

A Monthly Publication of Fairhope United Methodist Church

# The Link



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

## Counting Stars

— GENESIS 15:5-6

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# PRAYER CONCERNS

## AT HOME:

Ed Baker	Judy Ellis	George Kirchoff
Elsie Butgereit	Millie Flynn	Bill Maurer
Frankie Butgereit	Pat Grubbs	Barbara Proffitt
Dorothy & Leon Chambers	Kittie Helva	Jean Smith
Patricia Cooper	Rita Higbee	Keith Svendby
Vicki Culver	Frances Grace Hirs	Grace Webb
Barbara Davis	Terry Howe	

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

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

**Huntingdon at Homestead Village:** Alice Griffin (Ruth Sully's sister), Jeanette Gunter, Corrie Rambo (Gerry Rambo's mother)

**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), Virginia Trego, 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:** Joyce Clark

**Southern Oaks Nursing Home:** Cindy Radtke

**Blue Ridge Health & Rehab:** June Enfinger

**Sandy Ridge Health & Rehab (Milton, FL):** Peggy & Harry Bennitt

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

## OUR TROOPS

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

## SYMPATHIES

**Randy Murchison** and family in the loss of his mother, **Eugenia Murchison**.

**Peggy Ellis** and family in the loss of her son, Michael Stuart.

**Arline Schuster** in the loss of her daughter, and **Richard Taylor** in the loss of his wife, **Marilyn Taylor**.

**Harris and Myra Hand** in the loss of his mother and **Rachael Waldhour** in the loss of her grandmother, Mildred Hand.

## CELEBRATIONS

John and Kate Lammers on the birth of a daughter, Peyton Marie Lammers, born September 6. The proud grandparents are **Gene and Cecilia Lammers**.

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



## FINANCIALS

DEBT BALANCE AS OF 8/31: \$2,320,873

## ATTENDANCE

	8:30	11:00	<i>The Gathering</i>	Sunday School
9/1	157	128	199	133
9/8	213	208	274	317
9/15	217	191	227	278
9/22	208	142	168	226

## MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

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

*Dick Higbee (Caring Ministries) by  
Pud and David Nelson  
Em Johnson  
Tommy and Wanda Harris  
Don and Cathy Olds  
"The Taco Tuesday Friends"*

*Doris Higbee Allegri (Caring Ministries) by  
Don and Cathy Olds*

*Eugenia Murchison (Caring Ministries) by  
Thomas and Nancy Gaskin  
Sue Cooper*





## DR. DARREN MCCLELLAN

Senior Pastor

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Dear Friends,

By the time you read this article, we will have already launched a new sermon series called *Community Conversations*. In September, we reclaimed our story as the spiritual descendants of John and Charles Wesley. Now our focus shifts from 'roots' to 'shoots.'

Where will this story lead us in the future?

The inspiration for our current series comes from my perpetual fascination with the nature of *koinonia* (community), and is fueled all the more by my recent reading of *Community: The Structure of Belonging* by Peter Block. I loved this book! Written for the purposes of transformation, Block clarifies the essential characteristics and qualities that are necessary to build and sustain any vital community. Convinced by the radical notion that questions are ultimately more transforming than answers, Block identifies five specific 'conversations' that are critical for the endurance and formation of a more authentic community.

Jesus, of course, was known to utilize this method as well: *Who do you say that I am? Do you love me? Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord' and do not do what I say?*

So without spoiling what is yet to be revealed in our upcoming worship services, let it suffice to say that I am genuinely invigorated by the potential for ministry found in Block's proposal.



## REV. LAURA PARKER

Minister of Discipleship

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Dear Fairhope UMC Friends,

One of the highlights of my ministry at this church is working with all of you to help you find your next steps forward in your spiritual journey. One of the ways we do this is through our **Gifted2Serve** classes. We are excited about how this approach has helped guide our members to greater passion and effectiveness in their service to God over the past 4 years.

If you have not already participated in **Gifted2Serve**, we would like to encourage you to consider our next offering scheduled for Tuesdays, October 22 and 29, from 6:00-8:00pm.

### Through Gifted2Serve you will...

- Complete an online spiritual gifts and personality assessment where you will discern how God has shaped you to serve in the body of Christ.
- Learn about the various ministry teams and opportunities to serve within FUMC.
- Meet one on one with a member of our Pathways consultation team to find your best place(s) to serve within our church and community.

