company of his fiancée, waiting for the end of the war. *"Life in a prison cell may well be compared to Advent"* he said. *"One waits, hopes, and does this, that, or the other—things that are really of no consequence—the door is shut, and can only be opened from the outside."*

This Advent, we will remember that the mystery of Christ's coming is that it does not come from us; in fact, it has nothing to do with us! The good news is that by God's great initiative we are merely recipients of a great and glorious invitation: *"Listen, I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you and you with me"* (Rev. 3:20).

Let us respond in worship with expectant hearts this Advent season. Get ready, people! Someone is at the door!

See back page for more info.

PRAYER CONCERNS

AT HOME:

Ed Baker	Judy Ellis	George Kirchoff
Elsie Butgereit	Millie Flynn	Barbara Proffitt
Frankie Butgereit	Pat Grubbs	Jean Smith
Dorothy & Leon Chambers	Frances Grace Hirs	Keith Svendby
Vicki Culver	Terry Howe	Grace Webb

Eastern Shore Rehabilitation & Health Center: Zurlean Allegri (Susan McClure's mother), Russ Turberville

Fairhope Health & Rehab: Linda Brannan, Hilda Camp, Elinor Simmons (Gayle Simmons' mother)

Huntingdon at Homestead Village: Alice Griffin (Ruth Sully's sister), Corrie Rambo (Gerry Rambo's mother), June Enfinger

Homestead Village: Mercia Coulter, Joan Roberts, Yvonne Cox, Doris Billingsley, Bobby & Mary Lucie Brock (Davis Brock's parents), Claudia & Jerry Fortis, Juanita Kendrick, Ann Wolfe (Michelle Huguley's mom), Gene Moody (Deb Slone's mother), Lois Alspach (Natalie Woodrow's mother), Daisy Gilbert, Shirley Lunsford, Ruth Conley

Brennity of Fairhope: Joyce Liukko, Joseph Lammers, Arline Schuster, Joan Hayes, Erika & Karl Pellinat, Thelma Chavers, Alma Johnson (Al Johnson's mother), Hap Myers (Toni Wineman's son)

Brennity of Daphne: Jean Haney, Gladys Argent (Kristi Hagood's grandmother), Dot Mattox (Mitzi Childs' mother)

Westminster Village: Billie Garrison, Ann Kimbrough

Oakland Place: Jim Jones, Zera Roussel, Mac Graham (Cindy Chastain's mother)

Country Place Senior Living: Rita Higbee

Southern Oaks Nursing Home: Cindy Radtke

Arbors of Gulf Breeze: Slyvia Rhea (Dena White's mother)

Colony Rehab (Thomas Hospital): Bethany Reid

OUR TROOPS

Jeremy Parish, Britton Rapier, Eric Watton, Mitchell Brown, Deron Frailie, Neil Quinn, Bryan Quinn, John P. Lammers, David Fickle, Chase Carlton, Chris Berg, Jarrett Laird, Tyler Martenstein, Lauren O'Connor, John Sealy, London Bicker, Alex Wade, Codi Adams, Immanuel Taylor, Terry Taylor, David Ferguson, Dalton Meyer, Peyton Smith, Kenneth Stein, Josh Tyler, Tom Tyler, Ryan Kramer, Dylan Thomas

SYMPATHIES

Family & friends of **Peggy Bennett**.

Donna & Leon Hill in the loss of his father, Roy Hill.

Cecile & Tom Godfrey in the loss of her mother, **Joyce Clark**.

(Names in **BOLD** are church members)



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FINANCIALS

DEBT BALANCE \$2,303,917

ATTENDANCE

	8:30	11:00	<i>Gathering</i>	<i>Sunday School</i>
11/3	208	163	227	282
11/10	200	161	278	233
11/17	271	158	277	247

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

The following memorials were received by the church in memory of:

Joe and Marguerite Mize (Caring Ministries) by Burl and Ann Mize Barbour

Gwen Robertson (Music Ministries) by Pathfinders Sunday School Class

**Nancy Wilkins by Daisy Gilbert
Discovery Sunday School Class
Mike and Nancy May**

**Harry Bennett (Missions) by Linda Fischer
Rich and Penny Trzynka
Clarence and Sandra Bishop
Discovery Sunday School Class**

Dick Higbee (Missions) by Clarence and Sandra Bishop

**Eugenia Murchison (Caring Ministries) by Allison Moore
Mary Larrabee**



REV. ANTONIO CHRISTIE

Minister of Outreach

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"Christmas for me is giving rather than receiving"

My first Christmas in the U.S. was OVERWHELMING. It seemed that from Thanksgiving Day, there was this rush to eat more than usual, shop unending, and wrap gifts that were ripped to shreds Christmas morning. My memory of Christmas is not what you might experience here in Fairhope or other parts of the United States. As a child, Christmas began with an early morning worship service.

