

A Monthly Publication of Fairhope United Methodist Church

# The Link



# FALL

@ Fairhope UMC

**SEPTEMBER 2019**

**WEDNESDAY  
NIGHT SUPPERS**

**CHILDREN'S  
& YOUTH  
PROGRAMS**

Adult  
Discipleship  
Classes

**CHANCEL CHOIR  
& SO MUCH MORE!**

# PRAYER CONCERNS

## AT HOME:

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

## 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, June Enfinger, 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

**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

**Westminster Village:** Billie Garrison, Ann Kimbrough

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

**Country Place Senior Living:** Joyce Clark, Joe Holliday

**Southern Oaks Nursing Home:** Cindy Radtke

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

**Blue Ridge Healthcare:** Ruth Conley

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

## OUR TROOPS

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

## SYMPATHIES

Izzy Pike in the loss of his wife, **Janette**.

**Vaughan & David Luker** in the loss of his brother, Tom Luker.

**Rita Higbee** in the loss of her husband and **Linda & Bobby Smith** in the loss of her father, **Dick Higbee**.

## CELEBRATIONS

Debbie & **Andrew Bullington** on the birth of a son, Benjamin Ethan Bullington, born July 24, 2019. Big sister is Alexandra, big brother is Gabriel and proud grandparents are **Marilyn & Joe Bullington**. Great-grandmother is **Blanche McKinney**.

**Jilli & Andy Wilcoxon** on the birth of a daughter, Elizabeth Hayes, born August 15, 2019. Her brothers are Wright, Evans and Archer. Proud grandparents are **Freda & Gerry Rambo**.

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



## FINANCIALS

DEBT BALANCE AS OF 7/31: \$2,325,708

## ATTENDANCE

	8:30	11:00	The Gathering	Sunday School
8/4	205	227	188	201
8/11	232	234	380	316
8/18	188	171	347	357
8/25	187	428	(COMBINED SERVICE)	264

## MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

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

*Nancy Beard by  
Linda Ellis*

*Jackie Woods by  
Mary Powell*

*Janette Pike by  
Sam and Ann Crosby  
Dr. and Mrs. Pat Haley*

*Dick Higbee (Caring Ministries) by  
Grantland and Jan Rice  
Richard and Cindy Lacey  
Sam and Ann Crosby  
Kenny Hanak  
Mary and Van Finger  
Jean Smith and Family  
Greg and Linda Heitzman*

*Joe Stewart (Tough Dogs Cancer Support Group) by  
Gayle and Marshall Gorham*

*Terry Turner (Caring Ministries) by  
Terry and Kay Hicks*

*Lou Avery (Caring Ministries) by  
Terry and Kay Hicks*

*Donations have been made to:*

*Caring Ministries (Manna On Wheels) by  
William Maurer*

*Caring Ministries (Tough Dogs Cancer Support Group) by  
Dale and Judy Melton*

*Caring Ministries (Knit and Crochet Group) by  
Dale and Judy Melton*





## DR. DARREN MCCLELLAN

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## REV. LAURA PARKER

**Minister of Discipleship**

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*(Jesus) said to them, "Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old" (Matthew 13:52).*

Dear Friends,

In our first two months of life together, I have celebrated *your* story here at Fairhope UMC, and consider myself exceedingly blessed to now be a part of what is to be *our* story in the future. I give thanks for the fervent wind of the Spirit that has blown through our recent fellowship, rustling and turning the pages of our next chapter. With each new experience of worship, God's word through Isaiah comes to mind: *I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?* (43:19).

I am so excited to be here. I also recognize that our perceptions of what God is up to in the world can be as diverse as we are. Thus, and rightfully so, the discovery of next steps will take time and prayerful discernment. So far we have explored what it might mean for us "to love boldly, casting the light of Jesus into the world," but where will *our* story lead us? *What now?*

At best, I hear the question with the joy of anticipation, as if to say, "I can't wait to see what is next!" Unfortunately, however, that same question may also be rephrased out of anxiety and with a sense of dread. You can hear this tone in the fearful echoes of ancient Israel as they navigated the uncharted wilderness of their own existence: *so where do we go from here?* In response, God gave them (and us) this blessed assurance: *as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not fail you or forsake you* (Joshua 1:5).

