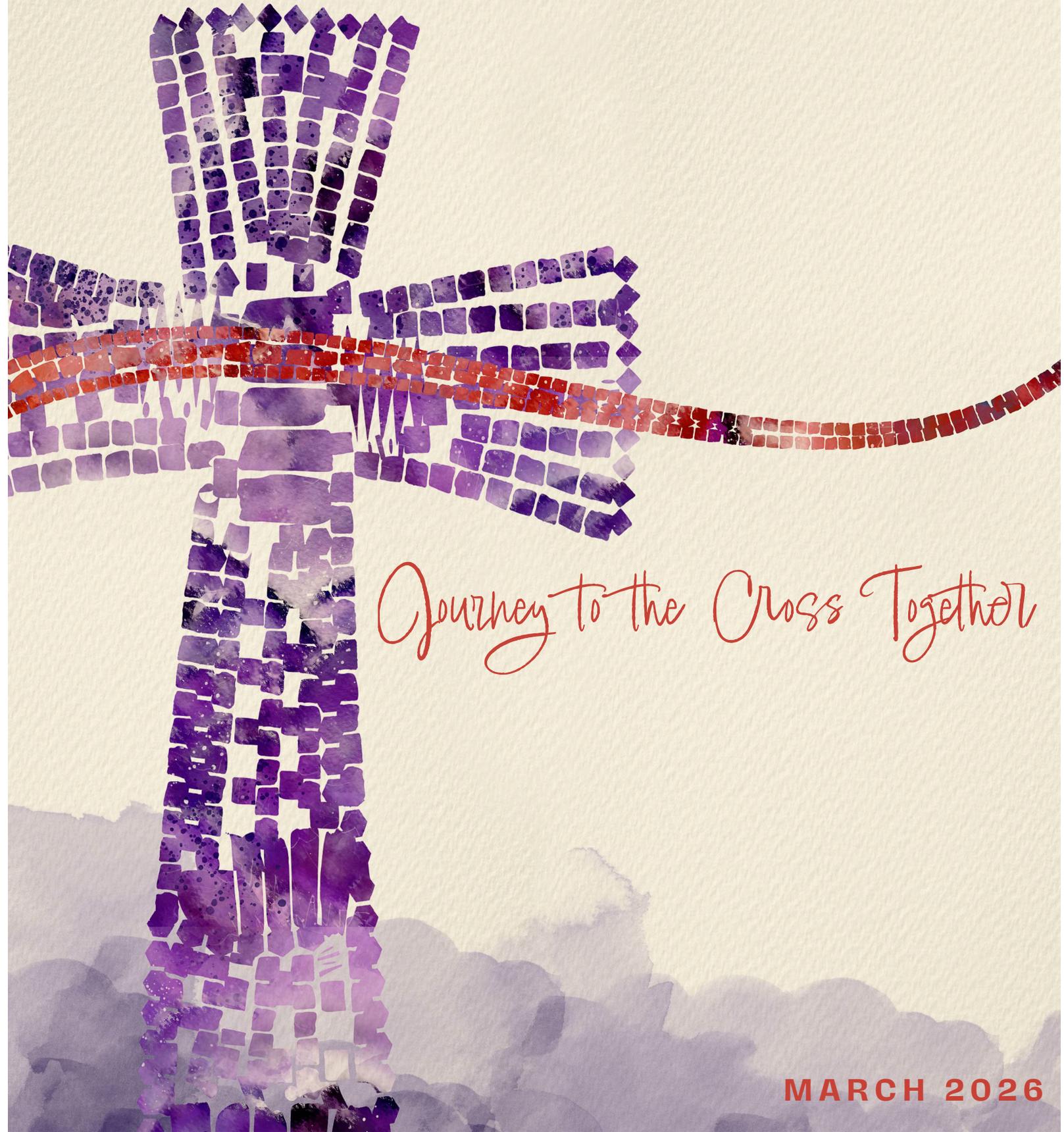


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FAIRHOPE UMC'S MONTHLY JOURNAL



Journey to the Cross Together

MARCH 2026

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FROM PASTOR MICHAEL

Finally. I'm about to experience my "Last First" in the Fairhope UMC family, and I could not be more excited.

Of all the traditions and spiritual disciplines we share together, the Good Friday Crosswalk is the last one that I will get to experience for the first time. In 2025, we had everything lined up for the Crosswalk, only to learn that the Fairhope Pier and Park would be unavailable due to renovations. So, if you've never participated in the Crosswalk, maybe this is a great time for you to experience your "Last First" with me!

On the evening of April 3, we will gather at the foot of the Fairhope Pier to sing "The Old Rugged Cross" before we carry large, wooden cross to the head of the pier. As we make our way in silence, anyone can take a turn as a cross-bearer, helping to support the cross alongside the many hands that make the burden bearable.

At the pier's head, we will fix the cross in its stand, where anyone may linger as long as they wish in prayer and gratitude for God's [sacrifice that ended all sacrifice](#) (Hebrews 10:1-18).