We sang Christmas carols from the hymnals and listened to a sermon that seemed like it was 2 hours long. After worship, the adults and children gathered in the churchyard to drink coffee and indulge in a healthy Jamaican breakfast. We ate, then hopped on the back of my father's pickup truck to help him deliver (over a thousand) Hardough bread he purchased from the bakery the day before. He drove slowly, greeting our neighbors, as my sister and I took turns handing out the bread.

This became our family's Christmas tradition - one which Kadine and I still support every year since we've been married. Although I won't say no to colorful socks, Christmas for me is giving rather than receiving. As you look toward Christmas, may we all remember the ultimate gift of Christ to us.

Blessings,

ANTONIO



COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

Over the last three months, the communications team has been working on improving the branding and communication efforts here at Fairhope United Methodist. After numerous meetings, sketching, discussions, and prayers, the communications team, along with the staff, have decided on a new logo - which we will launch on December 1, 2019. We will also launch two newly designed worship bulletins for the traditional service and the Gathering service.

We believe our church is doing tremendous work, both on the grounds and in our community - and the communications team would like to highlight our church's story. Therefore in the next couple of months, when you see one of our volunteer photographers walking around with a camera, SMILE for the camera. We are proud to serve this wonderful church in this way and blessed to be your partner in Ministry.



FAIRHOPE
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REV. LAURA PARKER

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*For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.
(Psalm 62:5)*

Dear Friends,

I saw the first sign only recently while driving down Greeno Road. How could I have missed it? It was right there, in front of a certain restaurant, this message that was loud and clear: **"Waiters Wanted!"** Like a well-placed star in the sky, the light behind those letters shined through the darkness of the night. John the Baptist could not have said it any better himself.

Welcome to the season of Advent! It is the beginning of the liturgical year. Christmas is four weeks away. As writer Joan Chillister has described the occasion, "We are at the moment in which a new cycle of old ideas will be stirred up again within us!"¹

According to tradition, Advent is not the oldest season in the church. Easter, the Pasch or Passover, is far older, by at least 200 years. Nor did Advent begin in Rome. In fact, the earliest mention of a period of preparation for Christmas didn't exist until 490 in what is now France.

Thus, the church year does not start here because Christmas is coming. The church year starts here to remind us why Jesus was born in the first place. Most of all, it starts here as an invitation to determine why we ourselves are here at all.

Advent comes from the Latin word for "coming." In our observance here at Fairhope UMC, we will focus our attention in worship and study on the three 'comings' of God with us—in the past as a child in Bethlehem, in the present through the presence of the Eucharist, and in the future through the return of Christ as King.

In this season of urgency and mystery, anticipation builds as we await the coming of Jesus. Without question, *something* is about to happen. Hear the good news...God is in the manger!

My family and I are excited to spend our first Advent here in Fairhope. We look forward to celebrating the festivities of this season with each of you and to the promise of making wonderful new memories along the way.

I hope to see you Sunday. What are you waiting for? *Come and see!*

With Joy!

DARREN

As I write this just before Thanksgiving, it feels a little like the calm before the storm. This is quite often the place I find myself in those days before Christmas is "full-on." And this year, because Thanksgiving is a little later, it feels as if time is somehow condensed, compressed. And now I begin to look ahead and can feel the busy-ness already bearing down on me, the headlights in the distance, coming my way. By the time you read this, you will have created your own "to do" list, and your stress level, like mine, may well be on the uptick! Must it always be this way? The one thing I find slows things down and gives me perspective is prayer. May this prayer help you orient yourself for the coming season toward things that are most important and most life-giving as you march forward into Advent:

*Oh Immanuel, God with us,
truly in this Advent season we celebrate
that you are not hidden in some faraway cloud,
but you chose to be with us in the blur and mystery of our lives.
In the midst of lists and rush,
you are with us as a song that echoes in our minds,
as the light of a candle,
as a card from a friend.
They are signs of your presence.
We turn to you this season and pray that you would birth joy and
healing, blessing and hope in us.
Let something wonderful begin in us —
something surprising and holy.
May your hand be upon us.
Let your love fill us.
Let your joy overwhelm us.
Let our longing for you be met on a coming holy night.
Immanuel with us once again.
Amen.*

by the Rev. Jerry Chism

Let us claim such for ourselves and our families in this coming Advent Season.

