



FAIRHOPE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

5th Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2020

PRELUDE *Toccata for Easter* (arr. by Craig Penfield)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Darren M. McClellan

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God,
Through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

OPENING HYMN *God of Grace and God of Glory* (UMH #577)

OPENING PRAYER

**In you, O God, every family on earth receives its name.
Illumine the homes of this earth with the light of your love,
granting courage to those who are hurt or lonely,
endurance to those who care for sick family members,
and wisdom to those in fearful times of change.**

**We thank you for gifts of love we have received
from mother, father, spouse, child, or companion.
As we have been loved by you and by others, so may we love.
Grant us your peace, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

HYMN MEDLEY

The Church's One Foundation (545)
My Hope Is Built (368)
Standing on the Promises (374)

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING *Come Christians Join To Sing* (arr. Coleman)
Natalie Woodrow, soloist

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON Psalm 31 (UMH #764)

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 2:2-10

SERMON

“Stumbling Into Shape”

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response: We pray to the Lord.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

CHURCH FAMILY CHALLENGE

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

HYMN

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

(UMH #557)

SENDING FORTH

Music today led by Tom Hood. Organist: John Richardson

Thanks to our technical crew: Jamie and Rachael Waldhour, Jeff White and Robert Hammon.



Whatever it Takes...

for the Sake of His Glory!

A Sermon Series for the 50 Days of Easter

The days between Easter and Pentecost are for us as Christians a time when we contemplate our response to the resurrection of Jesus Christ. What do we do now? What is the nature of our consideration? Where will this walk with Jesus take us from here?

Romans 8:18-21 will anchor us as we move through these seven Sundays, culminating with Pentecost on May 31st.

Romans 8:18-21 (NRSV)

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

The desire for this season of preaching and teaching is to gain fresh understanding on not only the event itself, but the *power* of resurrection in our daily lives. Are we willing to submit all our experiences to the work that God wants to do in and through us? Do we believe that our present “sufferings” may be the very ground from which something new is being created and revealed in us? How shall we profess this living hope together?

Join us for worship (virtually, for now) as we offer our thanks and praise to God and allow the Word to speak into our lives. More than just digital transactions, we believe that these 'gatherings' still hold the power for divine transformation. So again, we say, *Easter people, raise your voices! Whatever it takes!*

Be sure to scroll all the way down. There are lots of Announcements!

Here is a brief summary of our current stewardship:

Offering Received on May 3 - \$54,810

(Online - \$21,651 ~ Mail/Personal delivery - \$33,159)

Thank you so much for your continued support to Fairhope United Methodist Church.

Jeff White, Business Administrator

Live Streaming Update!

We feel your pain with regards to the audio & visual syncing issues while watching online worship and Bible studies. We have been just as frustrated! So, starting today, Fairhope UMC is using a different service to stream to our three viewing platforms. The issue we were facing previously was the inability of our current streaming system to handle all three platforms at once. We have hopefully resolved this issue with the adjustments made. Thank you for your patience and grace as we navigate staying connected to the congregation through technology. Whatever It Takes for HIS Glory!

Prayers for the People

Sympathy:

Family and Friends of Arline Schuster.

Steve and Peggy Vogle in the death of his father, Calvin Vogle.

Pat and Arthur Carlton in the loss of her brother, Mike Murphy.

Celebrations:

Chris and Amanda Adams on the birth of a son, Cooper Kent Adams, born May 1.

Proud grandparents are **Deborah and Barry Pennington**.

Clark and Amanda McDuff on the birth of a daughter, Clara Elizabeth McDuff, born May 1. Proud grandparents are **Jane and John McDuff**.

Other:

During this season of Covid 19 the awareness of our medical personnel is more heightened than ever. We want to thank you for making a difference and know that you are prayed for daily. If we have missed adding your name to those who are working on the frontlines during this current crisis, please contact Dr. Ann Pearson, ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org.