**Facilitators:** Dr. Michele Manasco, Katie Turner, Rev. Laura Parker

**Register:** online at [fairhopeumc.org](http://fairhopeumc.org) or call 251-928-1148 by Thursday, October 10.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

BLESSINGS,  
LAURA

“not only *INVITE* us, but by the power of the Holy Spirit, may also help to *LEAD* us”

If engaged faithfully, I believe that this particular “structure of belonging” will not only *invite* us, but by the power of the Holy Spirit, may also help to *lead* us as a congregation into an entirely new level of life together. This is a bold claim; but I trust that it is true!

And while we are building on the quality of Christian community here at Fairhope UMC, we will at the same time be engaging the subject of stewardship as a key component of our Christian discipleship. As our obedience grows in this area, so does our joy. There is great freedom in generosity. In making the fundamental shift from self-interest to service, we move from the mentality of consumer to actual citizen, with all the rights, privileges and responsibilities inherent in the Kingdom of God.

*But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ (Philippians 3:20).*

All the more reason for a generous response!

Our Consecration Sunday for the 2020 Ministry Budget will be October 27. Let us prepare our hearts for the way of the Lord.

IN CHRIST,  
DARREN



## REV. ANTONIO CHRISTIE

Minister of Outreach

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Friends,

Sometimes we just don't know. We don't know where we are and where we're going. If a year ago someone told me I would be living in Fairhope, Alabama, I probably would have said, "Not if I have a choice." I have long let go of personal dreams, goals, and expectations and put my confidence and trust in God's plan for me. I am learning that God is going to take me places I would not freely go, open doors I would not freely walk through, and enter relationships I would not freely initiate. I am learning to trust God's guidance in my life and trying to see God's abiding love in every season. Seasons change with the slightest shift. *What season of life are you in? How do you see God at work? Are you scared to embrace the next season? Is it outside of the dreams and goals you had for yourself?* Sometimes we just don't know how to live in the season we are in, and we question, ponder and pout. I can testify that even in our questioning, God is in it with us. God shows up, and will always send the right people to comfort you, to encourage you and shine his light on you. Whatever season you're in, join me and cling to these words from Proverbs 3:5 - *"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding."*

BLESSINGS,  
ANTONIO



# 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

10:30am Digging Deeper (B215)

## Tuesday

10:00am - 11:00am Men of the Bible (Women's Study)(B215)  
6:00pm - 7:30pm Experiencing God (B204)  
6:00pm Chancel Bells (Bell Room)

## Wednesday

4:15pm - 5:00pm Children's Choirs  
5:00pm - 6:00pm Wednesday Night Suppers  
6:00pm - 7:15pm PIER & PIER34  
6:00pm - 7:30pm SWIFT  
6:00pm Of Mess & Moxie Study (CLC Parlor)  
6:00pm Pastors Bible Study (CLC Fellowship Hall)  
6:00pm Parenting Teenagers (B209)  
6:00pm Creative Word (B215)  
6:00pm Fast Track Disciple I (B210)  
6:00pm Fast Track Disciple III (B212)  
6:30pm - 8:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

## 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 Al-Anon (CLC)

## WEEKLY MEETINGS AND SUPPORT GROUPS

### Monday

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

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### Friday

5:30pm Al-Anon (B217)

## NON-WEEKLY MEETINGS

10/1 - 9:30am Caregiver's Support Group (Library)  
10/6 - 8:30am Ann's Prayer Partners (Conference Room)  
10/7 - 6:00pm Stephen Ministry Supervision (B114)  
10/8 - 9:00am Note Ministry (Workroom)  
10/8 - 12:30pm Tough Dogs Support Group (Library)  
10/8 - 1:30pm Tough Dogs Chemo Care Bag Assembly (WH)  
10/9 - 10:30am Manna On Wheels (Café Area CLC)  
10/14 - 6:30pm Survivors of Suicide (B207)  
10/15 - 9:30am Caregiver's Support Group (Library)  
10/15 - 11:45am Merry Methodist Fall Luncheon (CLC Fellowship Hall)  
10/21 - 6:00pm Stephen Ministry Supervision (B114)  
10/22 - 12:30pm Tough Dogs Support Group (Library)  
10/23 - 10:30am Manna On Wheels (Café Area CLC)  
10/28 - 6:30pm Survivors of Suicide (B207)

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

10/8 - 6:00pm Trustees Meeting (Conference Room)  
10/16 - 6:30am fm3 Men's Breakfast (CLC Fellowship Hall)  
10/22 - 5:30pm Finance Meeting (Conference Room)

## COFFEE WITH THE PASTORS

10/13 - 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.*

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

10/2 - Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Butter Beans, Dessert  
10/9 - Bake Ziti with Sausage, Salad Bar, Dessert  
10/16 - Chicken Pot Pie, Salad Bar, Dessert  
10/23 - BBQ (or Salsa) Shredded Pork Taco Bowl, Dessert  
10/30 - Trunk or Treat! Food Trucks will be on site.