And so it is that God has promised to hold our past, our present, and our future together. Beyond the limitations of time and space, how marvelous it is that the love of God is available at all times and in all places! As John Wesley proclaimed, since God is "from everlasting to everlasting" (Ps. 90:2), the only thing that divides the past from the future is *now*. It sounds small in light of eternity, but the "here and now" is of great importance, said Wesley, as it is the given arena for decision and discipleship. It is also the time and place of *our* story; as a particular expression of the body of Christ.

*So what do we do now?* To prepare us for this continuing conversation of faith, our next worship series will be geared toward the task of **Reclaiming Our Roots**. In a culture that is either overly conditioned by the frailties of human emotion, or divided by the absolutist extremes of those "in the know," I look forward to mining the vast resources of John and Charles Wesley, whose conjunctive approach to theology is indeed a rare jewel in this day and age.

Consider this appetizer...

"Perhaps the church today can learn new things from John Wesley. People, even the born-again kind, are notoriously weak at holding together paradoxes which belong together—like the Spirit and the Word, the private and the social, or 'things old and new' (Mt. 13:52). Yet true renewal in the church always weds new insights, ideas and methods with the best elements from history. And true renewal is always a return, at the most basic level, to the ideal of the church as presented in Scripture and as lived out in a varying mosaic of faithfulness and unfaithfulness down through history. John Wesley represents an intriguing synthesis of old and new, conservative and radical, tradition and innovation that can spark greater clarity in today's new quest to be radically Christian."<sup>1</sup>

I do wonder what lessons this 18th century Anglican priest might have for us.

*Where is this going?* Come and see!

DARREN

As much as we all love summer vacations and a slower speed of life, it always makes me so happy to see our Fairhope UMC folks back in town and back at church as Labor Day rolls around each year. We have much going on in the life of the church this fall and hope you will let your routine include some of the soul-nourishing opportunities we have starting this month.

We will kick off our Wednesday activities with a shrimp boil and bingo for the whole family on September 4 with regular programming starting on September 11. There are still opportunities for you to participate in these Wednesday studies this fall:

**Pastor's Bible Study:** Dr. Darren McClellan will lead a study on Luke on Wednesday nights from 6-7 pm right after our church supper in the Fellowship Hall. There is no outside preparation, no registration and no charge for this class.

**Parenting Teenagers:** It isn't an easy job, but boy is it important! Shirley Ryals will lead this book study on Wednesday nights.

**Creative Word:** Rev. Antonio Christie will lead this Wednesday evening study that brings together ART and SCRIPTURE. This is where I would be if I wasn't teaching!

**Disciple 1, Fast Track:** Join Dr. Roy and Jackie Trueblood Wednesday nights for this 24-week journey through the Old & New Testaments.

**Disciple 3, Fast Track:** Join me on Wednesday nights for 24 weeks as we look at the OT Prophets and the Letters of Paul in the NT. Disciple 1 or D1 Fast Track is a prerequisite.

Living as a disciple of Jesus Christ can be challenging, but is the only pathway to true joy in our lives. If I can help you find your way to deeper growth along the way in your spiritual journey, please let me know. Registration and a complete list of classes this fall is available on the church website.

BLESSINGS,  
LAURA



## REV. ANTONIO CHRISTIE

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Dear Friends,

I am excited about the fall and the cooler weather ahead. I am also excited about my upcoming Creative Word class which begins on Wednesday, September 11. I discovered my love for art at an early age and over time, uncovered that it's how I best express myself.

When I painted a monkey on my bedroom wall, my mother scolded me, then bought me paints and paintbrushes to create a mural on the wall of her small shop. Shortly after, other shopkeepers hired me to sketch signs and paint murals. Some even commissioned me to create pieces for their home. I became the town's artist. As a young artist, I struggled with finding my place in the church and this led to an internal conflict. As a result of questioning and searching for ways to see art used and celebrated in church, Creative Word was born. It is a bible study, wherein we will read and discuss scriptures and reflect on them with the use of art.