Crosswalk is just one of the ways that we share in Jesus' journey of death and resurrection. Our Lenten devotion and Maundy Thursday Service also lead us through mystery and sorrow on our way to redemption and joy.

But our Holy Week services are not only powerful reminders to us, they can also—surprisingly enough—some of the most hospitable and accessible things we do together. If you have a friend or neighbor who sometimes asks curious questions about your faith or your church, invite them along for one of our special services of worship. These unique moments of worship allow a curious person to experience the gospel among God's people who may be intimidated by a Sunday service where they feel like the only one who doesn't know when to stand or sit or sing.

As you continue your own journey to the Cross, be on the lookout for traveling companions. And as you flip through the pages of this month's "Link," be on the lookout for other invitational moments in the ministries you read about.

We are blessed to have so many different ways to love boldly, and cast the light of Jesus into the world. Your invitation might be someone's "the last, first" step in to the light that's been waiting all along.

Michael

COMING SOON...

Weekly

Sundays

8:30am Traditional Worship
9:45am Sunday School
11am Traditional Worship
11am The Gathering Worship

Mondays

9:15am Walk & Talk with Jesus
10am Knit or Crochet
3pm Grief Support Group

Tuesdays

9:30am Fruit of the Spirit Study
5:00pm Ronnie Arrow BBall
6pm Handbell Choir

Wednesdays

9am TJ's Food Ministry
1:30pm Dr. Ann's Bible Study
4:15pm Lighthouse Kids' Choir
5pm Wednesday Night Supper
6pm PIER Kids & SWIFT
6pm Salt Students
6pm Adult Choir
6pm Drop-In Lenten Bible Study

THURSDAYS

9am TJ's Food Ministry

FRIDAYS

9:30am Reservation Nursery
11am - 1pm Community Cafe

March

MAR 1

1pm Serving Together: Church-wide Campus Clean-Up

MAR 2

6pm Stephen Ministry

MAR 3

9:30am Caregiver's Support Group

MAR 7

Daylight Savings Time - Spring Forward!

MAR 8

9:45am Coffee with the Pastors
4pm Baby Shower for Dr. Kristen

MAR 9

6:30pm Survivors of Suicide

MAR 10

12:30pm Tough Dogs Support
1:30pm Chemo Care Bag
6pm SPRC Meeting

MAR 11

2:45pm Caring Ministries Dream Meeting

MAR 16

1pm Caring Ministries Dream Meeting

6pm Stephen Ministry

MAR 17

9:30am Caregiver's Support Group
6pm Anchored In Hope: Infertility & Loss Support Group

MAR 20-22

Costa Rica Shrimp Boil
Fairhope Arts & Crafts Festival

MAR 23

9:30am MOMCO
6:30pm Survivors of Suicide

MAR 24

12:30pm Tough Dogs Support

MAR 25

5pm-7pm Kid's Easter Celebration

MAR 29

Palm Sunday
VBS Registration Opens!

Looking Ahead

APR 2

6pm Maundy Thursday (S)

APR 3

6pm Good Friday Crosswalk (FH Pier)

APR 5

Easter Services:
8am Traditional Service
9:30am Traditional Service
11am Traditional Service
11am The Gathering Service

APR 6

6pm Stephen Ministry

APR 7

9:30am Caregiver's Support Group

APR 12

9:45 am Coffee with the Pastors

APR 13

6:30pm Survivors of Suicide

APR 14

12:30pm Tough Dogs Support
1:30pm Chemo Care Bag

APR 19

11am Confirmation Service, Combined Worship (TG)

APR 20

6pm Stephen Ministry

APR 21

9:30am Caregiver's Support Group
6pm Anchored In Hope: Infertility & Loss Support Group

APR 26

11am KidMin Takeover, Combined Worship (TG)
12pm Packing for Spring Deliveries

APR 27

9:30am MOMCO
9:30am Caring Ministries Quarterly Birthday Celebration

6:30pm Survivors of Suicide

APR 28

12:30pm Tough Dogs Support
6pm Finance Meeting

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR EVENTS, DETAILS, AND SIGNUPS



S= Sanctuary
TG= The Gathering
FH= Fellowship Hall
WH= Wesley Hall

Fairhope UMC
Children's Ministries
invites you to a

EASTER FAMILY CELEBRATION

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING FULL OF EGG-CITEMENT,
GAMES, AND HIDDEN SURPRISES.

