

First United Methodist Church Fox Hill

Presents

American Stories & a Riverboat

Cincinnati, Wytheville, & Roanoke

May 18 – 22, 2027

Single $1650 ** Double $1300 ** Triple $1195

(Rates are per person based on room occupancy. Assumes 32 paid guests.)

Join us as we enjoy:

Deluxe Motor Coach Transportation

1 Night at *Hampton Inn Charleston Southridge, Charleston, WV;* 2 Nights at *Courtyard by Marriott Covington/Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH;* & 1 Night at *Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Wytheville, VA*

4 hotel breakfasts: Wednesday – Saturday;

3 dinners: *Captain's Ohio Riverboat Dinner Cruise & Montgomery Inn The Boathouse, Cincinnati, OH;* and *Red Stag Dinner Theatre, Wytheville, VA*

Two Great Theatrical Performances:

Rope at *Cincinnati's Playhouse in the Park* &

Journey Through the Jukebox at *Red Stag Dinner Theatre, Wytheville, VA*

Fascinating Attractions (*with guide):

**Rockwood Pottery, *American Sign Museum, Krohn Conservatory & Butterfly Show, National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, Virginia Museum of Transportation,*

Includes: Hotel Baggage Handling as well as Taxes & Gratuities for Planned Meals and Guides.

Event/Activity scheduling subject to change as necessary.

Get more extensive details by clicking the blue underlined links imbedded below. If not already on-line, go to firstumcfoxhill.org, scroll down, and click on "50+ Spring Trip" or use the QR code below/on the reverse side.

Tuesday, May 18, 2027

Meet at 7:30 am to board the coach at *First United Methodist Church Fox Hill*, 1 Salt Pond Road, Hampton, VA 23664. Depart for Charleston, WV with quick breakfast, lunch, and rest stops. Upon arrival we'll check in to *Hampton Inn Charleston Southridge* for our overnight stay. (TripAdvisor.com rating 4.6 out of 5) Dinner is on our own at nearby restaurants.



Wednesday, May 19, 2027

We begin our day with breakfast at the hotel before checking out and boarding our coach for the ride to The Rockwood Pottery in Cincinnati. For over 146 years, Rookwood has been a pioneer in American pottery, blending heritage craftsmanship with innovative design. Here we will enjoy an immersive, behind-the-scenes tour of the nearly 90,000-square-foot facility, where artisans meticulously handcraft pottery and architectural tile. You'll witness each step of the process, from raw materials to the final glaze, while diving deep into Rookwood's rich history, evolving styles, and the artistry that sets them apart today. Following our tour, we'll check in to Courtyard by Marriott Covington/Cincinnati for our two-night stay. (TripAdvisor.com rating 4.1 out of 5) But the day is hardly over. We will soon embark on our Captain's Ohio River Dinner Cruise combining city lights, delicious dining, and dancing to create the perfect night out. (B, D)









Thursday, May 20, 2027 We begin our busy day with breakfast at the hotel. Next, we'll head to the American Sign Museum which promotes sign preservation and restoration by displaying nearly 100 years of signage. Then it is a quick lunch before beginning our visit and tour at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. The center, in downtown Cincinnati, is based on the history of the Underground Railroad. It is a museum of conscience, an education center, a convener of dialogue and a beacon of light for inclusive freedom around the globe. Following our tour and exploration of the Center, we are off to Krohn Conservatory and Butterfly Show for a fascinating tour before dinner at *Montgomery Inn The Boathouse*. After dinner we journey to Cincinnati's Playhouse in the Park for the dramatic performance of ***Rope*** -- the gripping psychological thriller that inspired the 1948 Alfred Hitchcock and Jimmy Stewart film of the same name. The show will captivate fans of crime dramas and suspense-filled thrillers and leave you breathless. (B, D)



Friday, May 21, 2027 Following our hotel breakfast, we'll check out and head for Wytheville, VA. En route, we will stop for lunch on our own at Tamarack – an iconic road stop where we can grab a bite to eat and briefly browse the local arts and crafts. Then we are off to our hotel Holiday Inn & Suites, Wytheville. (TripAdvisor.com rating 4.4 out of 5) Then we are off for a ***Journey Through the Jukebox*** at the Red Stag Dinner Théâtre [formerly Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre]. Filled with beloved hit songs, laughter, heart, and nostalgia, *Journey Through the Jukebox* is a magical musical adventure about love, loss, family, and finding your voice. In the end, it reminds us that the people we cherish never truly leave us, and sometimes the song we've been searching for has been inside us all along. (B, D)



Saturday, May 22, 2027 ***Following*** breakfast at our hotel, we will check-out, board the coach, and head for Roanoke and the Virginia Museum of Transportation. Highlighting our Nation's transportation history by providing a unique, educational, and fascinating museum experience through interactive exhibits, artifacts, and galleries including rail, autos, aviation, and a model train exhibit. Then it is lunch and our ride home to First Fox Hill. Expect to be in Hampton about 6 pm. (B)



Reservations, Deposits, and Payments:

$200 per person is due to reserve a space – Deposit due by Feb 1, 2027 (Deposit is non-refundable).

Make checks payable to First UMC Fox Hill and mail/deliver to 1 Salt Pond Road, Hampton, VA 23664. Please do **not** include with your church offering, but mark your separate envelope for Fifty Plus and/or give it to Bill or Anne Bryan. Please use the Reservation form with the flyer on-line or in the Narthex. **Balance must be received by March 25, 2027. (After March 25, all payments are non-refundable.)**

Questions and Information:

Contact Bill or Anne Bryan, 757-851-0748 or by e-mail to bill@firstumcfoxhill.org.

Optional Travel Insurance:

Please visit https://www.trawickinternational.com/?agent=13363 for optional travel insurance information and quotes or consider other insurance suppliers if you so choose.

Tour arrangements were made for *First United Methodist Church Fox Hill,* 1 Salt Pond Road, Hampton VA 23664 by Educational Travel Service Inc., 5129 Birch Lane, Kitty Hawk, NC 27949

PLEASE READ THE TRIP FLYER, COMPLETE THE INFORMATION BELOW, SIGN, & RETURN. THANK YOU!

RESERVATION FORM

Tour Name: American Stories & a Riverboat -- Cincinnati, Wytheville, & Roanoke Tour Dates: May 18 – 22, 2027

Please provide complete information for each traveler, e.g., husband and wife, on separate lines or you may use an additional form.

TRAVELER (1) Name:_____

Residence Street, City, & ZIP Code: _____

Preferred Phone: _____ **Alternate Phone:** _____

E-mail address (if any): _____

Person(s) to contact in case of an emergency: Name: _____

Preferred Phone: _____ **Alternate Phone:** _____

TRAVELER (2) Name:_____

IF DIFFERENT from the information for traveler (1), please complete the following:

Residence Street, City, & ZIP Code: _____

Preferred Phone: _____ **Alternate Phone:** _____

E-mail address (if any): _____

Person(s) to contact in case of an emergency: Name: _____

Preferred Phone: _____ **Alternate Phone:** _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

[Deposit is non-refundable and due by Feb 1; all other payments are non-refundable after March 25, 2027.]

I am enclosing a check payable to FUMC Fox Hill as follows:

Deposit (minimum $200.00 per person)	**OR**	**Full Payment:**
Traveler (1):$_____		**Traveler (1):$**_____
Traveler (2):$_____		**Traveler (2):$**_____

Total Amount Paid with Application: $_____

Please sign to indicate you understand and accept the terms and conditions listed above and on the trip flyer.

Signature of traveler #1: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature of traveler #2: _____ **Date:** _____