Whether you consider yourself artistic or not, you're invited and welcomed to this class. We are not aiming to create masterpieces, but simply a creative expression of our adoration and praise of God. As you ponder this invitation, join me in meditating upon these words: *"For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have"* (2 Corinthians 8:12).

BLESSINGS,  
ANTONIO

<sup>1</sup> Snyder, Howard, *The Radical Wesley and Patterns for Church Renewal* (Wipf and Stock Publishers, 1980) p.3.

# 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 - 7:45pm Sunday Night Youth Worship

## Monday

10:30am Digging Deeper (B215)

## Tuesday

10:00am - 11:00am Men of the Bible (Women's Study)  
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 Embracing Matriarchy (CLC Parlor)  
6:00pm Pastors Bible Study (CLC Fellowship Hall)  
6:00pm Parenting Teenagers (Room TBA)  
6:00pm Creative Word (Room TBA)  
6:00pm Fast Track Disciple I (Room TBA)  
6:00pm Fast Track Disciple III (Wesley Hall)  
6:30pm - 8:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

## Thursday

9:00am - 11:30pm Disciple III

## Friday

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

## SEPTEMBER PREACHING SCHEDULE

What's OUR story as a historically United Methodist Church? The focus of this series will be to introduce the faith of John and Charles Wesley, and to explore their distinctive contribution to our understanding of Christian theology and practice. The invitation is to recapture the Wesleys' vision of making disciples, which involved a unique method of "both/and" rather than "either/or."

*What does that mean?* It means we hope to see you next Sunday!

### 9/1 The Message - "Speaking of Grace"

Sanctuary 8:30 (LP) 11:00 (LP) Gathering (DM)

### 9/8 The Community - "The Wonder of We"

Sanctuary 8:30 (DM) 11:00 (DM) Gathering (OC)

### 9/15 The Discipline - "Solid Food"

Sanctuary 8:30 (DM) 11:00 (DM) Gathering (LP)

### 9/22 The Servanthood - "No Small Thing"

Sanctuary 8:30 (DM) 11:00 (OC) Gathering (DM)



## 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)

### Tuesday

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### Friday

5:30pm Al-Anon (B217)

## NON-WEEKLY MEETINGS

**9/3** - 9:30am Caregiver's Support Group (Library)  
**9/8** - 8:30am Ann's Prayer Partners (Conference Room)  
**9/9** - 6:30pm Survivors of Suicide (B207)  
**9/10** - 9:00am Note Ministry (Workroom)  
**9/10** - 12:30pm Tough Dogs Support Group (Library)  
**9/10** - 1:30pm Tough Dogs Chemo Care Bag Assembly (WH)  
**9/11** - 10:30am Manna On Wheels (Café Area CLC)  
**9/15** - September/October Birthday Celebration (Ann's Home)  
**9/16** - 6:00pm Stephen Ministry Supervision (B114)  
**9/17** - 9:30am Caregiver's Support Group (Library)  
**9/23** - 6:30pm Survivors of Suicide (B207)  
**9/24** - 12:30pm Tough Dogs Support Group (Library)  
**9/25** - 10:30am Manna On Wheels (Café Area CLC)  
**9/25** - 11:45am Young at Heart Luncheon (CLC Fellowship Hall)

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**9/10** - 6:00pm Trustees Meeting (Conference Room)  
**9/18** - 6:30am fm3 Men's Breakfast (CLC Fellowship Hall)  
**9/24** - 5:30pm Finance Meeting (Conference Room)

## COFFEE WITH THE PASTORS

**9/8** - 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.*

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

**9/11** - BBQ Pork Sandwiches, Cole Slaw, Chips, Dessert  
**9/18** - Baked Potato & Salad Bar, Dessert  
**9/25** - Taco Salad Bowls, Dessert

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

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Servants are a vital part of the ministries here at Fairhope UMC & without YOU, many of our ministries would not happen! Would you prayerfully consider serving in the areas listed below? Contact the church office, 251-928-1148, if you are interested or need more information.