Wednesday night suppers are served from 5:00pm to 6:00pm. Please let us know you are coming by calling the church office, 251-928-1148 by noon on Monday. **Adults/Youth: \$5, Children: \$4, Family max: \$20**

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

10/2 - Bird Fest @ 5 Rivers  
10/21 - UMW Pilgrimage to Montgomery  
10/26 - British Car Show @ Fairhope UMC  
10/26 - Dog Fest @ Coastal Community College



Save these dates!

# DINNER ON THE GROUNDS

## Consecration Sunday

### OCTOBER 27, 2019

CHURCH FRONT LAWN

*Immediately following the  
11am COMBINED Service*

**BRING A DISH TO SHARE!** Sign-up online or in Sunday School class beginning Sunday, October 6!  
**Want to serve?** Contact Jennifer Myrick.

join us for

# TRUNK or TREAT

## TRUNK OR TREAT WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

**DINNER:** 5:00pm - 6:00pm  
(Food Trucks on site)

**TRUNK OR TREAT:** 6:00pm - 7:30pm

**WHERE:** Grassy parking lot @ Fairhope UMC  
Join us for a fun filled night of treats, music and fellowship! The Evangelism Team will be on site handing out water, *FREE* give aways, and information to guests so make sure to invite your neighbors & friends!

If you are interested in providing a trunk, contact Jennifer Myrick,  
[missions@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:missions@fairhopeumc.org)

# YOUTH MINISTRY

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## Weekly Activities:

### SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH

Sundays // 6:00-8:00pm

7-12th graders (CLC/Upstairs)

Free play-Games-Worship-Dinner

### COMMUNITY GROUPS

Wednesdays // 6:30-7:30pm

7-9th graders (CLC/Upstairs)

10-12th graders (Host Homes)

Community groups are designed to help foster spiritual growth and develop community between our students and their adult leaders. Every grade is divided into groups of 8-10 students and led by an amazing team of small group leaders committed to making the middle/high school journey a little easier! The adults leading are helping the students develop a passion for following Christ, guiding each other to hold one another accountable and teach them all to sincerely love one another as God loves us all! You can sign your student up at any point during the semester to be a part of the C-Group Community. Our fearless small group leaders will help make sure every child gets plugged into a group that fits their desire to grow and learn about Christ.

# MUSIC MINISTRY

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Thank you to all who made the **Best of Broadway** such a wonderful success! We were blessed with a fantastic turnout and it was a joy for everyone involved. Fall is now upon us and that opens so many opportunities for our music ministries! Wednesday evenings we invite children to come and sing in our choir as part of the growing **Worship, Word and Wonder** program. This program prepares our children to become an active part of our church worship and special events for the advent season. **December 15** will be our special **Lessons and Carols** service and we are currently looking for additional choir singers, instrumentalists and readers. On Tuesday nights we have a wonderful group of dedicated musicians who lead our Chancel Bell Choir which has become such an important part of our church year. No experience is necessary just a willingness to learn and a heart to serve. I have to say I am so excited as we go into this advent season and explore all of the possibilities we have to celebrate the birth of Christ through song!!!

Tom Hood,  
Director of Music Ministries

## Upcoming Events:

### MEALS TO GO

October 6 // 10:30am-12:30pm

Tickets=\$10 per person//\$40 Family Max

(Choice of chicken sandwich or burger)

All proceeds go towards our Student Ministry Summer 2020 Mission Teams. Purchase your ticket in advance from a team member to guarantee your meal.



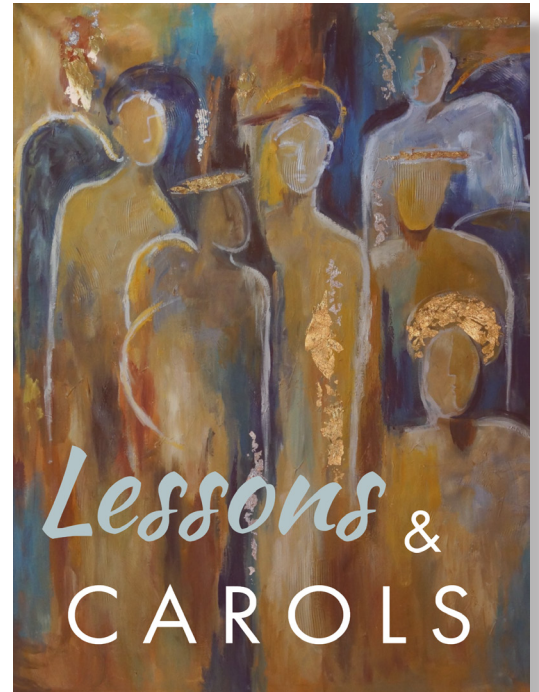
### DISCOVERY WEEKEND

January 31-February 2, 2020

7-8th graders (Participants)