Blessings,

LAURA



WEEKLY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday

7:55am Worship Choir Rehearsal
8:30am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
9:45am Sunday School
10:30am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
The Gathering Worship (CLC)
6:00pm - 8:00pm Sunday Night Youth Worship

Monday

10:00am Knit or Crochet for a Purpose (B114)
10:30am Digging Deeper (B215)
1:00pm Drop-in Book Study (Library)
4:00pm Walking by Faith (Parlor)

Tuesday

10:00am - 11:00am Men of the Bible (Women's Study) (B215)
4:00pm Walking by Faith (Parlor)
6:00pm Chancel Bells (Bell Room)

Wednesday

4:00pm Walking by Faith (Parlor)

Please note: Wednesday Night Suppers & programming will resume in January.

Thursday

9:00am - 11:30pm Disciple III (B207)

Friday

9:00am - 1:00pm Reservation Nursery
11:00am - 1:00pm Community Café (CLC Fellowship Hall)
5:30pm AI-Anon (CLC)

CARING MINISTRY MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES

12/1 - 8:30am Ann's Prayer Partners (Conference Room)
12/2 - 6:00pm Stephen Ministry Supervision (B114)
12/3 - 9:30am Caregiver's Support Group (Library)
12/8 - 1:30pm - 3:00pm Nov. / Dec. Birthday Celebration (Ann's Home)
12/9 - 6:30pm Survivors of Suicide (B207)
12/10 - 9:00am Note Ministry (Workroom)
12/10 - 12:30pm Tough Dogs Support Group (Library)
12/10 - 1:30pm Tough Dogs Chemo Care Bag Assembly (WH)
12/11 - 10:30am Manna On Wheels (Café Area CLC)
12/16 - 6:00pm Stephen Ministry Supervision (B114)
12/17 - 9:30am Caregiver's Support Group (Library)
12/18 - 11:45am Young at Heart Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)
12/23 - 6:30pm Survivors of Suicide (B207)

FAIRHOPE UMC COMMITTEE MEETINGS

12/10 - 5:30pm Finance Meeting (Conference Room)
12/12 - 6:00pm Board of Stewards (Wesley Hall)

COFFEE WITH THE PASTORS

12/8 - 9:45am Coffee with the Pastors (CLC Parlor)
Visitors and regular attendees are invited to join us in the parlor and find out more about Fairhope UMC's ministries & the next steps for membership.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

12/6 - City of Fairhope Christmas Parade, 6:30pm
12/8 - ESCS Christmas Concert, First Baptist Church, 2pm
12/10 - ESCS Christmas Concert, Spanish Fort UMC, 7:30pm

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

12/25 & 12/26 - Church Office & CLC closed
1/1 - Church Office & CLC closed

PRESCHOOL 2020 - 2021 REGISTRATION

1/21 - Preschool Families
1/27 - Church Families
1/31 - Open to Public

If you have any questions you can call the Preschool office, 928-1280.



IS INVITING YOU TO OUR FIRST

ART EXHIBIT

DECEMBER 4TH, 5-8PM
IN THE **CLC CAFE**

Students art work will be on display
and selected pieces will be up for a silent auction.

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS FUNDING FUTURE CREATIVE WORD CLASSES.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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Confirmation Class of 2020 Begins Sunday, January 12 @ 9:30am

Confirmation 2020 is just around the corner and preparations are underway for this extremely important time in your child's spiritual journey. This class is open to any 7th graders or older youth that would like to participate. A complete class schedule and the online registration can be found on the Youth Ministry page of our church website.

Classes will begin on Sunday, January 12, 2020 and will meet in Lofts 2 & 3 from 9:30am until 10:45am each week. (Complete schedule will be emailed to you once you register.) The fee for the class which includes a parent & student books is \$20.