Bill and Lucy Bingham
Ross Bishop
Mike Brantley
Amy Brasher
Jennie Breslin
Frank Bunch
Chris and Marti Burgess
Lisa Calhoun
Mary Catherine Crocker
Mitzi Childs
Jason Determann
Craig Dowden
Paula Drummond
Shannon Fountain
Matt Goldman
Catherine Knight Gradle
Emily Gregorius
Christy Guepet
Lanier Hagood
Albert Haas
Roy and Karen Haywood
Brett Henderson
J.C. Jacobs
Robi Jones
Julia Jordan
Megan Kappel
Kristan Knight
Mary Frances Krause
Gene Lammers
Jane Lee
Martin Lester
Andy Luedecke
Parag Mahakatar
Ashley Marass
Dan Matthews

Mike McBrearty
Sean McBrearty
Jessica Calhoun McCarthy
Harvey McCulloch
John McDuff
Casey McIntosh
Rebekah McIntosh
Rob Meichner
Scott and Elizabeth Minto
Meg Moore
Harper Morrison
Stephanie Morrison
Lyda Murray
Emily Norris
Suzanne Parish
Jim Parker
Josh Rachel
Greer Pearson
Lynne Pearson
Abby Phillips
John Richardson
Meredith Roach
Rebekah Roe
Robbie Rux
Ben Schrubbe
Marshall Shoemaker
Keith Spain
Roger Tart
Claire Jones Thomas
Rachel Breslin Townsley
Allison Turnbull
Keith and Shelley Turnbull
Adrianne Thrash
Adam Watterson
Jeremy White

Caring Ministries

- Sewing Ministry continues to ask for persons to use their gifts to sew masks and gowns for the days ahead. Contact Linda James fmjsj@yahoo.com or Ann Pearson ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org if you would like to be a part of this ministry.

- FUMC Prayer team joined in prayer for the needs of our congregation and nation on the National Day of Prayer, May 7.
- Volunteers took part in delivering meals to our medical personnel this week. A gift bag with food and a handwritten note was taken to over 60 of our members. We want to thank them for serving on the front lines during this Covid 19 season.



“Monday Mornings in Fairhope”

A note from Rev. Laura: I am hosting online devotionals through Zoom every Monday morning at 9:30am until we return to more normal gathering routines in the life of our church. You may access these gatherings through a Zoom link that is provided. You may join through a computer that has camera and audio capability, through the Zoom app on your phone or tablet or you may call in through a number that is provided. We will hear prayer concerns after the devotional is shared and

then depart for whatever our day of social distancing has in store. This time together will only last about 15-20 minutes and is merely one more opportunity to be together as God’s people – somehow – even though we find ourselves apart and distanced in these days of CV19! Please plan to join us on Mondays until further notice.

Join us by Zoom at this link: <https://zoom.us/j/99089887119>

For information on how to get started on Zoom, [click here](#).



Summer Book Club Dates Announced

Several weeks ago, I announced the “picks” for our summer book club. The theme this year is “home.” What constitutes home? Is it a country, is it a house, is it the land, is it people? What does it mean to leave your home or to find a new home? What happens when one becomes “untethered” from what he or she considers to be home?

I have chosen dates for us to gather and discuss these books and I would like to share those with you for your calendar:

June 16 th	<u>This Tender Land</u> , William Kent Krueger
July 14 th	<u>The Dutch House</u> , Ann Patchett
August 11 th	<u>American Dirt</u> , Jeanine Cummins