9-12th graders (Student Leaders)

Mark your calendars for our fifth Discovery Weekend at Fairhope UMC! Watch for registration to open in November for all 7th or 8th grade students. Registration for our High School leadership team is now open on the church website. Our student leaders will begin Team Meetings on Sundays in October. We invite our entire congregation to embark on this journey and joint venture with God in developing young disciples. For more information on how you can help, please email [rachael.waldhour@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:rachael.waldhour@fairhopeumc.org).



artwork by Valerie Vescori

Choir Singers, instrumentalists, and readers needed for Advent!  
**Interested?** Contact Tom.



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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## Let's Get Learning

(Article from Group Publishing's Parenting Christian Kids)

With the start of a new school year, attention turns to goals for learning and growing. To encourage academic improvement, many schools now emphasize what psychologist Carol Dweck calls the "growth mindset" - a belief that anyone can learn and grow with effort. Potential is unlocked when children believe they can learn from challenges and by working hard.

By contrast, a "fixed mindset" is a belief that one's basic abilities and talents are predetermined. These kids (and adults) aren't interested in learning how to improve because they don't believe they can.

Dweck's approach is relevant beyond the classroom; in fact, it applies to faith growth, to some degree. People with a fixed mindset believe they're bad and can't change, that imperfections are shameful, and that if they face challenges, something must be wrong with their faith.

Those with a growth mindset, however, realize it's okay to share their sins and struggles with others. They know that Jesus loves and forgives them no matter what, and they believe they can grow closer to Jesus by trusting him during life's inevitable challenges.

One thing we do want to be fixed in kids' minds is their innate, God-given value. God made us in his image and wants to be in relationship with us despite our shortcomings. Because we don't have to prove our worth to God, we can focus instead on growing closer to him.

## Positive Ways to Grow

Instilling a faith-growth mindset can be as simple as altering the praise and feedback you give your children. Follow these guidelines:

- Let kids know God already loves them - no matter what.
- Say the goal is to be best friends with God, not to appear good.
- Praise kids for the effort they put into resisting a temptation.
- Praise kids for getting to know God, not just knowing about him.
- Encourage kids to ask Jesus for help when they're struggling.
- Encourage kids to share their failures with trusted friends and adults.



## RESERVATION NURSERY

Fridays: 9:00am-1:00pm

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

For availability, contact Tina: [tina.wettermark@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:tina.wettermark@fairhopeumc.org)



We have had an incredible start to our Wednesday night children's programs! It is never too late to join us! Registration is ongoing throughout the school year. Check out Worship Arts (K-2nd grade and 3rd - 6th grades), Pier (4 yrs - 2nd grade), Pier34 (3rd & 4th grades), SWIFT (5th & 6th grades). Register online at [www.fairhopeumc.org](http://www.fairhopeumc.org) under children's ministries.

**NOTE:** These programs will NOT meet on **Wednesday, October 30**. Join us for our *Trunk or Treat* in the grass parking lot beginning at 6:00pm.

## 2020 Winter Retreat January 31 - February 2 Open to all 3rd - 6th graders



For 3rd graders and those who have never experienced the excitement of Blue Lake, this weekend retreat is a great introduction to the United Methodist Camp we support in Andalusia, AL. We will depart by bus after school on Friday and return by noon on Sunday. In addition to the camp's registration fee, an additional \$50 will be paid to the church for transportation and Friday night dinner (not due till we depart). Registration is made directly with Blue Lake. We will let you know when online registration opens!

Check out the video from the 2019 Winter Retreat at [www.fairhopeumc.org](http://www.fairhopeumc.org) under children's ministries!

Adults needed to chaperone! Scholarships available! Contact Michelle for information.



## MOPS

If you are the mother of a child, newborn - kindergarten, join us as we rediscover how to *Have More Fun, Fear Less, and Find Your People*.