**Ushers:** 8:30 service; 11:00 service; 11:00 The Gathering service

**Communion Servers:** The Gathering service

**Communion Setup/Breakdown:** The Gathering service

# MUSIC MINISTRY

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Can't make it out to the Great White Way this year? Not a problem. Our choirs are bringing a little bit of Broadway to you this month! Live in our Christian Life Center on September 15 our music ministries will be presenting ***The Best of Broadway***. The concert will be a retrospect of Broadway through the years going back to the golden age of the Broadway musical to more recent hits like *Wicked*. Our concert will feature many selections from favorites through the years including *Singin' In the Rain*, *Chicago*, *Nunsense*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *Guys and Dolls* and many more. This has been a great opportunity to allow the choir to come together and perform quite a different style than they may be used to as well as a chance to bring in more of our youth and add a few more members to our choir family. You will also have the pleasure of seeing many of our church members stepping out into the solo spotlight such as Joe Bullington, Carrie French, Kristi Hagood, Carolyn Kidd and Susan Grace. Broadway is one of the few truly American art forms in music and theater and traces all the way back to 1750 when Thomas Kean and Walter Murray opened a theater company on Nassau Street. This theater was large enough to hold 280 patrons and typically put on Shakespearian plays and ballad operas. Broadway refers to a location found in the theater district located in Manhattan in New York City. Many refer to Broadway as the "Great White Way." This is due to the fact that the famous Broadway electric signs began with The Red Mill Theater as the first show with its own sign. White lights were used as colored bulbs burned out very quickly, providing the nickname "The Great White Way". It was in the roaring twenties when many of the most well-known musical composers created shows. Some of the most well known include Cole Porter, George Gershwin, Vincent Youmans, Jerome Kern, Noel Coward and Rodgers and Hart. Show Boat was the show that allowed drama to come back to Broadway as it had a completely integrated score and book that was all based on dramatic themes. After the Great Depression, Broadway entered its golden age with many blockbuster hits running for more than a thousand shows. *Oklahoma!* is one of the longest-running musicals with 2,212 performances! Now that we are all experts, come and join us for a night of fun, song and fellowship! See you there!

Tom Hood,  
Director of Music Ministries

## Give My Regards to BROADWAY!

## ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

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### Digging Deeper

This fall, Sally Oeding, a dedicated student of the Bible, will begin a study on the book of Philippians. Paul reveals Jesus as our Joy. The only book you need is your Bible. All are welcome. Mondays, 10:30am. Class begins Sept. 9. Register online.

### Drop-in Discussion Group

Dr. Ann Pearson facilitates this ongoing drop-in discussion group. Meets every Monday, year-round, 1:00-2:00pm in the library. Drop in anytime. No charge for book.

A list of other studies available by registration can be found on the church website, [www.fairhopeumc.org](http://www.fairhopeumc.org).

## COMMUNITY EVENT

### The 22nd Stephen and Ruth Dill Lecture Series Dauphin Way United Methodist Church Sunday, September 22



featuring

**Krista Tippet**

Public Radio Show Host

Journalist - Author

National Humanities Medalist

### ***The Adventure of Civility***

How can we as a community create civil conversations to listen and speak across our differences?

### Schedule of Events:

5:30pm Moore Hall  
Lecture by Krista Tippet

6:30pm McGowin Hall  
reception and Book Signing

Questions? 251-471-1511 | [www.dauphinwayumc.org/dill-lecture](http://www.dauphinwayumc.org/dill-lecture)

SO WHAT?  
Life Beyond Sunday...  
FALL ADULT DISCIPLESHIP



# YOUTH MINISTRY

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## SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH

Sunday's // 6:00-8:00pm

7-12th graders (CLC/Upstairs)

Free play-Games-Worship-Dinner



## COMMUNITY GROUP'S

Wednesday's // 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.

## 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 begins Wednesday, September 4 on our church website. Our student leaders will begin Team Meetings on Sunday's in October.

Discovery Weekend is a spiritual formation retreat in the our local church for middle school students. This retreat encourages our entire church family to live out its baptismal covenant by surrounding young people with faithful examples of love and forgiveness. 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).