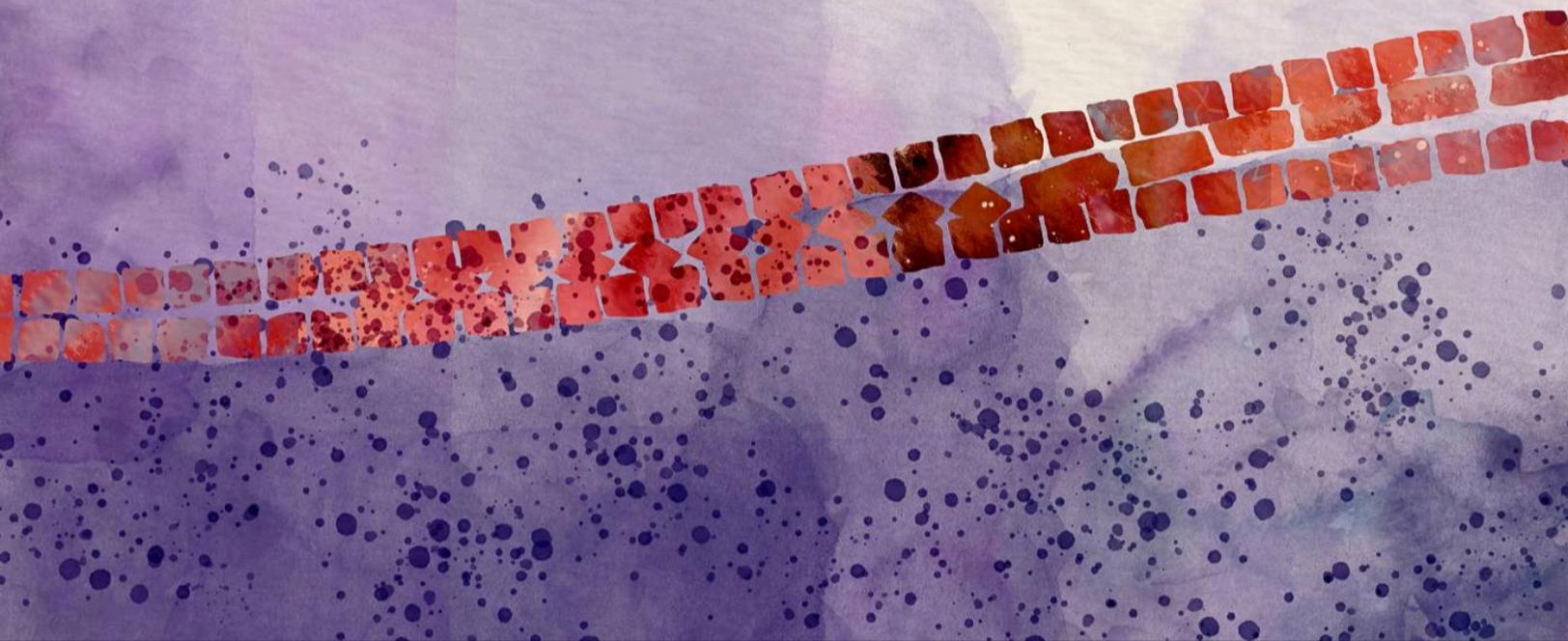
ACTIVITIES & EGG HUNTS START AT 6PM



MARCH
25
5PM - 7PM

Dinner - Inflatables - Games - Crafts -
Egg Hunts - AND MORE!!

DISCIPLESHIP



ADULT MINISTRIES

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“The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” John 3:8

It is no secret that I like having a plan. I like knowing what’s coming next. For me, there is something comforting about a full calendar, a well-prepared agenda, and a clear sense of direction. Planning helps me feel grounded and ready.

But as we all know, control is often more illusion than reality.

Again and again, I’m reminded that there are things we can influence and a whole lot of things we simply cannot. Lately, I’ve found myself returning to the idea of serenity: learning to loosen my grip on what I cannot change and to trust God in the spaces I cannot manage.

Many of you know the Serenity Prayer, often attributed to Reinhold Niebuhr and later embraced by Alcoholics Anonymous:

*God, grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change,
the courage to change the things I can,
and the wisdom to know the difference.*

In the life of the church, this balance is crucial. Yes, it is good to plan. It is good to prepare. It is good to do our work faithfully and thoughtfully. But we must also leave room: room for interruption, room for surprise, room for the Holy Spirit to move in ways we could never expect.

In John 3, as Jesus speaks with Nicodemus, he reminds us that the Spirit moves like the wind. We do not control where it comes from or where it goes. The question is not whether the Spirit is moving. The question is whether we will notice. Whether we will perceive. Whether we will be open.

As we journey through Lent and continue toward the cross, let us open our hearts and minds to where God may be leading us. May we not become so wrapped up in our own plans that we miss what God is doing in and around us. Instead, may we cultivate a posture of prayerful openness, attentive to the movement of the Spirit even when it comes like the wind, unexpected and unseen.

To help us cultivate that posture together, I invite you to mark your calendars for **Ways to Pray led by Cathi Parish** beginning April 8. It will be an opportunity for our whole church to learn, practice, and open ourselves more fully to the movement of the Spirit among us.