**Monday, October 28, 9:30-11:30am**  
**Christian Life Center (CLC), 2nd Floor Loft**

MOPS meets the second and fourth Mondays during the school year for fellowship, encouragement, and fun. For more information, contact [fairhopemops@yahoo.com](mailto:fairhopemops@yahoo.com) and follow us on Facebook - Fairhope MOPS.

# MISSIONS & OUTREACH

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## THANKSGIVING DAY COMMUNITY LUNCH

SAVE THE DATE:  
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 28TH  
11:00AM-1:00PM

WE WILL BE SERVING THE  
LOCAL COMMUNITY,  
DAPHNE & FAIRHOPE  
LAW ENFORCEMENT  
ECUMENICAL MEALS ON  
WHEELS & HOMEBOUND.

MORE INFORMATION TO COME!

CONTACT JENNIFER MYRICK  
[MISSIONS@FAIRHOPUMC.ORG](mailto:MISSIONS@FAIRHOPUMC.ORG)



### COSTA RICA DATES:

**March 21-March 28, 2020**

Costa Rica District Methodist Children's Home Trip

**May 23 - June 1, 2020**

Costa Rica Amor en la Calle Mission Trip

**Are you being called to SERVE? Contact Jennifer for more information!**



# RECREATION MINISTRY

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## CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER OPERATING HOURS:

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

## UPWARD BASKETBALL FOR YOUTH

Online registration for the 2019-20 Upward Basketball season is underway! Go to <https://registration.upward.org/UPW69561> or <https://www.fairhopeumc.org/upward/> to register today!

Practices begin on November 9 and games begin on December 2, 2019.



## FUMC TURKEY TROT 5K & 10K

Mark your calendar for Thanksgiving Day 2019 to run the 2nd Annual Turkey Trot! This will be an informal 5K & 10K through Fairhope to burn off those calories and not feel as guilty when you spend the day eating! The Turkey Trot is set to begin at 7:30am.



## PICKLEBALL

Tues. 9am-11:00am, Thurs. 7pm-9pm & Sun. from 3-5pm

Located in the CLC Gym. This is a coed event for anyone looking for some fun, fellowship, and friendly competition. Three weekly options available to play and learn! See the days and times above. Pickleball is a great sport for all ages and playing levels.

## 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



### Libbo & Ron Bush

318 Clubhouse Drive  
Fairhope, AL

Joined 7/7/2019



### Trish & Bill Holmes

8970 Gale Rowe Lane  
Fairhope, AL

Joined 9/8/2019



### Paula Beck

119 Old Mill Road  
Fairhope, AL

Joined 9/8/2019



### Rosemary & Dody Rhodes

14152 Scenic HWY 98  
Fairhope, AL

Joined 9/8/2019



### Ouida Nolan

120 Kensington Court  
Fairhope, AL

Joined 9/8/2019



### Judy DeWitt

PO Box 323  
Fairhope, AL

Joined 9/15/2019



### Suzanne & Scooter Parish

241 Royal Lane  
Fairhope, AL

Joined 9/15/2019

# CARING MINISTRIES

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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## STEPHEN MINISTER RECRUITMENT

### What Is Stephen Ministry?

Our congregation's Stephen Ministry equips lay people to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to individuals in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives.

### A Stephen Minister Is ...

- A child of God who walks beside a person who is hurting.
- A congregation member with gifts for caregiving, who was carefully selected to serve in this role.
- A layperson who has received 50 hours of training in providing emotional and spiritual care.
- A caring, Christian friend who listens, cares, prays, supports, and encourages.
- Someone who will "be there" for his or her care receiver, meeting faithfully for about an hour each week, for as long as there is a need.

### Talk with one of our Stephen Leaders

- If you or someone you know could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister.
- If you are interested in possibly becoming a Stephen Minister.
- If you have any other questions about Stephen Ministry.

### Current Stephen Ministry Leaders:

*Kim Gibson, Cecilia Lammers, Janie Mullins, Dr. Ann Pearson*

"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

- Galatians 6:2



### SAVE THESE DATES:

#### MERRY METHODISTS FALL LUNCHEON

October 15 @ 11:45am

CLC Fellowship Hall

**FOOD! FUN!**

**GAMES! LAUGHTER!**

**RSVP:** 928-1148 or

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image by Charles Schulz



# GIVE BLOOD

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

**Life South** will be on site in the church parking lot.

It takes **ALL TYPES**. **GIVING = LIVING**

**Please donate blood.**

# Save a life.

### CARING MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS:

#### THE LORD'S PANTRY

**The Lord's Pantry** is always accepting non-perishable food items. A complete list is available on the website or in the church office.