## MEALS TO GO

October 6 // 10:30 am-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. Ticket sales begin September 11.



# CHURCH LIFE

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## Fall Church Retreat

September  
20-22



## Camp Blue Lake



**We are so excited about our speaker  
Rev. Chris Ackerman!**

### "The Power of Words"

*"Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them."*

- Ephesians 4:29

Rev. Chris Ackerman serves as the Conference Disaster Response Coordinator and the Hurricane Michael Recovery Director. Rev. Ackerman is a licensed local pastor who was previously serving as an associate pastor at Lynn Haven UMC when Hurricane Michael came ashore. His responsibilities include managing and overseeing all active disaster recovery activities on behalf of the Alabama-West Florida Conference and directing, assigning and coordinating the work of the regional team coordinators funded by UMCOR grants. He works closely with the Director of Connectional Ministries to create and implement a strategic plan for recovery and work in consultation on all staffing, funding and other issues related to the success of the recovery. Chris has spent many years of his life working in various kinds of construction. Most recently he owned his own custom furniture business where he built anything from farm tables to kitchen cabinets. Rev. Ackerman's previous appointments include pastor at Shady Grove UMC and Grand Ridge UMC and associate pastor at Good News UMC.

**BLUE LAKE FALL RETREAT SEPTEMBER 20-22  
REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 8!**

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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**This school year, our mid-week programs for children offer opportunities to:**

**WORSHIP** God through music and song, study His **WORD** to form a strong foundation for their growing faith, and openly **WONDER** how it all applies to their daily lives.



As children connect with one another and participate in fun, meaningful activities, adult leaders guide and encourage them to draw closer to Jesus – to know Him, trust Him and follow His example of love, forgiveness and compassion for others.

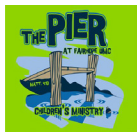
WHO	WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
4yr olds ( <i>before 9/1/19</i> )	PIER	6:00pm - 7:15pm	Education Building, B217
K-2nd Grade	CHOIR PIER	4:15pm - 5:00pm 6:00pm - 7:15pm	Education Building, B217 Education Building, B217
3rd & 4th Grade	CHOIR PIER34	4:15pm - 5:00pm 6:00pm - 7:15pm	Education Building, B203 Education Building, Wesley Hall
5th & 6th Grade	CHOIR SWIFT	4:15pm - 5:00pm 6:00pm - 7:30pm	Education Building, B203 Christian Life Center, Attic



Children will learn a wealth of worship music which will be sung in various Sunday services. Choirs will be led by Tom Hood, Director of Music Ministries, and his wife Jenna.



Students in Pier34 are encouraged to take an interest in the Bible and make it their lifelong companion. They will become familiar with using their Bible and will learn about the Christian calendar, the meaning of worship, the structure of a worship service and much more!



Pier focuses on planting God's Word in children's hearts and training them to become disciples that make a difference by participating in Bible stories, games, crafts and mission projects each week!



SWIFT students learn and know how it feels to own their faith. Each week they grapple with a specific question about faith, relationships and choices and search God's Word for answers. Students discuss the meaning behind contemporary Christian songs, engage in large and small group discussions, gym time, mission projects and social outings.

## THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

The following 3rd graders received Bibles as a gift from our congregation on August 25. Many thanks to Jane Dolan for inscribing their Bibles.

*Lila Jane Cook, Cate Cooper, Emmie Crocker, Elliot Determann, Will Farrow, Callie Giddings, Russell Gilotti, Thomas Hagood, Elizabeth Handwerger, Jake Jacobs, Claire Kappel, Liam Lee, Percy Luedecke, Tucker Marks, Jack Myrick, Tucker Collins Norris, Aaron Norton, Alice Ogburn, Knox Perry, Sims Peters, Hackett Robertson, Radley Shaw, Ansleigh Smith, Alice Webb and Aniston Williams*



## 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, September 9 & 23, 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.

## RESERVATION NURSERY

Fridays: 9:00am-1:00pm  
\$20 per child  
Ages 6 months-3 years

**For availability, contact Tina:**  
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# MISSIONS & OUTREACH

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## How can you **SERVE**?

