

The Anchor

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

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Sunday's Schedule

9:00 a.m.:	Traditional Service
10:30 a.m.:	Modern Service
10:30 a.m.:	Faithlink Class
10:30 a.m.:	Searchers Class
10:30 a.m.:	Rise Children's Ministry
4:00 p.m.:	Women in the Word
5:00 p.m.:	Confirmation Class
6:00 p.m.:	Elevate Youth
6:00 p.m.:	Junior Youth

Staff

Senior Pastor
Rev. Dr. Brian Sixbey
Assistant Pastor
Rev. Becky Holland
Office Manager
Kassandra Brown
Music Director/Organist
Mark Biondolillo
Accompanist
Andrew Blackmon
Youth Director/Worship Leader
Larissa Luma
Treasurer
Ruth Simkins
Part-Time Sexton
Mikell Bond
Nursery Attendant
Chelsea Kyme



“New Birth – New Life!”

As Easter fades from memory and summer comes into view, we are not only preparing for Pentecost, but confirmation and preparations for the fall. And, in another month, Annual Conference will be taking place, in Harrisonburg this year. As I think about these things, I am struck by the fact that all of these things will involve our young people, especially confirmation and Annual Conference.

Speaking of confirmation, I need to let you know that I have been more impressed by our current confirmands, Domingo, Dallas, and Parker, than I have been by any other group I've led, except perhaps when I did confirmation with my son and

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daughter! They have been engaged, interested, and thoughtful, from our teaching sessions, to mentor meetings, to our field trip. I don't expect confirmands to have all the answers, but I am pleased that they show up, put their thoughts in, and are invested.

Speaking of Annual Conference, we will once again have several youth who are going to conference this year. Larissa and the youth have been providing leadership across the Conference in the past few years, not only at the annual conference youth delegation, but also for the conference retreats. And this doesn't note the fact that our second service every Sunday relies on our youth to make it happen.

Speaking of our younger folks, I also consider just how much our older members provide – dealing with the legal issues, fixing things when they break, providing the administrative and supporting backbone to make us work. Our older folk are the leadership that keeps us running day to day, week to week. If our young people give us reason to hope and feel good for our present and our future, our older members have kept the flame of faith alive and well for generations.

What is in store for the future?

It always comes back to asking where we came from – our Lord, our faith, our people. Without Jesus' death and resurrection, we would not be here at all. Without our faith, we are just another group of people doing good in the community – not a bad thing, but not why we exist. But without our people, we aren't able to accomplish anything. Jesus told us to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. That means, digging into our past shows the future – building relationships with each other, the community, and our Lord.

In short, this is my request: That we get to know each other. That we form friendships across generations. That we take some time to grow closer to the people we see in the pews, in the hallways, and in the parking lot – because God is giving us new birth and new life right where we are!

It is my joy to praise God alongside you!



Who Do You Say I Am?

As we move 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.

Confirmation Sunday May 3, 2026 10AM Combined Service

On confirmation Sunday, we will have a single combined service at 10am, followed by a reception in the fellowship hall where we can meet with our new members and get to know them, and for them to know you.

Upcoming Travel

Pastor Brian and family will be out from May 11-25 for a cruise and visit to Alaska so that their children can experience the life they shared during their first year of marriage. While he is out Pastor Becky will provide pastoral coverage, and she, along with Patty Biondolillo, who just finished the work to become a certified lay speaker for the District, will provide the Sunday messages.

FUMC Fox Hill Missions Team Prayer Request

The FUMC Fox Hill Missions Team invites you to join us in prayer for our friends and neighbors at Jones MMS during Staff Appreciation Week.

This week, we are praying for progress and reflecting on **2 Corinthians 5:7**:

"For we walk by faith, not by sight."

We pray that staff continue their daily walk in supporting students and trusting God who is always moving on our behalf even when visible progress may seem slow. Faith moves and walks before the evidence is visible. Lord, help them keep their faith and keep walking. Amen

Thank you.

Kathy Fisher and Pat Leary

Financial Fundamentals May 2026

This report briefly addresses finances at FUMC Fox Hill. The latest information is in the weekly bulletin available at church or through our web site.