Grace and peace,

Kristen

Ways to Pray 2026

Praying is, in its barest terms, communicating with God. Just as we vary the ways we talk with and listen to our spouse, children, parents or friends, there are many ways to converse with God! Join **Rev. Cathi Parish** as she walks us through a variety of ways to pray. We will explore:

- **Lectio Divina**
- **Visio Divina**
- **Walking the Labyrinth**
- **Breath Prayers**
- **Protestant Prayer Beads**
- **Postures of Prayer**

**REGISTER
HERE!**



There is no book to purchase but registration is required and class size is limited. The class will meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:15 pm from April 8 through May 13.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

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While we are currently walking through the season of Lent, a time of intentional prayer, fasting, and reflection, we do so with our eyes fixed on what lies ahead. Lent isn't just about the "giving up" but also about preparing for what is to come. By slowing down and reflecting on the journey to the cross, we heighten our awareness and our joy for the celebration of the Resurrection on Easter morning.

In that same spirit of anticipation, our Youth Mission Trips are quickly approaching! These trips are a vital way for our students to put their faith into action, and we invite you to be a part of their journey.

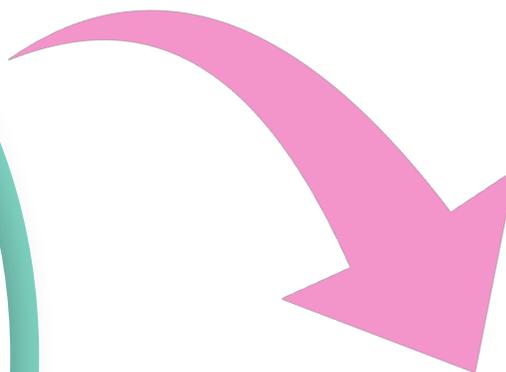
You can support our youth and bring a little Easter magic to your lawn at the same time with our Youth Missions Easter Egg Drop! Here's how it works:

Our Youth team will come to your home and "drop" pre-stuffed, candy-filled eggs across your yard.

We are serving homes in Fairhope, Spanish Fort, Daphne, and Silverhill.

All proceeds go directly toward funding our upcoming Youth Mission Trips.

Ready to join the fun? Scan the QR Code below to register your home (or someone else's!)



WORSHIP MINISTRIES

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As a part of our Spring Kids' Min Takeover our congregation will be blessed by a very special offering of worship as the Fairhope UMC Lighthouse Choir presents **O Chicken of Little Faith** during our 11:00am service on April 26th. Rather than simply adding music to the morning, our children will lead us in worship through this joyful and meaningful musical. Featuring students from kindergarten through sixth grade, this production has been in preparation since just after Christmas. Week by week, these young leaders have given their time, energy, and hearts to share a message that feels especially timely for all of us.

O Chicken of Little Faith centers on a simple but profound truth: when we feel unsafe or face uncertainty, we can place our trust fully in God. Through engaging songs, humor, and heartfelt moments, the story reminds us that fear does not have the final word—faith does. In a world that often feels unpredictable, our children will boldly proclaim that God is steady, present, and trustworthy. What a powerful witness it will be to see and hear them lead with confidence, joy, and courage.

I am deeply grateful to those who have helped bring this musical to life. Carolyn Kidd and Sherry Herron, our faithful choir assistants, have poured countless hours into rehearsals, encouragement, and preparation. Jamie Waldhour and Jeff White, who lead our outstanding tech team, ensure that every detail supports the message being shared. Their behind-the-scenes dedication allows our children to shine. I hope you will make plans to join us on April 26th as we celebrate the faith of our youngest disciples and allow their voices to lead us in worship!

KIDS' MIN TAKEOVER!

APR 26
a kids' musical
O CHICKEN
of LITTLE
faith



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Article submitted by:

Stephanie Bills, Parent & Children's Ministries Team Member

Jesus Invites Us to Come Closer

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest...” – Matthew 11:28–30

A sound heard often in our home with three young boys is “Mom!” – not because something is wrong, but because they want reassurance while coloring or someone nearby as they finish homework. Nearness is one of the simplest ways we show love as parents. Just being present reminds our children they are safe and not alone.

Scripture promises the same about God: “The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.” (Deuteronomy 31:8)

If our children feel most loved when we are near, how much more does God desire to be close to us? He draws near not because we earn it, but because of His love. Throughout Scripture, God moves toward His people – seeking Adam and Eve, meeting Hagar in the wilderness, welcoming the prodigal son, and ultimately drawing near through Christ. “While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8)

As we journey through Lent, we are invited to respond to His nearness – to open our hearts, notice His presence, and rest in His love.

Around the Supper Table:

- When did you want someone close to you today?
- What felt hard or tiring?
- Who helped you just by being with you?
- When do you feel close to God?
- Say together: *“God is near in all these moments.”*

Close with this simple prayer:

“Jesus, thank you for being close to me when _____. Help us remember that you are always near. Amen.”

Winter Retreat Re-Cap...

60 children had an incredible time at Winter Retreat at Blue Lake Camp! It was a weekend filled with worship, games, and growing closer to Jesus and to one another. We are so grateful for the 10 amazing chaperones who gave their time, energy, and love to make this weekend possible. Thank you for investing in the faith of our children!



Mark Your Calendar!

As we move into spring, please mark these dates on your calendar. You can find more info and registration forms on our link tree!



Family Easter Celebration

March 25, 5pm - 7pm

Join us for an evening of egg-citement, games, and hidden surprises! Dinner will be served at 5:00pm, with activities and our egg hunt beginning at 6:00pm. All are welcome – invite a friend!

Rainforest Falls VBS 2026

June 1-5

Get ready to head deep into Rainforest Falls as we explore the nature of God! **June 1-5**, children will discover who God is through exciting Bible stories, high-energy worship, creative activities, and hands-on fun. It's going to be a week full of adventure, growth, and faith-building moments and we cannot wait to share it with your family.

Registration now open for volunteers and their children. Registration for participants opens April 1!

Blue Lake Elementary Summer Camp

Camp X: July 6-10

Early Bird Cost: \$360 (deadline April 1) | **Regular Cost:** \$380 | Registration closes June 29.



CARING MINISTRIES

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Church Family,

As I reflect on our church family, I am so thankful to have the opportunity to serve with and for you.

Every day our Caring Ministry team is serving and making a difference as we walk alongside people in their journeys of life. Cards are written, telephone calls made, prayers are lifted for needs and concerns of those requesting prayer through our email prayer chain and in our Prayer Room, food is distributed through Lord's Pantry, medical equipment is loaned to persons in our community, Knit and Crochet provide handmade prayer shawls and lap robes to those needing God's enfolding care. Weekly Bible Study is offered to enrich our knowledge in scripture, support groups are offered for Grief and Loss, Survivors of Suicide, Caregiver's Support, Tough Dogs Cancer Support, Anchored in Hope, Infertility and Loss. Stephen Ministers serve weekly in worship and as they meet with their caregivers and Tough Dogs Chemo Care bags are delivered to adults and children who are facing cancer.

Weekly mission opportunities are offered as we partner with African Universal Church in their food distribution ministry. Our church offers weekly nursing home devotionals to those who cannot attend church services. Visits are made to offer encouragement and prayers for those at home, in hospital and nursing facilities. It means so much to spend time with our members when they are unable to come to us. That is caring! When we see them one time that's what we are expected to do but ministry is when we continue to follow up. We need everyone's help to know when we need to pray for our church family and when they are in the hospital. Please remember the hospital does not provide any list for us so its dependent on each family or friends to let us know. We want to honor your confidentiality and yet we want to be lifting you in our prayers.

The **384** volunteers in Caring Ministries is a tribute to their love of God and wanting to be used to make a difference in the world. Fairhope UMC is grateful for the many hands and feet who are serving daily in our outreach ministries.

We as a Church need to be thankful for the gifts of each person serving and the impact they are making in our community. Let's give thanks for all in service to our Lord and Savior.

My love and prayers,

Ann

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving." - Colossians 3:23-24

UPCOMING IN APRIL

Packing for Home Deliveries - April 26

Birthday Celebration - April 27

SUPPORT GROUPS

Grief Support—Mondays 3:00pm

Survivors of Suicide - 2nd & 4th Monday 6:30pm

Caregivers Support Group— 1st & 3rd Tuesday 9:30am

Tough Dogs Cancer Support Group—2nd & 4th Tuesday 4:30pm

ON-GOING MINISTRIES TOUCH THE LIVES IN OUR COMMUNITY

Lord's Pantry



Each week, individuals and families are blessed through our Lord's Pantry in Wesley Hall. A dedicated team of volunteers prepares food boxes in advance so they are readily available for anyone in need of assistance. There are no prerequisites or qualifications to receive food –this ministry was created to provide immediate, emergency support with dignity and grace. Food is available each day the church office is open. We would love to grow our volunteer team! If you feel called to serve, consider committing once every three weeks to help pack boxes. If you would like to learn more contact Audrey Barr, 251-895-1609 or barr.audrey@yahoo.com or Dr. Ann Pearson, 251-928-1148 or ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org.

Grief Books

Paula Wilson has been a faithful servant to send out 4 Grief Books during a year's time following the death of a loved one. These books, purchased from Stephen Ministry, are sent to the families of members who have died. Paula keeps an accurate record and does this throughout the year. We are blessed to have Paula continuing in this ministry. Over **54** books were sent last year.



Note Ministry



This ministry is lead by Dianne Bass, Mary Finger, Myra Hand, Synthia Kaiser, Marion McKnight and Sarah Savery. Cards are sent to those with cancer, new members, homebound, nursing homes, military and hospital discharge. If you would like to help with sending cards email me at ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org and we will give you an opportunity to make a difference in someone's life with a note of encouragement. In 2025, **517** notes were sent to our members.

Telephone Calling Ministry

Calls are made daily to our members to share greetings and celebrate birthdays and anniversaries. Karen Walden sends greeting for the anniversary calls and I make calls daily for the birthday calls. It let's our members know they are not forgotten. Last year, **1892** birthday calls and **390** anniversary calls were made.

TJ's Food Ministries

TJ's Food Ministry takes place each week on Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9-11am at African Universal Church in Daphne. We invite you to be part of this meaningful outreach as we prepare food boxes that are distributed to families each Thursday. What began as a partnership has truly become a family, as we serve alongside AUC under the faithful leadership of Pastor Casandra Boykin.



Tough Dogs Cancer Ministry

We are still collecting donated silver and silver plate items that the team can shine and put in baskets for sale at Hello Gallery. All funds raised go toward the Cancer Ministries.

Cancer Care Angels is setting up for their second application process to receive financial assistance. In the fall we were able to award two grants for **\$1000.00** each to assist with cancer expenses. Applications are received from the four centers: *Southern Cancer Center, Mitchell Cancer Institute, Infirmary Cancer Center and USA Health Children & Women's Hospital.*



RECREATION MINISTRIES

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PICKLEBALL OPEN PLAY *COME & JOIN US!*

MONDAY - FRIDAY
8:00 - 11:30AM

SUNDAYS
2:00-4:30PM



NO RESERVATIONS NEEDED

CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER
FAIRHOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED PICKLEBALL?

If you've walked by the gym on a weekday morning or Sunday afternoon and heard laughter, cheering, and the steady pop of a paddle hitting a ball, you've probably encountered pickleball in action. But have you considered giving it a try yourself?

Pickleball is one of the fastest-growing sports in the country—and for good reason. It's easy to learn, low-impact, and incredibly fun. Whether you're brand new to sports, a former athlete, or just looking for a way to stay active and connected, pickleball offers something for everyone.

One of the best parts? All ages and abilities are welcome. You don't need experience. You don't need fancy equipment. Just bring comfortable clothes, athletic shoes, and a willingness to have fun. We have players ranging from beginners learning the basics to seasoned regulars who are always happy to help someone new.

Beyond the game itself, pickleball is about fellowship. It's a relaxed, encouraging environment where friendships are formed, laughter is shared, and community is strengthened. It's exercise—but it doesn't feel like exercise.



RONNIE ARROW SKILLS CAMPS

The Classroom teaches fundamental basketball skills to develop players at all level of play

EVERY TUESDAY

GRADES 2-8 | 5:30 - 7PM

GRADES 9-12 | 7 - 8:30PM

DROP-IN | NO COMMITMENT

\$20

FAIRHOPE UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
155 S Section St
Fairhope, AL 36532

For further information email ronniearrow@gmail.com or call/text 251.509.2700

EVERY TUESDAY

GOLF

Camp for Kids

Coming
August 2026



MISSIONS MINISTRIES

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At the end of May a group of 43+ adults, children, youth and college students will be heading to Costa Rica to serve alongside the *Amor en la Calle* ministry! Our church sent the very first team to serve in Costa Rica in 2003. Like previous years, our team will be providing VBS to over 500 children, providing toiletries to over 150 teens in juvenile prison and serving the elderly in the rural community of Bella Vista. We will also be working to complete one of the final phases of the construction project that has been our focus for the last few years. We are in need of several items to help make this year a success!

Would you consider serving alongside our team by providing the following items for the juvenile prison?

Items needed:

Deodorant (Men and Women)

Travel Size Shampoo

Bar Soap

Toothpaste

We will also be providing a Bible or devotional book for the teens in the prison. We have seen teens as young as 11 years old in the prison, serving time for various crimes. In Costa Rica the families are required to provide clothes and hygiene items for those incarcerated. Items can be dropped in the main office or the CLC. Donations can also be given online. Feel free to reach out with any questions

missions@fairhopeumc.org

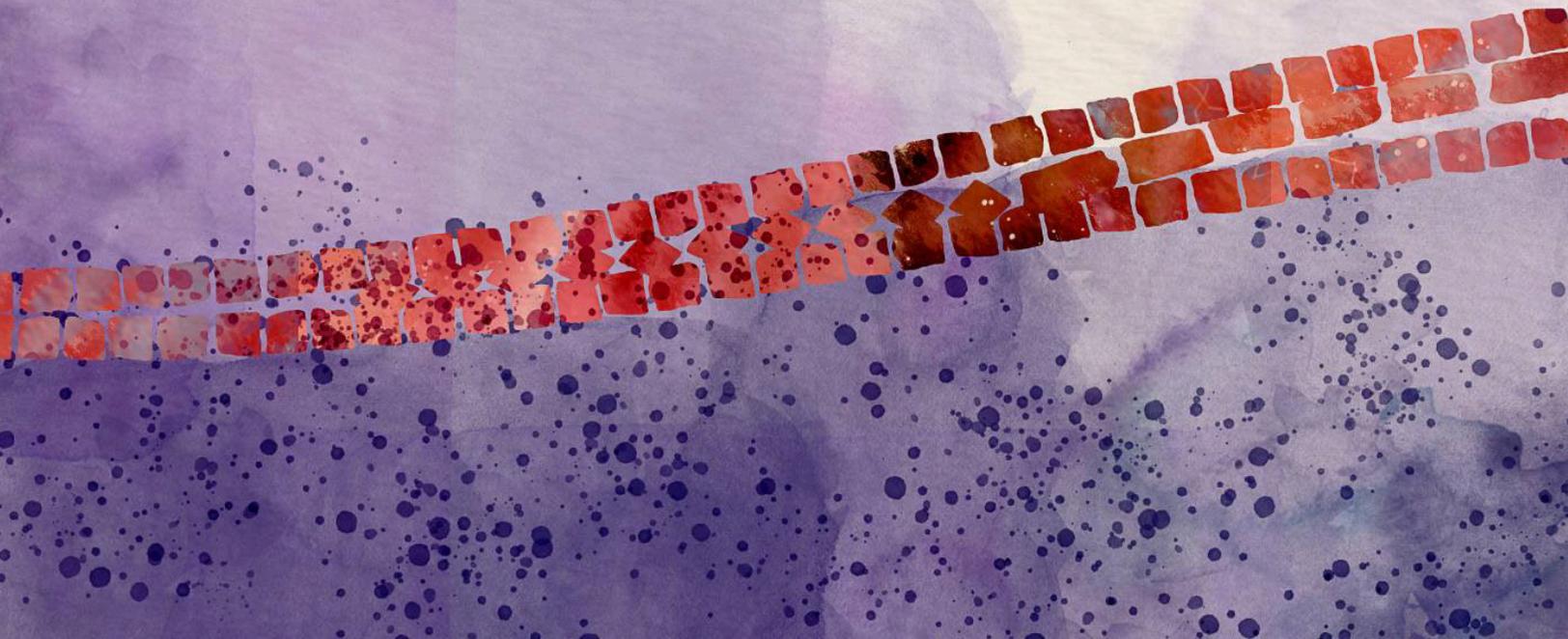
Much love,

Jennifer

SAVE THE DATE!



CHURCH LEADERSHIP & ADMINISTRATION



Staff Parish Relations Committee Report

Submitted by Noah Funderburg, SPR Chair

SPRC wishes to thank the Kids' Min Team and others volunteering to assist with children's ministries during the search for a new Children's Ministry Director. A search team has been formed, and efforts are underway to recruit our next Director. The members of that team are Rick Fitzhugh, Wills Moore, Elizabeth Macklem, Bo Tucker, and Rachel Waldhour. One of the goals of the church in 2026 is to promote our intergenerational nature as a congregation. We also thank Emily Detterman for leading the effort to invite all adult Sunday School classes to participate in leading Children's Sunday School as a means of growing our intergenerationality.

Trustees Report

Submitted by Jennifer Jones, Trustees Chair

At our February Board of Trustees meeting we welcomed our three new members: Terry Corley, Pam Vincent, and Kevin Arthur. The Trustees also nominated and elected from within the 9-member Board a Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary to serve for 2026: Jennifer Jones was elected Chair; Dee Loes was elected Vice Chair, and Terry Corley was elected Secretary. Thank you to these and all of our Trustees for their willingness to serve in this way. To orient all Trustees to the ins and outs of our facilities, we will schedule a walkthrough of our buildings this Spring.

A subcommittee was created to review FUMC's Emergency Preparedness Plan which would include such emergencies as tornado, fire, intruder/active shooter, and medical emergencies. This subcommittee's recommendations will be reviewed by the Board of Trustees during our April meeting. Additionally, a subcommittee was created to review our Disaster Preparedness Plan which includes hurricanes and flooding. This subcommittee's recommendations will be reviewed by the Board of Trustees during our June meeting. Additionally, the board reviewed ongoing projects and planned for the Church-Wide Work Day on March 1st.

You may have noticed the large piece of equipment sitting on the front lawn. The crew that is performing repairs and sealing of the masonry is using this lift to reach the walls of the Bell Tower. If all goes as planned and if the weather cooperates, the work on the front (Section Street side) of the Bell Tower will be complete by Palm Sunday, and the lift will be moved around to the back between the parking lot and the entrance to the Conference Room to complete the remainder of the repairs and sealing.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about what's happening in or around our facilities, please ask one of the Trustees, and we'll be happy to answer any questions.

YTD FINANCIAL REPORT

Fairhope United Methodist Church FUMC Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual January 2026