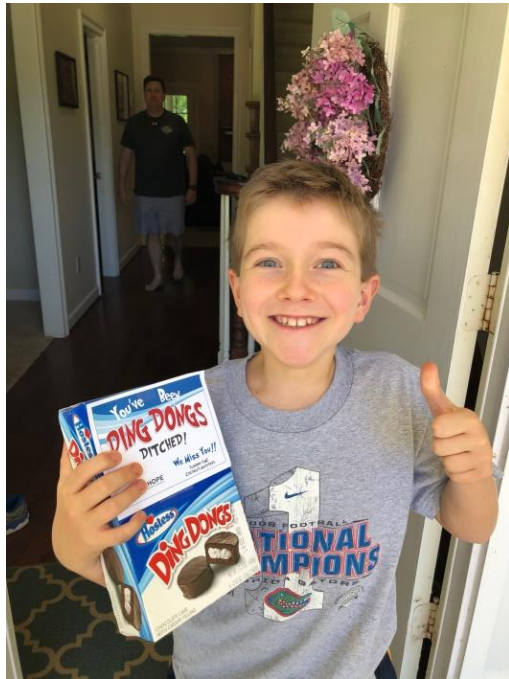
At this time, we are scheduled to meet at 6:00 pm in the Parlor on each of the above dates. I also have a “hold” on the Fellowship Hall for these dates in case we need room to spread out and practice social distancing. We also may need to consider using Zoom for virtual gatherings if we determine by then that it is unwise for us to gather together in the church.

For now, enjoy your reading! Books have the power to stretch us and challenges us – and can also entertain and distract us! Sometimes that can be a good thing.

All of the books are readily available on Kindle, so no need to leave your house if you are an e-reader. All books are also available through Amazon or can be ordered through Page and Palette, with curbside pick-up if requested. (Page and Palette may have copies in stock. Call to check!)

Blessings to all of you during this very odd time in the life of our church and community.

Happy reading!! Laura



Max McClellan

Children's Ministries Update ...

Our Sunday School teachers had fun "Ding Dong Ditching" our children last weekend. We have enjoyed hearing about how thrilled the students and their parents were with their special treats from Children's and Caring Ministries. We are so glad the children are enjoying the lessons and crafts. Many have told us that their children work on their lessons while the parents are on Sunday School zoom calls or while watching our worship service.



Anna Marie and Alivia Dowden



Gaines and Brooks Goldman



Judd and Elliot Determann



Summer Camp – ENERGIZE

June 15-19 for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders

Fee - \$340 plus additional \$50 due to the church in June for bus transportation. Register at www.bluelakecamp.com. Scholarships available – contact Michelle at 251/377-2325.

NOTE ... Should our camp need to be cancelled due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, Blue Lake will make the official announcement on May 15th. If this happens, everyone registered will receive a FULL refund.

SWIFT Zoom Get Together (5th & 6th graders)

We had a fun game night Wednesday night. The students raced to solve rebus puzzles and then competed against each other in Pictionary. They were especially challenged to interpret Mr. Michael's drawings, but they did it! Thank you to Mr. Michael talking to us about King David and reminding us that God loves us even when we mess up.

6th grade parents: See Information (below) from Rachel regarding the “Stepping Up” program.

Student Ministry ...

COMING SOON...



Stepping Up Program

(A program for rising 7th graders)

We are so excited that our rising 7th graders will be in student ministry beginning in June and we look forward to the next 5 years together! In the past, the transition all began in the month of May with the Student Ministry bridge program for our 6th graders. **Stepping Up** served as a great bridge into our middle school ministry. We still intend to do this program to help our new students build relationships with those already in this ministry. However, we must delay our program start due to our current restrictions on gatherings of 10 or more. This ministry works BEST with the ability to

get-to-know one another through games, small group discussion and more. **Our current hope is to begin this program in early summer! We will let our parents know as soon as possible.**

In the interim, please get plugged in by taking the following next steps for student ministry:

HOW TO REGISTER FOR STEPPING UP:

1. To register your student, please click this link: <https://fairhopeumc.shelbynextchms.com/external/form/7806956e-67cd-4027-8205-a6943ceac81a>
2. Next, we will send you a form to have your student fill it out and turn into Rachael Waldhour or Michael Spicer. This step helps us to pair them with students that have something in common with them.
3. To return the form you can scan and email or mail to the church office.
4. Text the word "SALTSTUDENTS" to the number 43506 to register for all student ministry updates.