Thank you for your continued financial support of First Fox Hill. March contributions picked up some from past years, but we still haven't made up for what we missed in the first couple months of the year. We were able to forward two months of Apportionments to the Virginia Conference and expect to be able to do the same this month bringing us up to date by the end of April. Still to be addressed are our planned set-asides for future major maintenance which inevitably arises. We know finances may be an extra challenge for many and appreciate your efforts to sustain your giving.

If you are anticipating, or have already received, a tax refund, consider the opportunity to share with your church. Don't forget that when you reach the point where an IRA required minimum distribution is part of your life, consider First Fox Hill for a Qualified Charitable Donation which can help you and your church. Always talk to your financial/tax advisor and Finance Chair, Bill Bryan, before any unfamiliar actions.

In case you are wondering.... We expect to send first quarter **Donation Statements via e-mail in the next few days**, if it hasn't already happened. This will get you the information much quicker and save substantially on mailing and related costs. The statements are not bills, but a way for us to be certain we are accurately recording your information. When you receive yours, please check it for accuracy and let us know if you have any questions or other issues. If you do not receive a statement and expect one, also let us know promptly so we can address the issue. Please be sure that we have a good address for you by sending it, preferably from that e-mail address, to churchoffice@firstumcfoxford.org. If you do not have access to e-mail where you can receive your statements, let the office know so alternate arrangement can be made.

Your gifts -- cash, checks, or on-line -- are always needed and appreciated. On-line giving can often help you control your cash flow. Gifts to the One Fund --

General Offering allow the staff flexibility in managing funds effectively. [Click here](#) for easy on-line access. You can also use your phone and the donation QR Code or go to www.firstumcfoxford.org, click on give, scroll down to GIVE ONLINE, and click. There you can set up one-time gifts or automatic regular giving on a weekly, twice a month, or monthly schedule.

Please direct **concerns/questions** about FUMC FH finances to our financial staff via the office or Bill Bryan, Finance Chair, at (757) 851-0748 or by e-mail to billb-1111@cox.net

Total One Fund – Through March 2026		
Income For Planned Expenses¹		\$105,621
Total One Fund Expenses (excludes pass through ²)	Planned	\$132,960
	Actual	\$110,758
Pass Through Income ²		\$3,929
Pass Through Expense ²		\$4,034
“Pay-It-Forward” Contributions		\$762
LUMENs Fund Raiser Income		\$20
LUMENs Fund Raiser Expense		\$0
Roof & Boiler Repair Income 2026 ³		\$2,244
Roof & Boiler Repair Expense 2026		\$11,817
Loan Principle Balance – April 1		\$148,317
¹ Includes regular and memorial contributions, building use income, interest, not listed, etc. ² Represents contributions for non-budget items, e.g., flowers, special mission programs, not listed, etc. ³ Does not include \$153,922 net loan for roof project.		



Fifty Plus

We can't guarantee seats after May 14; perhaps not that long. Don't miss the Tony award winning patriotic musical **1776** performed **Sunday afternoon, June 14** by the **Williamsburg Players** in celebration of our nation's 250th birthday! Witness the birth of a nation as our forefathers struggle to craft the Declaration of Independence. It's the summer of **1776**, and the nation is ready to declare independence...if only our founding fathers can agree to do it! **1776** follows John Adams of Massachusetts, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania and Thomas Jefferson of Virginia as they attempt to convince the members of the Second Continental Congress to vote for independence from the shackles of the British monarchy by signing the Declaration of Independence. Afterward we will stop for a meal. **Cost is \$19 plus your meal.**

More to come. Watch First Fox Hill publications for more details. For questions or to sign up, contact **Anne or Bill Bryan** (abandbb1@cox.net or 757-851-0748).