Fairhope UMC has been serving Family Promise of Baldwin County for over 10 years. Family Promise is a local organization serving families experiencing homelessness in Baldwin County. We serve 4-5 times a year, providing shelter (Sunday School Class rooms), meals and support during our host week. Volunteers are needed to provide meals, breakfast items, serve as dinner host and overnight host.

Our next host week is **September 29 - October 6**. We will host again **December 22 - December 29**. For more information about

## COSTA RICA MISSIONS:

**Are you being called to *SERVE* on our teams serving in Costa Rica? SAVE THE DATES!**

### Costa Rica District Methodist Children's Home Trip March 21st-March 28th, 2020

We will be serving at the Methodist Children's Home of Costa Rica. They children's home provides a "home" to abandoned children throughout Costa Rica. Fairhope UMC has been serving the Children's Home for many years. Our team will work minor construction and provide VBS. We are partnering with Mt. Zion UMC and Loxley UMC. If you are interested serving please join us of an informational meeting on **Tuesday, September 17 @ 6:00pm** or email [missions@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:missions@fairhopeumc.org)

### Costa Rica Amor en la Calle Mission Trip May 23rd-June1st, 2020

May 2020 will we celebrate serving alongside the Amor en la Calle (Love in the Streets) Ministry for 18 years! Our team will continue to construct the security wall at the girls ranch, provide VBS for local schools, and prison ministry at the juvenile prison. For more information about serving on the Costa Rica May Team, please join us for an informational meeting on

**Tuesday, September 24 @ 6:00pm.**

# GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES





# 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

Upward Basketball registration begins **SEPTEMBER 3**. For all K4 – fourth grade boys and girls. The registration cost per child for basketball is \$95. First games will be **DECEMBER 2**. Please check upcoming *Links* for more detailed information.



## 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.

**IMPORTANT SCHEDULING NOTE:** There will be no Pickleball on the following Sundays: **Sep. 8, 15 & 22** (due to scheduled events).

it's fine.  
i played pickleball today.

## DAILY RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

It's **HOT** out there! Don't forget to take advantage of our indoor walking track, resistance equipment and fitness room!

## 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 & BAPTISMS



**Nancy & Bob Walsh**  
505 North Station Drive  
Fairhope, AL  
Joined 7/28/2019



**Kristi & Darren McClellan**  
**Joshua, John & Max**  
86 Caisson Trace  
Spanish Fort, AL  
Joined 7/28/2019



**Mary & Walter Corbitt**  
825 Apricot Lane  
Fairhope, AL  
Joined 8/4/2019



**Lisa & Chris Jones**  
203 Pinecrest Lane  
Fairhope, AL  
Joined 8/4/2019



**Kadine & Ontonio Christie**  
**Zahara, Zuri & Markolee**  
19290 Scenic HWY 98  
Fairhope, AL  
Joined 8/18/2019



**Baptism of**  
**Margaret Helen Goldsberry**  
daughter of  
Lindsay & John Goldsberry  
Baptism 8/4/2019



**Baptism of**  
**Samuel Miller Epperson**  
son of  
Courtney & Jake Epperson  
Baptism 8/11/2019

# CARING MINISTRIES

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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## STEPHEN MINISTER RECRUITMENT

### What is a Stephen Minister?

Our Stephen Ministers are Christian lay people who are available to serve Fairhope United Methodist Church and community.

### What is Stephen Ministry?

It is a program that equips lay people to provide confidential, one on one Christian care to individuals who are experiencing difficulties in their lives.

### What are characteristics of a Stephen Minister?

Prayerful, confidential, caring & nurturing, good listening skills and relies on their faith through life experiences.

### How can I become a Stephen Minister?

Apply and interview with the Stephen Ministers.

After acceptance, 50 hours of training will begin in January.

### Who might need a Stephen Minister?

Someone who has experienced a change or transition in their life such as death, divorce, illness, job loss, retirement, new in the community, birth of a child, empty nest syndrome, feeling overwhelmed or stressed out.

