

First United Methodist Church Fox Hill

Sunday, August 9, 2026



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

“Celebrate or Complain?” Luke 15:11-32

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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

August 9, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

As we've gathered together,

Let us slow down;

Let us be in step with the One

Who walks with us in the journey.

*Hymn

UMH 378

“Amazing Grace” (vss. 1, 2, 4, 6)

Children's Time

Offering Prayer and Offertory

*Doxology

UMH 70

“Glory Be to the Father”

*Hymn

UMH 363 "And Can It Be that I Should Gain" (vss. 1, 3, 4, 5)

Prayer of Confession

Gracious Lord, you walk with us in this life, and yet at times we are distracted and do not know that you are with us. We confess our inability to see you; our unwillingness to hear you; our hesitation in following you. And yet we believe that you are indeed present among us, mysteriously, in this very time and place. Open our eyes, our ears, our hearts, and our hands. Help us stop, rest, listen, and learn. Make us receptive to your presence, through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, Amen.

Words of Assurance

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Becky Holland

The Lord's Prayer

Special Music

“Favorite Hymns”

Duet: Jane Barbour & Mark Biondolillo

Scripture

Luke 15:11-32

Sermon

“Celebrate or Complain?”

Rev. Dr. Brian Sixbey

* A Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church

UMH 884

*Hymn

UMH 367

“He Touched Me”

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

UMH 375

“There Is a Balm in Gilead” (Refrain only)

Postlude

The Next Faithful Step

The Next Faithful Step is our current series. We'll be looking at stories of people who were caught in a "pickle" to see how they navigated through it. The idea for the series is that we don't have to know it all – we only need to imagine and take the next faithful step. *Please stand as you are able.

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MODERN WORSHIP SERVICE

August 9, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

As we've gathered together,

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*Worship Songs

"Liberator"

Annalise Bush | Corey Voss | Jason Daughdrill | John Strandell | Lee Bataller

"Breathe on Us"

Ed Cash | Kari Jobe

"Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King"

John Wyeth | Robert Robinson | Thomas Miller

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UMH 884

Reflection

"God with Us"

Jason Ingram | Leslie Jordan

Worship Team

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Becky Holland

The Lord's Prayer

*Benediction

Postlude

Safe Sanctuary Training Opportunity

All volunteers working with children or youth are encouraged to complete annual Safe Sanctuary training. A virtual training will be offered by the Mission Rivers District on Thursday, August 13, 6:30–8:30 p.m. Cost is \$5.

Register here:

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/VAUMC/MRDSaferSanctuariesAugust>

Please send your completion certificate to the church office after attending.

If you cannot attend, First UMC Fox Hill will offer additional trainings in September.

Questions? Contact Larissa at (757) 646-5838 or larissa@firstumcfoxhill.org

Prayers for

Sue and Jack Morehouse
Bonnie Harper
Family of Faye King

Kathy Kromoff
Charles Levi Parker
Brian Eubank, Sr.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Snow Cone Sunday – August 23!

Join us on **Sunday, August 23**, the day before school begins, for Snow Cone Sunday! We will gather for a **single worship service at 10:00 a.m.**, followed by free snow cones in the parking lot.

Invite your friends, neighbors, and anyone else who would enjoy a fun time of fellowship as we celebrate the end of summer and the start of a new school year.

If you would like to help cover the cost of the snow cones, please let Pastor Brian know.

Hampton Trustee's Gathering

Phoebus UMC's trustees will be offering a gathering of local trustees on Saturday, August 29 at 9am, to provide a chance for sharing information with each other.

Fifty Plus

As we get ready for a new season of activities, we will gather for our annual **Fifty Plus Potluck Picnic in the Park at Gosnold's Hope Park, 901 E. Little Back River Road**. Plans are to **meet at the Cherry Shelter** (fourth left after entering the park). Mark your calendar now for **5 pm, Tuesday, August 11**. We will provide fried chicken, soft drinks, and paper products; you provide a dish to share. **Cost is just \$3.00**. When you sign up, be prepared to tell us what you plan to bring, e.g., appetizer, salad, vegetable, entrée, dessert, other. In addition to great fellowship, we'll chat about possible future activities.

Contact Anne or Bill Bryan with your ideas and to sign-up so we have a headcount – in person, at abandbb1@cox.net, or by phone to 757-851-0748. Please do it NOW.