A Baptism Service for those who have not been baptized and would like to be and a Reaffirmation of Baptism will take place on Sunday, February 2 @11:00am in "The Gathering" as a part of our Discovery Weekend Retreat.

Discovery Weekend Retreat is a required retreat for all confirmands and should be registered separately from Confirmation due to the fee involved. The dates are January 31-February 2. The cost is \$100 per student.

Confirmation Service will take place on Sunday, March 29 at 6:00pm in the sanctuary.

ENOUGH

DISCOVERY WEEKEND 2020

January 31-February 2

Location: Fairhope UMC

Cost: \$90 per person

Hey 7th & 8th graders! Discovery Weekend is just around the corner and the registration is now OPEN online for all students. You can find this link on the youth page of our church website. We are so excited about the BIG things God is planning and will do in the hearts of those who participate and volunteer throughout the weekend.

Discovery is a 43-hour spiritual formation retreat for our 7th & 8th graders that takes place on our church campus. Our theme this year is "Enough". The high school students are speakers & help lead the weekend alongside a group of amazing adult volunteers.

Our wonderful church family helps in so many ways including: prayers for our students, housing for senior high leaders, providing meals and snacks for the weekend and so much more! We invite you all to begin praying with us for this retreat, the students and all those touched by this weekend. If you would like to volunteer in any capacity, please contact our weekend coordinators: Grayson & Charlie Hill 334-799-3123 or Wynn & Stewart Nobles 251-716-1958.

Have more questions? Please feel free to contact Rachael Waldhour, rachael.waldhour@fairhopeumc.org.

FAIRHOPE UMC SCHOLARSHIPS

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 2020-21 academic year. The deadline for applications is January 15, 2020. 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.

For detailed information, and applications, go to the church website.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE:

The Robert Bryan & Nancy Carr Memorial Scholarship
The Francis C. & Margaret G. Wilson Memorial Scholarship
The David Duchene Memorial Scholarship
The Robert Bruce & Mary Adams Gibson Memorial Scholarship
The Bryan & Elizabeth Johnson Memorial Scholarship
The Lester I. Boone Memorial Scholarship
The Martha Northcutt Memorial Scholarship
The Claude & Aileen Andrews Memorial Scholarship
The Fairhope UMC United Methodist Women Scholarship
The Butgereit Mission Scholarship
The Fairhope UMC Adult Sunday School Class Scholarships
The Vernon & Jeannie Colbert Scholarship
The Arthur & Pat Carlton Scholarship

Holiday Wednesday & Sunday Schedule:

December 1 @ 6:00-8:00pm
Sunday Night Youth

December 4 @ 7:00pm
Comedy & Carols w/Travis Crim & Noah Cleveland
Daphne United Methodist Church.

Please meet at the church no later than 6:15 pm. We will leave at 6:30 for this event. If you can help us drive students, please text Rachael @ 256-343-1303.

Bring money for a Love Offering. We should return home no later than 9:45 pm.

December 8 @ 6:00-8:00pm
Youth Christmas Party & Scavenger Hunt
Bring a snack or Christmas dish to share with everyone! Wear your Christmas colors and come ready to have some fun!!!!

December 11 @ 6:00-8:00pm
Angel Tree Shopping with C-Groups
Please bring \$10 to help pay for your groups Christmas Angel. Meet at the church at 6:00pm, we will travel to Target in Daphne. Parents, if you can help us drive a group, please text Rachael @ 256-343-1303.

December 15, 18, 22, 25, 29, Jan 1
No Student Ministry Activities

Have a blessed and Merry Christmas with your family and friends! We will see you all on January 5 @ 6:00pm for Sunday Night Youth.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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TEN COMMANDMENTS OF PARENTING

As parents, we want to do the right thing raising our children, but as we've all learned parenting can be tricky. Here are the remaining 5 rules we can follow. The first five are listed in the November Link!

6. Do not kill. While this may seem like a simple law, because you do not kill others, this commandment means to show respect for life. Show respect for your own life by taking care of yourself physically. Take care of your child's health as well. If there are animals in the household, encourage your child to participate in their care.

7. Show love and respect to your partner. Your child will witness that love and respect, and hopefully, he or she will do the same thing when he or she is married. Loving each family member is not an easy task because we are all human, but asking God to be a part of our family's life is a way to begin. God will be with you and help you in this process.