### What can a Stephen Minister offer to the care receiver?

Confidentiality, someone who walks beside you, a caring Christian friend who listens unconditionally.

### Stephen Leaders:

Kim Gibson, Cecilia Lammers, Janie Mullins, Ann Pearson

*Applications are available in the church office information rack, CLC information rack or Ann's office.*

*Questions? Contact the church office, 251-928-1148.*

## CHEMO BAG MINISTRY IS EXPANDING

Members of our church and community have been providing bags filled with items useful to adult chemo patients in our area for 9 years. The local cancer centers have been distributing the bags to new chemo patients. They contain blankets, pillows, hats, snacks, journals, magazines, and many other things to offer encouragement, give comfort, and make chemo days less stressful. We are now joining with Robertsdale UMC and Jubilee Shores UMC to begin providing bags filled especially for children who are undergoing chemotherapy. Mitchell Cancer Center will receive these bags and distribute them to young patients as needed. We are excited to begin this partnership with other friends who can help to spread the Light of Jesus even further to our community. Contact Mary Hodgkins at 604-5390 for more information.

## MERRY METHODISTS FALL LUNCHEON

October 15 @ 11:45am

CLC Fellowship Hall

**Food! Fun!**

**Games! Laughter!**

RSVP: 928-1148 or

[martha.monckton@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:martha.monckton@fairhopeumc.org)



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## NEW BOOK STUDY BEGINS SEPTEMBER 23!

*In His Image* by Jen Wilkin

Join Ann on Mondays in the

Fairhope UMC Library @ 1:00pm

Book available in the church office.



It is time to update our files on Hurricane Preparedness. If you are living by yourself or feel you may need assistance following a storm, please call the church office, 928-1148. This will allow us to check on you after the storm. Caring Ministries is always available to you.



## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION September - October

**Sunday, September 15**

**1:30 - 3:00pm**

**Ann's Home**

(101 Royal Lane)

RSVP: [ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org), 928-1148





# September Birthdays

9/1	Edmund Davies, Catherine St. Pierre, Gloria Fisher, Richard Jones, Cole Jones
9/2	Monteigne Brown, Ansley Agerton, Vaughan Luker
9/3	Drew Dolan, Stephanie Garrick, Jeff Lovingood, Brenda Haskew, Anneli Leslie
9/4	Kim Walker, Stephen Walker, Karen Goldy, Ashley Semmes
9/5	Ella Stuart Gay, Trey Garner
9/6	Ken Cooper, Evie Jernigan, Elise Autrey, Mason Marks
9/7	Kyle Sherrin, Shawn Drummond, Mary McGinnis, Kathryn Jordan, Mimi Heard, Dianne Meister
9/8	Tanner Boothe, Riley Cox, Cameron Cortinas, Donna Wegener, Gary Thwaits , Bob Coleman, Christopher Drayton, Juliette Jones
9/9	Bailey Wilson, Sandra Harper, Leisa Richardson, Rebekah Webb, Mark Woodrow
9/10	Marlene Robinson, Sheila Mickler, Jason Moore, Abby Phillips, John Hunter, Dave Darnell, Albert Haas
9/11	Judy Roberds, Dawn Mathias, Savannah Bell, Gail Sullivan
9/12	Colin McBrearty, Amy French, Jordy Hayden, Reed Givens, Ron Robinson, Hannah Grace Kirtland, Oliver Hood, Ron Bush
9/13	Mitchell Koser, Helen Ingram, Emily Koenig, Mims Gardner, Nadine Baskin
9/14	John Estes, Chuck Robinson, Hannah Bishop, Bricken McKenzie, Brock Norris, Dale Melton, Charlie Hill, Randy Bielinski, Kristen Broussard
9/15	Grey Adams, Lauren Burrell, Taylor Parks, Stella Parks, Hudson Parks, Bowdoin Hammock
9/16	Frances Grace Hirs, Brooke Dotson, Yvonne Cox, Abbeyglen Fulford, Grey Odem, Nancy Buckingham
9/17	Hayden Olds, G.B. Taylor, Joan Hayes, Alice Holmes, Griffin Smith, Juanita Smith, Hill Robinson, Jr., Margaret Nobles, Rebekah Chambless, Hatcher Myrick
9/18	Cathy Olds, Bethany Reid, Jaxon Perry, Hughes Hayden, Bob Vincent, Norma Walden
9/19	Kevin Wilson, Weezer Lucassen, Teresa Small
9/20	Synthia Kaiser, Luke Dolan, Tristan French, Davis Brock, Alexander Terry, Dottie Fought
9/21	Weezie Myers, Alex Green, Bonnie Baggett, Barbara Proffitt, Dave Mastrone, Geoffrey Myrick
9/22	Jack Yow, Colin Millar, Tom Norris
9/23	Vera Culver, Glenn Glass, Gracelyn Boudin, Jeff Price
9/24	Bobby Smith, Cookie Ogden, Lana Giddings, Virginia Gray, Chloe Lowell, Henry Langston
9/25	Trase Stuart, Blair Lowell, Chuck Wilson, Anne Rice, Shelby Semmes
9/26	Bill Nugent, Steve Sowell, Chad Clark, Ava Dowden, Gene Lammers, Alyssa Frank
9/27	Jess Williams, Carolyn Byars, Mallorie Sain, Wade Carter, Rick Fitzhugh, Amelia Handwerger
9/28	Evie Davies, Caroline Cunningham, Lindsay Tucker, Helen Ezell, Jackson Henson, Elizabeth Minto, Ellie Strunk, Anne Vance
9/29	Blayne Myrick, Margaret Stewart, Jon Payne
9/30	Brooks Cannon, Mary Catherine Branyon, Jay Robinson