	<u>Jan 26</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>
Income			
04000 Pledge Contributions	129,514.00	144,486.00	-14,972.00
04001 Non Pledge Contributions	46,983.16	71,779.00	-24,795.84
04002 Cash Contributions	3,080.40	2,820.00	260.40
04003 Adult Sunday School	80.00	141.00	-61.00
04004 Fees	3,250.00	833.00	2,417.00
04005 Other Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
04006 Interest Income	2,913.12	2,500.00	413.12
Total Income	<u>185,820.68</u>	<u>222,559.00</u>	<u>-36,738.32</u>
Gross Profit	185,820.68	222,559.00	-36,738.32
Expense			
10000 Worship	1,553.59	1,465.00	88.59
10100 Music	950.18	1,100.00	-149.82
10200 Evangelism/Navigator	0.00	100.00	-100.00
10300 Adult Spiritual Growth	1,899.37	2,430.00	-530.63
10400 Church Family Ministry	0.00	0.00	0.00
10500 Children's Ministry	3,391.76	5,600.00	-2,208.24
10600 Youth Ministry	16,428.04	14,364.00	2,064.04
10700 Caring Ministry	375.00	375.00	0.00
10800 Communications	1,144.03	1,009.00	135.03
10900 Missions	7,647.22	8,300.00	-652.78
11000 Nursery	0.00	550.00	-550.00
11100 Recreation Ministry	565.74	610.00	-44.26
11200 Gathering	475.00	510.00	-35.00
11400 Stewardship Campaign	0.00	0.00	0.00
11500 Hospitality	1,842.76	200.00	1,642.76
11700 Discretionary Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
11800 Wednesday Night Supper	1,381.05	625.00	756.05
20000 Trustees - Maintenance	13,229.68	16,485.00	-3,255.32
20051 AC Replacement	0.00	0.00	0.00
20100 Utilities	8,757.83	6,705.00	2,052.83
20200 Office Expense	4,841.23	3,725.00	1,116.23
20300 Kitchen Supplies	1,733.60	1,275.00	458.60
20400 Custodial Supplies	2,420.93	1,250.00	1,170.93
20500 Financial Audit	0.00	0.00	0.00
30000 SPR (Salary/Contract)	98,630.74	98,740.88	-110.14
40000 Conference Apportionments	10,224.60	10,224.60	0.00
40100 District Apportionments	2,443.70	2,443.70	0.00
50000 Mortgage Interest	2,162.91	2,300.00	-137.09
60000 Mortgage Principle	16,606.87	16,470.00	136.87
Total Expense	<u>198,705.83</u>	<u>196,857.18</u>	<u>1,848.65</u>
Net Income	<u>-12,885.15</u>	<u>25,701.82</u>	<u>-38,586.97</u>

BAPTISMS

We rejoice in welcoming **Ella Jo Ratliff** and **Mary Margaret Anna Williams** into the body of Christ through the sacrament of baptism. In these sacred waters, we celebrate God's grace poured out freely and abundantly—claiming them as beloved children of God.



Ella Jo Ratliff

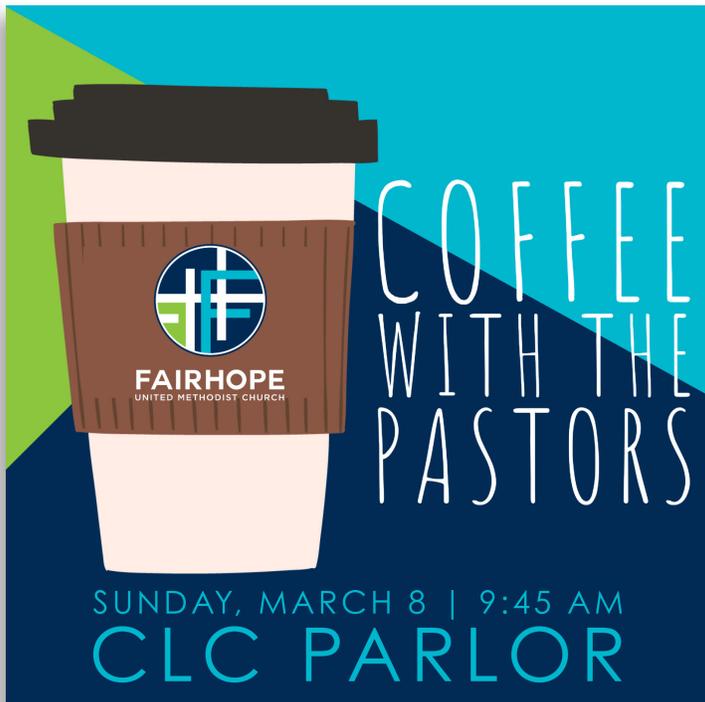
Baptized on February 15, 2026
Parents are Lane & Jake Ratliff.
Big sister is Sims.



Mary Margaret Anna Williams

Baptized on February 22, 2026
Parents are Mary Elizabeth & Sam Williams.

NEXT STEPS



COFFEE WITH THE PASTORS SUNDAY, MARCH 8 9:45 AM | CLC PARLOR

New to Fairhope UMC? Curious about Methodism? Wondering how you might get connected or serve? We'd love to meet you! Join us for Coffee with the Pastors—a relaxed, welcoming time to ask questions, learn more about our church, and explore ministry opportunities. Coffee with the Pastors is typically held on the second Sunday of each month. All are welcome!

HOLY WEEK

&
Easter



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PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 29 | ALL SERVICES

MAUNDY THURSDAY
APRIL 2 | 6:00PM | SANCTUARY

GOOD FRIDAY CROSSWALK
APRIL 3 | 6:00PM | FAIRHOPE PIER

Easter Sunday

APRIL 5

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP (SANCTUARY)
8:00 AM - 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

THE GATHERING WORSHIP (CLC)
11:00 AM

*Children's SS & Children's Church will NOT meet.
Nursery available for ages 3 months to 4-K.*

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