8. Do not steal. Very few of us openly steal, but we often steal in small ways. Perhaps you have tried to pay less for something, arguing with a store clerk—your child might have witnessed this. Learn to be fair and honest in all your dealings. Remember to be the person that you would like your child to grow up to be.

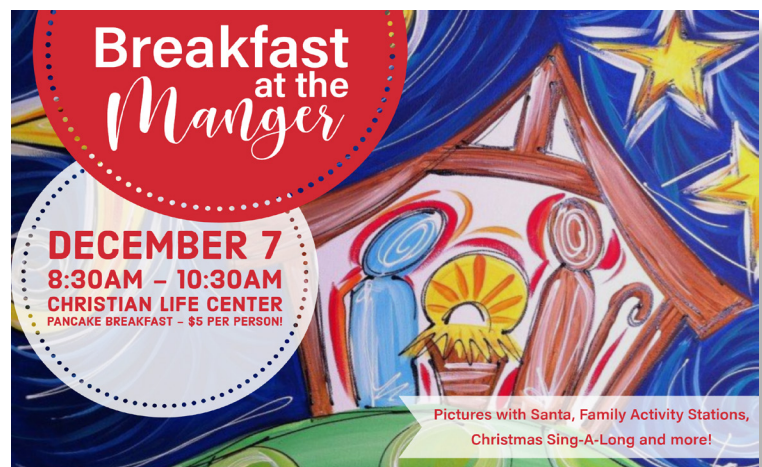
9. Do not lie. Don't lie to your child. The child, however young, will probably be able to catch you in your lies. Be honest and forthright in your dealings with others and with your child. Of course, there will be situations which are not appropriate for your child to know about or for you to openly discuss, but there is no need to lie about them. Simply tell the child that is something she or he does not need to worry about.

10. Be happy and grateful for what you have. Explain to your child that you have much to be thankful for, and express your gratitude to God in front of your child. Do not covet the new cars or technological devices your neighbors have. Show appreciation for what you are able to have, and teach your child stewardship by taking care of your resources.

Written by Kerry Blackwood. Taken from *Grow, Proclaim, Serve* Elementary Sunday school curriculum in 2012.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

- 12/4** - Last night of semester for Pier, Pier34 and SWIFT (resumes in January)
- 12/7** - Breakfast at the Manger (8:30-10:30am, CLC, \$5/person for pancake breakfast)
- 12/8** - Children's Choirs' Christmas Program (4:00pm, Sanctuary)
- 12/15** - Christmas Music Worship Services - Children's Church will not be held
- 12/22** - Birthday Party for Jesus during Children's Church (children ages 4-6th grade invited)



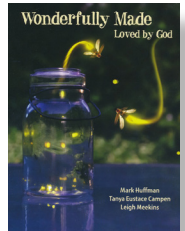
WONDERFULLY MADE

A Christian sexuality seminar for 5th & 6th graders and their parents.

January 16-18, 2020

Registration fee: \$50

For detailed information, including the schedule and online registration, go to www.fairhopeumc.org/wonderfullymade



2020 WINTER RETREAT LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS

January 31-February 2, 2020

Registrar at www.bluelakecamp.com

COST:

\$115 now - December 13

\$130 December 14 - January 17 (last day to register!)

Additional \$50 for dinner on Friday night & charter bus fee (not due till Jan 31)

Scholarships available. Adult chaperones needed (no charge)! Contact Michelle for information.



MOPS

If you are the mother of a child, newborn - kindergarten, join us on December 9 for our last meeting of the year. Rev. Laura Parker will be our guest.

9:30am - 11:30am / Christian Life Center (CLC), 2nd Floor Loft

MOPS meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays during the school year for fellowship, encouragement and fun. For more information, follow Fairhope MOPS on Facebook and contact fairhopemops@yahoo.com

RESERVATION NURSERY

Fridays: 9:00am-1:00pm

\$20 per child | Ages 6 months-3 years

For availability, contact Tina:

tina.wettermark@fairhopeumc.org

**Please note that Reservation Nursery will NOT meet Friday, December 27.*



MISSIONS & OUTREACH

missions@fairhopeumc.org

Upcoming Missions Event, January 19
Out of the Pew, Into the World Day of Service!

More info in the January Link, save the date!

Angel Tree Christmas Giving OUR ANGELS ARE HERE!