Our **first planned outing of the 2026 – 27 season** is a trip to the **Surry Nuclear Power Plant Visitor Information Center** scheduled for **Thursday, September 17**. We'll have a tour then stop for a great lunch and return via the **Scotland – Jamestown Ferry**. Cost is \$5.00 plus your lunch.

And be sure to watch the First Fox Hill pubs to keep tab on activities as soon as they are published so you don't miss out. September and October will be here before you realize – opportunities on the horizon!

Helping Hands Mission Team Update

The Helping Hands Mission Team will be collecting school supplies and monetary donations for our school partner, Jones Magnet Middle School. If you'd prefer to make a monetary donation to help get the school year off to a good start, our Helping Hands Team will do the shopping for you! Be sure to write/designate your gift to Jones MMS supplies on the envelope or in the online donation portal. Our goal is to provide much-needed supplies so students can begin the new school year successfully when classes start on August 24, 2026.

Jones Magnet Middle School uses a specific organizational system that is supported by decades of educational research. **The following items are especially needed:**

- 10 backpacks
- Zippered 3-ring binders
- Wide-ruled composition notebooks
- Wide-ruled notebook paper
- #2 pencils
- Colored pencils
- Washable markers
- Lined 3" x 5" index cards
- 3-hole-punched, soft-shell zippered pencil pouches

Collections end this **Sunday, August 9**. We plan to deliver the donated supplies to the school by **August 14**.

Thank you for your generosity and support!
Kathy and Pat



Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 9

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service/Livestream
 10:00 a.m. Elevate Youth Tech Services
 10:15 a.m. Searchers Class: FH Stage Zoom
 10:15 a.m. Faithlink Class: Classroom
 10:15 a.m. Rise Children's Ministry: Ed Wing
 10:30 a.m. Modern Worship Service/Livestream
 5:00 p.m. Elevate Youth Mission Team Debrief: Youth Rm
 6:00 p.m. Elevate Youth Night: FH
 6:00 p.m. Junior Youth

Monday, August 10

10:00 a.m. Yoga Group
 1:00 p.m. "The Book" Club: Tri-X Room
 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting: ESR

Tuesday, August 11 Church Office Closes at Noon

8:00 a.m. Shawl Makers: ESR
 5:00 p.m. Fifty Plus Pot Luck Picnic in the Park: Gosnold
 6:30 p.m. BSA Troop 151 Meeting: FH
 7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 151: Fall Kick Off Meeting: FH

Wednesday, August 12

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
 3:00 p.m. Love Unites: ESR
 4:30 p.m. Helping Hands Mission Team Meeting
 6:00 p.m. Buckroe New Hope AA Group: FH Kitchen

Thursday, August 13

5:00 p.m. TABS: Tri-X Room
 6:00 p.m. Karate for Christ: FH Stage
 7:00 p.m. Ballroom Dance Lessons: FH Kitchen

Friday, August 14

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: Back to School Lock In

Saturday, August 15 Anchor Newsletter Deadline

9:00 a.m. Buckroe Men's AA Group: FH Kitchen
 9:00 a.m. Sat.Morning Sisters in Christ: Faithlink
 6:00 p.m. The Collective: Tabletop
 7:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

Next Sunday

August 16, 2026
 "Listen or Shout?"
 Acts 15:1-11, 22-29

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Attendance:

August 2, 2026

In person:

106

9:00 a.m. Service

73

10:30 a.m. Service

33

Internet Live Streaming:

22

9:00 a.m. Service

18

10:30 a.m. Service

4

Tithes & Offerings:

Total One Fund:

\$ 7,889.31

Year to Date:

\$ 252,050.98

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Last Week:

\$ 128.00

Year to Date:

\$ 1,615.00

Roof Fund

Last Week:

\$ 25.00

Year to Date:

\$ 4,811.00

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Worship Assistants for August 9, 2026

August Ushers	9:00 a.m.: Jesse Barbour (Capt.), Steve Phillips, Bob Casey, John Pickin, Madison Felix 10:30 a.m.: Dave Sharp (Capt.), Daniel Clark, Elevate Youth
Liturgist	9:00 a.m.: Carmen Stupica 10:30 a.m.: Ethan Fatkin
Ambassadors	9:00 a.m.: Joann Smith & Anne Bryan 10:30 a.m.: *
Night Watchmen	8/9 Ed Fly, 8/16 Dallas Jenkins, 8/23 Bob Casey

FUMCFH Ladies



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