Recently moved?  
New email address?  
Have a new contact #?  
Want to add / update online directory photo?

**UPDATE YOUR  
INFORMATION!**

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# WEDNESDAY NIGHTS @ FAIRHOPE UMC!



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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Join us for a night of family fun and fellowship as  
we **KICK OFF** Wednesday Night Suppers!

**Adults & Youth \$5 | Children \$4 | Family \$20**

Please let us know you are coming,  
[missions@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:missions@fairhopeumc.org)

Please note: *Children's & Adult Programming begins*  
**September 11**, see below for more info!

## FOR ADULTS:

**Dr. Darren McClellan** will lead a study on **Gospel of Luke**  
in the Fellowship Hall from 6-7pm. No cost and registration not  
necessary.

**Book Study:** *Of Mess and Moxie*, by Jen Hatmaker  
**Embracing Matriarchy**, facilitated by **Jennifer Galloway**, returns  
September 11 with this study. Books will be available for  
purchase at the first meeting in the CLC Parlor, 6-7:30 pm.  
No need to pre-register, but more information is available from  
Jennifer at 251-978-0140.

A list of **other Wednesday studies available by registration** is in  
Rev. Parker's article and on the church website.

**Chancel Choir Rehearsals** 6:30-7:30pm, B203  
(Leads 11:00am Traditional Worship Service Weekly)

## FOR YOUTH:

### Community Groups

**September 4 | 6:30-7:30pm**

Student Ministry Community Groups are co-ed groups divided by  
grade level and led by adult leaders. Our 10-12 graders meet in  
the homes of church members and our 7-9 graders meet in the  
CLC upstairs. This semester we will study several different series  
that connect us to the Sunday evening programs. Please register  
your student online for a small group today.

## FOR CHILDREN:

The following children's programs will begin Wednesday,  
September 11. Register online at [www.fairhopeumc.org](http://www.fairhopeumc.org)

### CHILDREN'S CHOIR

K-2nd grade, 4:15-5:00pm (Directed by Jenna Hood)  
3rd-6th grade, 4:15-5:00pm (Directed by Tom Hood)

**PIER** is for children 4 years old by 9/1/19 - 2nd grade.  
6:00-7:15pm, Room B217, Education Building

**PIER34** is for 3rd and 4th graders.  
6:00-7:15pm, Wesley Hall, Education Building

**SWIFT:** Servants Worshiping in Faith and Truth is for  
5th and 6th graders. 6:00-7:30pm, 2nd floor Loft, CLC

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