We are partnering with Ecumenical Ministries & DHR helping to provide Christmas for children & elderly in our community.

Our children & elderly angels are available in the CLC & outside the main Church Office

**ALL ANGELS ARE DUE TO THE CHURCH OFFICE
NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH**

We are thankful to our Knit & Crochet Ministry for providing blankets to our elderly angels!

More info? Contact Jennifer Myrick
missions@fairhopeumc.org



MUSIC MINISTRIES

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December is such an exciting time in the music ministry! On **December 8**, our children's choirs will be presenting *Away In a Manger*. This musical by Rhonda Frazier tells the story of God's plan of salvation for His people through the birth, life and resurrection of our Lord and Savior through song and scripture. It features many old time favorite Christmas carols that everyone can sing along to such as *Silent Night* and *Go Tell It On the Mountain* as well as some new tunes that you will be humming to yourself on the drive home. We are so proud of what our children have accomplished so far, singing multiple times in both our Sanctuary and Gathering services over the last couple of months! As we move further into the Advent season on **December 15**, we will also be holding our **Lessons and Carols** services featuring our choirs, community orchestra and narrators. These services will be held in the sanctuary during the 8:30 and 11:00 services. Finally be sure to join us on Christmas Eve as we are offering many opportunities to come and worship and commemorate the birth of Jesus through scripture and song together.

"Once in our world, a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world."

-C.S. Lewis

AWAY IN A MANGER

Presented by
WoW Worship
Kids Choirs

4:00pm
Sunday, Dec. 8th
Sanctuary



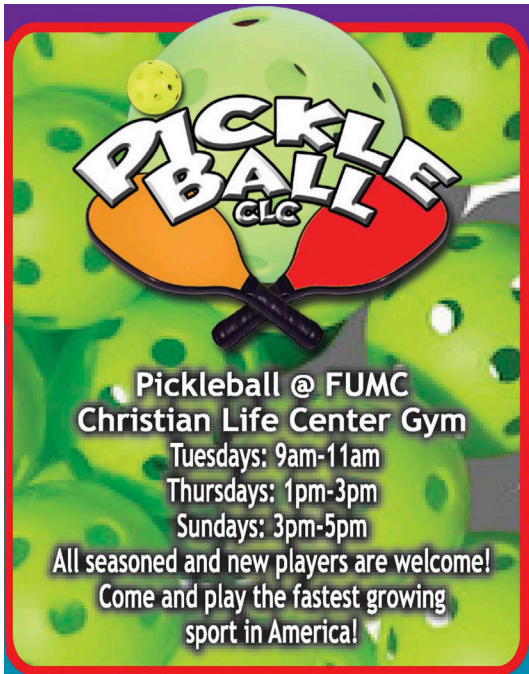
RECREATION MINISTRY

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CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER OPERATING HOURS:

Mon. & Tues. 7am-8pm • Wed. 7am-5pm • Thurs. 7am-7pm • Fri. 7am-6pm

PICKLEBALL



Adult Basketball

2020 ADULT BASKETBALL LEAGUE

- 8 Regular Season Games, plus post-season tournament.
- Games are played on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:15pm, 7:00pm, 7:45pm & possibly 8:30pm at the Fairhope United Methodist Church Christian Life Center Gym.
- Registration form and \$200 deposit required by January 31, 2020. 8 team limit for the league.
- Season begins on Tuesday, February 4, 2020.
- League fees are \$400 per team for the season.
- To register your team, email: jamie.waldhour@fairhopeumc.org

CLC STEWARD SUBSTITUTES NEEDED

WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO BE ON A "CALL LIST"?
If you are looking for an area to serve, we are in need of people who are willing to be a substitute for our regularly scheduled volunteers at the CLC Welcome Desk. You would be on the "call list" if needed when a Steward is absent. Stewards assist in check-in and check-out of participants, check-out equipment and provide hospitality and assistance to our members and guests. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Michael Spicer at 928-1148 (ext. 241).

