



THE GATHERING

EPIPHANY SUNDAY *

JANUARY 4TH, 2026 11:00AM AT FAIRHOPE UMC

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preaching: Dr. Kristen Curtis Wright

Liturgist: Sidney Carol Barnhardt

Communion Servers: Shelly & Rick Fitzhugh

Music: Shea White and Praise Band

Media and Sound: Cole Jones, Karl Langley, Jamie Waldhour

Stephen Minister: Dr. Ann Pearson

Ushers: Rick Fitzhugh, Charles Scearce, Phil Webb

OPENING SONG *Build My Life*
WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP
SINGING OUR PRAISE

MATTHEW 11

Graves Into Gardens

Battle Belongs

Lord I Need You

Children's Church will not be held today. On the first Sunday of each month, children stay for the entire service so they can worship and receive Holy Communion with their families. Nursery is available for children 4 years and younger in the Education Building.

SCRIPTURE *Proverbs 4:5-9*

SERMON *Downloading the Latest Wisdom*

CONFESSiON AND PARDON

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

BENEDICTION

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

8:30am Traditional Worship
9:45am Sunday Schools
11:00am Traditional Worship
11:00am Gathering Worship
2:00pm Discovery Drama Team

MONDAY, JANUARY 5

9:15am Walk & Talk with Jesus
10:00am Knit & Crochet for a Purpose
3:00pm Grief Support Group
6:00pm Stephen Ministry Supervision

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

9:30 Caregiver's Support Group
6:00pm Handbell Choir

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

9-11:00am TJ's Food Ministry
1:30pm Dr. Ann's Drop in Bible Study
5:45pm Rita Sweat Speaks

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

9-11:00am TJ's Food Ministry

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2:00pm District Conference

SAVE THE DATE

Rita Sweatt Speaks | January 7th

Rita Sweatt brings the Book of Ruth to life in a moving dramatic monologue. This timeless story highlights Ruth's perseverance and God's enduring faithfulness. The event will be held at 5:45 pm in the CLC Fellowship Hall. Register today using the bulletin QR Code or church website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elementary Retreat at Blue Lake | Register by Jan. 5

3rd-6th graders are invited to a weekend at Blue Lake, *January 30–February 1*! Register using the bulletin QR code. For more info: Jenna Hood, jenna.hood@fairhopeumc.org

Discovery Weekend | January 23rd -25th

Discovery Weekend is a spiritual retreat that helps middle schoolers experience God's love in a fun and meaningful way. This church-wide event relies on many hands. If you'd like to get involved, please contact Miles(students@fairhopeumc.org)!

College Scholarship Deadline | January 11th

Please have your application for the 2026 school year submitted by January 11th. For additional information email scholarships@fairhopeumc.org

District Conference | January 11th

FUMC will be hosting the annual gathering of the Southwest District, led by our District Superintendent, Rev. Sheila Bates. This gathering will bring together clergy and laity from across southwestern Alabama for a time of worship, training, and exciting announcements about the shared missions and ministries of the churches in our area.

Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event |

January 17th & 18th

FUMC is partnering with Rise Against Hunger alongside Trinity Presbyterian and local Rotary Clubs to pack 50,000 meals for those facing food insecurity worldwide. Join us from 9am–2pm at the Fairhope Rotary Youth Club (19128 Young St.) to pack meals, or donate via the QR code. All ages are welcome! Each meal costs just \$0.40. For more information, contact Jennifer Myrick missions@fairhopeumc.org

LifeSouth Blood Drive | January 25th

Join us anytime 8-11am for an on-campus blood drive with the donation truck parked in the back parking lot. Your donation helps save lives—thank you for supporting this vital ministry.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MEDICAL PERSONNEL | FIRST RESPONDERS | MILITARY PERSONNEL

HOSPITALIZED:

Joe Adcock

SYMPATHY:

Sandra Bishop in the loss of her husband; Mona and Danny Barfield in the loss of her father; and Terri and Ross Bishop in the loss of his father, Clarence Bishop.

Monthly Finance Report: Through October, income and expenses remain on track with our 2025 budget. We anticipate ending the year with a small increase in reserves.

If you would like more information about church membership, contact one of our pastors or attend **Coffee with the Pastors on January 11th @ 9:45AM in the Christian Life Center Parlor.** Look for directional signs on Sunday morning.

ONE LINK. ALL THE INFO. Want to sign up? Volunteer? Register your kids? RSVP for an event? Scan the QR code to access all of Fairhope UMC's resources in one place! Stay in the loop...**SCAN NOW!**



"LOVE BOLDLY, CASTING THE LIGHT OF JESUS INTO THE WORLD"

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