Thank you to Tamara Carraway & Sandy Frailie for being faithful servants of this ministry!

**The Durable Medical Loan Closet** continues to be an outreach to our community by loaning medical equipment free of charge. Donations always welcomed. Thank you to Paula Higgins, Hazel Odom & Lucy Sowell for coordinating and distributing items!





# October Birthdays

- 10/1 Christian McClure, Caroline Chambliss, Laura Cotter, Betty Knight, Sally DeMott, Amanda Jacobs, Donnie Ryals, TD Green, Kristi Dubose
- 10/2 David Sutley, Will Burch, Bill Knight, Judy Melton, Sterling Smith
- 10/3 John Fugard, Troy Price, Susan Calhoun, Maggie Goldsberry
- 10/4 Tom Odom, Tony Palumbo
- 10/5 Erik Cortinas, Craig Helms
- 10/6 Clay Cox, Bonnie Norton, Sherrie Smith, David Richardson, David Lucas, Sandra Morrison, Natalie Frey, Addison Jones, Acker Luedecke, Nancy Walsh
- 10/7 Lee Frailie, Wynn Nobles, Sondra Blackwell, Ashley James, Hannah Kingry, Lisa Adams, William Pliska
- 10/8 Randy Branch, Steve Sims, Beth Dotson, Harrison Myrick
- 10/9 Jimmie Allen, Charlotte Barnhill, Elyse Hayes, Dick Davis, Meg Galloway, Jay Nick Robinson, Deidre Dodd, Benjamin Walker, Russell Gilotti
- 10/10 Billie Garrison, Catherine Gradle, Paula Higgins, Arthur Carlton, Griffin Jacobs, Toni Wineman
- 10/11 Lucy Bingham, Jeanette Gunter, Wright Tapscott, Coby McCool, Jim Jennings
- 10/12 Billy Thrash, Jessica Alexander, Donna Loftin, Sylvia Rhea, Blanche McKinney, Walker Rux, Chuck Brasher, Mallory Gardner, Camelle McNair
- 10/13 Felicia Olds, Gail Phillips, Pam Turner
- 10/14 Chris Burgess, Marcus Mayfield, Jr., Will Beard
- 10/15 Jeanne Cummings, Brian Norris, Lynn Bielinski
- 10/16 Bud Bishop, Jordan Lieb, Dave Beaman, Gene Graham, Warren Fargason, Harlan Calhoun, Ashley Meador
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- 10/28 Katie Turner, Darby Callicutt, Gray Clark, Leila Nicole Price, Matt Prierce
- 10/29 Agnes Smith, Andy Huggins, Camille McGriff, Paula Word, Terry Corley
- 10/30 Jessica Foster, Claire Delamore, Hudson Hayden, Jon Paul Bobo, Wes Godbold, Josh Tyler, Mike Dumas
- 10/31 Megan McRae, Daryl Haskew, Michael Semmes



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# STEWARDSHIP: COUNTING STARS

## BOARD OF STEWARDS LEADERSHIP DINNER

Tuesday, October 15  
6pm - 8:00pm (The Mill)

## CONSECRATION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 27  
8:30am (Sanctuary) & 11am COMBINED Service (CLC)

## DINNER ON THE GROUNDS\*

Sunday, October 27 | Immediately following the 11am service  
\*Sign up online or in Sunday School to bring a dish beginning October 6.

“Look up into the sky and count  
the stars if you can. That’s how  
many descendants you will have!”

- Genesis 15:5-6



## SERMON SERIES: COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

Where will our story lead *US*? To assist us in this stewardship season, the plan is to engage in a series of "conversations" that are essential for the formation and endurance of authentic community. Beginning with God's promise to Abraham, we will reimagine what it is to be the children of God here at Fairhope UMC.

### 9/29: "The Possibility Conversation"

8:30 (DM) 11:00 (DM) *The Gathering* (LP)

### 10/6: "The Ownership Conversation"

8:30 (LP) 11:00 (LP) *The Gathering* (OC)

### 10/13: "The Dissent Conversation"

8:30 (DM) 11:00 (DM) *The Gathering* (OC/LP)

### 10/20: "The Commitment Conversation"

8:30 (DM) 11:00 (DM) *The Gathering* (OC)

### 10/27: "The Gifts Conversation"

## CONSECRATION SUNDAY

8:30 (DM) 11:00 COMBINED CLC Service (DM)

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