NEW MEMBERS AND BAPTISMS



Baptism of
William Keane McKelroy
Son of
Baptism 10/6/2019



Lynn & John Roberts
18289 Woodland Drive
Joined 10/27/2019



Angie Bedgood
5420 Highland Road
Mobile, AL
Joined 10/10/2019



Theresa & Phil Webb
219 South Drive
Fairhope, AL
Joined 11/17/2019



Jennifer & Chip McKnight
Allison & Dillon
10221 Woodmere Drive
Fairhope, AL
Joined 10/17/2019
Baptism of Dillion Michael McKnight 11/17/2019

Not Pictured:
Lucie & Kevin Fralicks
8849 Rosedown Lane
Daphne, AL
Joined 11/03/2019

CARING MINISTRIES

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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Prayer Ministry

Fairhope United Methodist Church
Caring Ministries

PRAYER ROOM

Prayer team prays over prayer request cards daily. Our Prayer Room is located on the left side as you enter the sanctuary and is open for prayer during church office hours.



EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN

Prayer requests can be submitted for the email chain.

Mary Lucas, marylucas501@gmail.com | 251-753-1820



PRAYER CARDS

Volunteers meet weekly to send cards in response to written prayer requests.

Gayle Lawrence, gabalaw@gmail.com | 251-517-7419

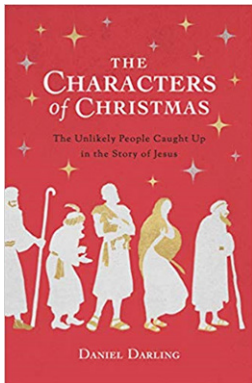


If you would like to serve in any of these areas, please contact Dr. Ann Pearson or those named above.



Pick up your Christmas gift from Caring Ministries.

Outside church office starting December 1.
1 per family.



ADVENT BOOK STUDY

begins December 2
Mondays @ 1:00pm
FUMC Library



Birthday Celebration November - December

Sunday, December 8
1:30 - 3:00
Ann's Home
(101 Royal Lane)

RSVP: martha.monckton@fairhopeumc.org | 928-1148



KNIT OR CROCHET FOR A PUPOSE

is seeking donation of yarn for their many ongoing projects.

CLEANING OUT?

Knit/Crochet will happily use your yarn!



YOUNG AT HEART

Covered Dish Luncheon
All are welcome!

Wednesday, December 18

11:45am | CLC Fellowship Hall

D E C E M B E R

BIRTHDAYS

- 12/1 Frank Baggett, Jeremy White, Alex Fleming, Noah Bake, Stewart Shoemaker
- 12/2 Louis Eaton, John Stewart, Linda James, Josh McClellan, Lindy Miller
- 12/3 Ross Bishop, Jeff Farrow, Brenda Robinson, Brock Boudin, Shawn Holland
- 12/4 Vergie Huggins, Kaydene Engstrom, Richard Smith, Nan Denson, Debbie Floyd, John Helmstadter, Shelly Fitzhugh
- 12/5 Deborah Pennington, Ross Moore, Bostic Marass, Jentry Determann, Caroline Montgomery
- 12/7 Gail Linkins Beaman, Cheryl Bray, Paul Cotter, Belle Sansom
- 12/8 Rob Cunningham, Anne Lois Bullington, Dixon McKenzie, Mike White, Caroline Jones, Elizabeth Handwerger, Dr. Darren M. McClellan
- 12/9 Joe Word, David Roe, Dorothy Chambers, Anne Frances Bobo, Murphy Lowell, Catherine Beard, Cody Lowell
- 12/10 Robert Adams, Susan McClure, Wendell Barnhill, Sharon Hile, Harper Myrick, Russell Christie, Jerry Fortis, Patsy Miller, Cole Deeds, Tanner Deeds
- 12/11 Mattie Thompson, Rick O'Neil, John Wilkins, Bud Walden
- 12/12 Doug Garner, Charles Yow, Melanie Moore, Ellie Brown, Ford Robinson, Marlee Moore, Nathan Valentine, Sean McClay, Jake Garner, Lisa Vogel
- 12/13 Anabelle Jones, Pete McGriff, Patti Hanafourde, Beth Hamilton
- 12/14 Sara Breslin, Veronica Statham, Paula Beck, Gray McIntosh, Scooter Parish
- 12/15 Elsie Butgereit, John Hodgkins, Paisley White, Marley Waldhour, Mary Patton Morrison
- 12/16 Grayson Manasco, Matthew Thurman, Mollie Katen Bishop, Cain Roberds, Ted Love, Hackett Robertson
- 12/17 Marie Green, Ann Caryl Johnston, Lucy Fralicks, Jane Lee
- 12/18 Helen Rivenbark, Terry Howe, Ellie Flowers, Emma Flowers
- 12/19 Patrick Tart, Tessa Washington, Britton Bonner, Randy Murchison, Christen Payne, Brayden Mahatekar, Sam Roach, Bettie Vincent
- 12/20 Laura Street, Hazel Odom, Brittany Mayfield, Will Carlton, Lauren Curl
- 12/21 Maximillian Koenig
- 12/22 Lany Simmons, Natalie Woodrow
- 12/23 Kim Dewey, Bill Bennett, Stella Pope Norris, Michael Smith, Carol Wilson, Wilson Engeriser
- 12/24 Mary Helen Marks, Sara Morales, Natalie Rosser, Ann Haas
- 12/25 Paula Drummond, Carl Wegener, Katherine Goldman, Linda Harris, Will Autrey, Haley Melton, Haley Goldbold, Fox Haas
- 12/26 Britton Rivenbark, Brooks DeLaney
- 12/27 Sid Vogel, Carol Cowan, Jake Jacobs, Marjorie O'Neil, Leslie Rush, Thomas McLendon, Judy Walker
- 12/28 Gerald Ogden, Rebeckah Roe, Jill Rosene, Cain McCool, Ashley Marass, Madeline Alexander
- 12/29 Andy McLeod, Judy Garrick, Donna Dodson, Will Fleming, Amy Thompson, Shane Ikerman, Mark Mathias, Michael Casallo, Amy Smith, Maggie Langston
- 12/30 Anthony Davis, Gaines Goldman, Tucker Marks, Fred Jordan, Cate Cooper, Lisa LaTourette, Nathan Waldhour
- 12/31 Maria Adams, Anna Barrett, Abigail Burgess, Lily DeLaney, Amy Dowden, Ellis Ikerman, Hollins Smith



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ADVENT 2019

GOD IS IN THE MANGER

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 1

"IN DAYS TO COME"

8:30 (DM) 11:00 (DM) *The Gathering* (OC)
8:30am & 11:00am Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
11:00am Contemporary Worship w/Communion (CLC)

ADVENT WREATH EVENT - DECEMBER 1

5:00pm Kit: \$20, Potluck Soup/Chili Supper.
Register: missions@fairhopeumc.org (CLC Fellowship Hall)

BREAKFAST AT THE MANGER - DECEMBER 7

8:30-10:30am \$5 per person for breakfast
Pictures & Storytime with Santa, Family Activity Stations, Christmas Sing-A-Long and more! (CLC Fellowship Hall)

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 8

"THERE'S HOPE IN THE ROOT"

8:30 (LP) 11:00 (LP) *The Gathering* (DM)
8:30am & 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
11:00am Contemporary Worship w/Communion (CLC)

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS CHRISTMAS CONCERT - DECEMBER 8

4:00pm (Sanctuary)
Cocoa & Cookie Reception to follow (Wesley Hall)

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT- DECEMBER 15

"STARING AT SEEDS"

8:30 (DM) 11:00 (DM) *The Gathering* (LP)
8:30am & 11:00am *Lessons & Carols* presented by the Christmas Choir & accompanied by Chamber Orchestra (Sanctuary)
11:00am *A Christmas Unplugged*, Special Christmas Music
*Children's Church will not be held

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 22

"I WOULD NOT WORRY ABOUT THAT"

8:30 (DM) 11:00 (DM) *The Gathering* (OC)
8:30am & 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
11:00am Contemporary Worship w/Communion (CLC)
*Children will be dismissed for a Birthday Party for Jesus during 11:00am worship services (ages 4 years to 6th grade)

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES* - DECEMBER 24

3:00pm Traditional Candlelight Service (Sanctuary)
3:30pm Contemporary Service w/Communion (CLC)
5:00pm Traditional Candlelight Service (Sanctuary)
5:30pm Contemporary Service w/Communion (CLC)
7:00pm Traditional Candlelight Service (Sanctuary)
9:00pm Traditional Candlelight Service w/Communion (Sanctuary)

*Nursery available for children 6 months to 3 years of age at the 3:00pm, 3:30pm, 5:00pm & 5:30pm Services.

PREACHING KEY:

Dr. Darren McClellan (DM)
Rev. Laura Parker (LP)
Rev. Antonio Christie (OC)