UPDATE ON STUDENT MINISTRY SUMMER PROGRAMS:

Currently, we are working through the plan for our summer youth programming. This includes our **Middle School Mission, High School Mission trip, Stepping Up and all youth activities**. We want you to know we miss all of our students and truly want to connect with them in person! However, the guidelines for gathering safely continue to change regularly and all information is fluid. Protecting our students and their families is our number one priority while we are making these decisions. This is why we are waiting until after May 15 to announce any further information on changes, schedules for summer, etc. Thank you for your patience, prayers and flexibility as we navigate the biggest challenge we've faced in Student Ministry.

Our Student Ministry staff and team of volunteers are praying for your family as you navigate these difficult times. We are here for you and your family as always and you are not alone! Please feel free to call, text or email us at any point with your questions, concerns or prayer requests. We covet your continued prayers as we try to make the best decisions for everyone involved.

Missions Ministry

Here is what is going on ...

How are we SERVING?

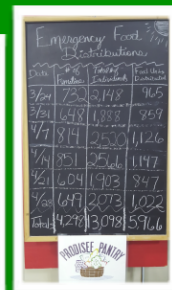
COMMUNITY CAFE - ALTHOUGH WE ARE NOT HOSTING OUR NORMAL FRIDAY LUNCH, WE CONTINUE TO SERVE OUR HOMEBOUND & COMMUNITY FRIENDS. WE ARE NOW PROVIDING OVER 140 MEALS EACH WEEK BETWEEN FAIRHOPE, DAPHNE & SILVERHILL. WE ARE NOW PROVIDING MEALS TO SHEPHERD'S PLACE AND FAIRHOPE ROTARY YOUTH CLUB. WE ARE EXPANDING OUR FRIDAY LUNCH TO PROVIDE A HOT MEAL TO MORE ELDERLY IN THE COMMUNITY.



BALDWIN COUNTY HEALTH DEPT - WE CONTINUE TO HELP ORGANIZE & FEED OUR FRIENDS WHO ARE WORKING SO HARD TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF OUR COUNTY. THANK YOU TO OUR DRIVERS WHO DELIVERED MEALS THIS PAST WEEK.

SNACK PACKS - WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF COLLECTING/ASSEMBLING SNACK PACKS. MANY OF OUR COMMUNITY FRIENDS HAVE CHILDREN AT HOME & ARE IN NEED OF SNACKS. WE WILL BE PREPARING SNACK PACKS FOR FAIRHOPE HIGH SCHOOL & ROTARY YOUTH CLUB.

PRODISSE PANTRY - WE ARE COLLECTING DIAPERS FOR PRODISSE PANTRY. SIZES 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6



Date	# of People	Family	Family	Family	Family	Total
2/24	75	3,147				965
2/25	648	1,733				2,581
2/26	84	2,500				1,126
2/27	251	2,566				1,147
2/28	604	1,903				847
2/29	647	2,073				1,022
Total	4,299	13,098				5,966

DHR/BALDWIN COUNTY CAREHOUSE CARE PACKAGES - WE ARE MAKING PLANS TO PROVIDE CARE PACKAGES FOR BALDWIN COUNTY CHILDREN WHO ARE IN THE CARE OF DHR AND THE BALDWIN COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER CAREHOUSE (CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN PHYSICALLY OR SEXUALLY ABUSED). PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP BY PROVIDING ITEMS OR WILLING TO DELIVER TO DHR & CAREHOUSE. WE WILL BE PROVIDING CARE PACKS TO OVER 200 CHILDREN IN CARE OF DHR & CAREHOUSE.

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT TO HELP MEET THE NEEDS OF THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY. IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEEDS ASSISTANCE DURING THIS TIME, PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN HELP.

PLEASE EMAIL MISSIONS@FAIRHOPEUMC.ORG OR CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE.
MUCH LOVE TO ALL, JENNIFER MYRICK, DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS