

First United Methodist Church Fox Hill

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026



A vibrant church, making Christian disciples & enriching lives through outreach.

“Faith Coming Alive”

Colossians 3:1-4, Matthew 28:1-10

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MODERN WORSHIP SERVICE

April 5, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Risen Christ, you burst from the grave;

Help us to burst into life.

You breathed the Holy Spirit on your disciples;

Breathe your Spirit into us.

*Worship Songs

“Graves into Gardens”

Brandon Lake | Chris Brown | Steven Furtick | Tiffany Hudson

“House of the Lord”

Jonathan Smith | Phil Wickham

“I Speak Jesus”

Abby Benton | Carlene Prince | Dustin Smith | Jesse Reeves | Kristen Dutton | Raina Pratt

Offering Prayer and Offertory

Scripture

Colossians 3:1-4, Matthew 28:1-10

Sermon

“Faith Coming Alive”

Rev. Dr. Brian Sixbey

Reflection

“Cornerstone”

Worship Team

Edward Mote | Eric Liljero | Jonas Myrin | Reuben Morgan | William Batchelder Bradbury

Invitation to Communion

Prayer of Confession

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Becky Holland

*Benediction

May the God of life go with us.

The risen Christ beside us. The vibrant Spirit within us.

Postlude



Jones Middle School

Jimmy Roberson

Bruce Fleenor

Wendy: Nanci Browning’s daughter

Michael Adams

Brian Eubank, Sr.

We continue to pray for our homebound, those with chronic conditions, and for those unspoken prayers.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service: Livestream
- 10:30 a.m. Searchers Class: FH Stage Zoom Passcode:000846
- 10:30 a.m. Faithlink Class: Classroom
- 10:30 a.m. Rise Children's Ministry: Ed Wing
- 10:30 a.m. Modern Worship Service Livestream
- 4:00 p.m. Women in the Word: ESR

Monday, April 6 Church Office Closed

- 10:00 a.m. Yoga: FH Stage
- 1:00 p.m. "The Book" Club: Tri-X Room

Tuesday, April 7

- 10:00 a.m. Shawl Makers: ESR
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 151 Meeting: FH
- 7:00 p.m. BSA Troop 151 Meeting: FH

Wednesday, April 8

- 9:30 a.m. Soul Sisters: Faithlink Room
- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting: Tri-X Room
- 3:00 p.m. Love Unites: ESR
- 5:45 p.m. Wesley Bells Rehearsal: Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Buckroe New Hope AA Group: FH Kitchen
- 7:00 p.m. 1st Fox Hill Family Choir Practice: Sanctuary

Thursday, April 9

- 11:00 a.m. Hour of Prayer: Tri-X Room
- 5:00 p.m. TABS: Tri-X Room
- 6:00p.m. Karate for Christ: FH Stage

Friday, April 10

- 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Field Trip
- 6:00 p.m. Buckroe New Hope AA Group: FH Kitchen
- 6:00 p.m. BSA Crew 1151 Meeting: Tri-X Room
- 7:00 p.m. Elevate Youth Lock In

Saturday, April 11

- 9:00 a.m. Buckroe Men's AA Group: FH Kitchen
- 9:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Sisters in Christ: Faithlink Room
- 4:00 p.m. Women's Get Together: FH
- 6:00 p.m. The Collective: Tabletop
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

Attendance: March 29, 2025

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| In person: | <u>129</u> |
| 9:00 a.m. Service | 93 |
| 10:30 a.m. Service | 36 |
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| Internet Live Streaming | <u>38</u> |
| 9:00 a.m. Service | 27 |
| 10:30 a.m. Service | 11 |
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| Tithes & Offerings | |
| Total One Fund: | \$ 5,557.06 |
| Year to Date: | \$ 108,638.23 |
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| Pastor's Discretionary Fund | |
| Last Week: | \$ 50.00 |
| Year to Date: | \$ 627.00 |
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| Roof Fund | |
| Last Week: | \$ 200.00 |
| Year to Date: | \$ 2,124.00 |

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Worship Assistants for April 5, 2026

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| April Ushers | 9:00 a.m.: Richard Shearer (Capt.), Bill Bryan, Brian Eubank, Dave Sharp, * 10:30 a.m.: Dave Sharp (Capt.), Daniel Clark, Elevate Youth |
| Liturgist | 9:00 a.m.: Judy Adams 10:30 a.m.: Donnie Coe |
| Ambassadors | 9:00 a.m.: 4/5: Fred & Kay Foster 4/12: Joann Smith & Anne Bryan 10:30 a.m.: 4/5 Mike & Judy Adams 4/12 * |
| Night Watchmen | 4/5 Mark Robinson, 4/12 Marc Nadeau, 4/19 LLOYD Cato |

Next Sunday

April 12, 2026
"Golden Faith"
1 Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-31

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Who Do You Say I Am?

As we move into the Easter season to Pentecost, we'll be exploring one of the key questions Jesus asked his disciples – "Who do you say I am?" We ask the question not only from their perspective, but from ours as well. Also, we will seek to ask "Who am I in Christ Jesus?," because that is a question that makes a difference in our lives too.

Welcome!

Whether this is your 1st visit to First UMC Fox Hill, or your 5,000th visit, we welcome you today! May you experience hope in our midst and spread that hope and love wherever this week takes you.

Women's Get Together

1. **Our next "Fun, Fellowship, and Friends for Females" gathering is planned for Saturday, April 11, from 4–6pm.** A relaxed and joy-filled time set aside just for the ladies to connect, recharge, and enjoy one another.
 2. **Looking ahead to the fall, we're planning a Day Apart — a mini-retreat designed to give us extended time together.** Expect a blend of spiritual refreshment, gentle pampering, meaningful conversation, and space to let God speak into our lives.
 3. **We are also prayerfully exploring a potential trip to spend time with our Navajo sisters in Christ.** This would be a weeklong "Unraveled" journey focused on creating space for God, deepening spiritual practices, and culminating in a weekend retreat alongside our Navajo sisters.
- **Estimated cost:** \$1,200 per person
 - **Possible dates:** Monday, August 30 – Tuesday, September 7
 - **Who we hope this will serve:** We feel especially called to encourage and support our working women, who carry full schedules and many responsibilities. Our prayer is that this trip could be a life-giving opportunity for them to step away and reconnect with God.
 - **How the church family may come alongside:** To help make this possible, we are exploring ways the wider church community can support families while the women are away — such as preparing meals, assisting fathers with children's routines and activities, and offering help during the after-school window until parents get home from work.

Fifty Plus

Immediate Opening Available for the Fifty Plus trip to Chattanooga, TN 14 - 18 April. One of the men (not from First Fox Hill) has had to drop out due to a sciatic problem making it nearly impossible for him to walk. Contact Bill Bryan at 757-851-0748 if you have any interest whatsoever. All the details can be found by [clicking here](#).

Women's Fellowship of Circumstances

The Women's Fellowship of Circumstances will meet at **County Grill**, on **Wednesday, April 15, 12:00 noon**. Come join us for fellowship, food, and fun! **Give me a call, 757-344-4228, or email me (AUNTBONZO49@yahoo.com) by Monday, April 13**, whether or not you will be joining us! Looking forward to seeing you! Bonnie Harper



Mini Photo Shoots

Sunday
12
April

10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
\$30 for 3 digital images

For more information
or to register, scan the
QR code or call Larissa
Luma at (757) 646-
5838



Food Pantry March Update

Thank you to all who volunteer and support our Food Pantry ministry. Because of you, we continue to make a meaningful difference for our neighbors in need.

This month, we had our second busiest pantry day ever:

- **102 households served**
- **351 individuals** (142 children, 131 adults, 78 seniors)
- **161 bags distributed** (1,610 non-perishable items)

Each bag also included frozen protein. Due to increased need, we have adjusted from 3 to 2 pieces per bag to ensure everyone is served.

We are deeply grateful for the generosity of our congregation through donations to the Red Food Pantry tub. Many who came expressed heartfelt thanks for this ministry and the support it provides.

– Mary and the Food Pantry Team

P.S. Easter Egg Hunt flyers were shared with families—we hope to see many there!



Mission Team Update

Ongoing prayer is a vital part of our Mission Team partnership with Jones Magnet Middle School. As a church family, please join us in praying for the students, families, and staff as they finish this week and begin Spring Break (April 4–13).

Our prayer focus: **Encouraged & Restored**

We pray that all feel encouraged in the days ahead, and that this break brings rest, renewal, and focus for the final weeks of the school year.

Scripture:

“He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.” — Psalm 23:3



Easter Lily Dedications

In Honor Of:

Kassandra Brown
Our Church
To the Glory of God
Pastor Tommy

Given By:

Jean Bernstrom
Pat & Mary Parker
Jennifer & Mike Williams
Becky Thompson



In Memory Of:

Mom, Dad, & Big Bro
Our Parents
Don Hulton
My Parents & My Husband:
Haik & Helen Varteressian;
John T Chapman III

Given By:

Dave Sharp
Jane & Jesse Barbour
Bonnie Hulton
Jeanne E. Chapman