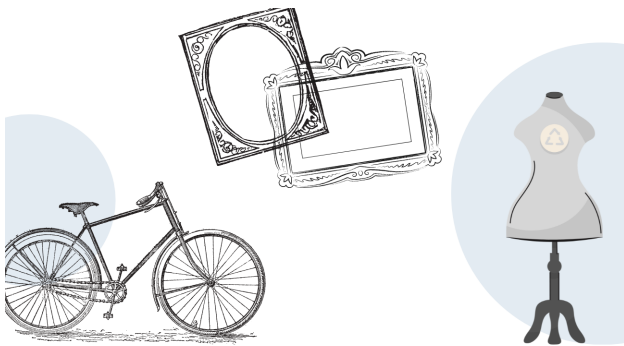


Martha's Ministry

Martha's Ministry is a wonderful group of ladies who give their dedicated service and outpouring of love to grieving families in their time of need. These ladies graciously prepare a reception for family and friends either at the church or in their homes. This ministry of the church, can always use more help! If you are interested, please call or email Marilyn Eubank.

May Team Leader: Jean Pickin

May Members: Jane Barbour, Jean Bernstrom, Marilyn Eubank, Becky Thompson, Bonnie Harper



UNITED METHODIST MEN Annual Indoor Yard Sale

United Methodist Women Bake Sale &
Elevate Youth Car Wash

Come and find your treasures!



May 9, 2026
8 AM to 1 PM

If you would like to donate any items for the UMM
Yard Sale please bring them to the Fellowship Hall:
Wed - Fri, May 6-May 8, from 5- 8 p.m.



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Birthdays

Michael Gulla	5/1	Vernon Morris	5/9	Angie Wornom	5/23
Clela Farlee	5/1	Jeff Walden	5/9	Kenneth W. Hatchett	5/24
Patty Rochelle	5/1	Anton Kromoff	5/9	Carrie Ward	5/24
Alivia Tuttle	5/2	Jimmy Roberson	5/9	Sandra Shearer	5/25
Michael Howard	5/2	Shelby Belbin	5/10	David Johnson	5/25
Becky Holland	5/2	Marc Nadeau	5/10	Oakley Roach	5/26
Greg Emblar	5/3	Craig Alhouse	5/11	Amy Martone	5/26
William Woods	5/5	Martha Alhouse	5/12	George Palko	5/27
John Maninga II	5/5	Mary Jo Hoivik	5/13	Jean Bernstrom	5/27
Bryan Fisher	5/5	Natalya Delk	5/14	Gina Simpson	5/27
Melanie Souder	5/6	Lily Peretin	5/15	Chris Weaver	5/27
Terell Brown	5/6	Joel Carroll	5/15	Aubrey Bullock	5/28
Cynthia Wright	5/6	Ryan Williams	5/16	Joshua Ellis	5/28
Matt Smith	5/7	Lindsey Wilson	5/18	Frank Miller III	5/29
Barbara Rogers	5/7	Ruth Johnston	5/18	Sandi Hodges	5/29
Megan Capriotti	5/7	Tony Spunzo Jr.	5/18	Aya Ridha	5/29
Lindsay Broich	5/7	Ethan Chesson	5/20	Sarah Ridha	5/31
Sean Milne	5/8	Ramazani Clement	5/22	Donna Fleenor	5/31
		Casey Peters	5/23		

Anniversaries

Jeff & Laura Sandford	5/2	Wayne & Mary Lewis	5/22
Jack & Sue Morehouse	5/5	Lori & Doug Peters	5/23
Kevin & Paula Malinowski	5/5	Donald & Carolyn Green	5/24
Marty & Elizabeth Ridout	5/7	Leslie & Jason Kollra	5/25
Brian Thomas & Alison Eubank Jr.	5/13	Kathy & Greg Fisher	5/26
Ryan & Dawn Eanes	5/15	Thomas & Kara Pingitore	5/28
Greg & Ann Emblar	5/17	Seth & Kerri Black	5/31
Wayne & Rosalinda Veryzer	5/18	Charles & Theresa Emblar	5/31
Michael & Judy Adams	5/20	Douglas & Riley Bates	5/31
Chuck & Patty Rochelle	5/20		



May

Sunday, May 3 Confirmation Sunday!

10:00 a.m. Combined Worship Service

Wednesday, May 6 - Friday, May 7

5:00 p.m. UMM Yard Sale Set Up: FH

Saturday, May 9

8:00 a.m. UMM Yard Sale, Car Wash, & UMW Bake Sale: FH

Sunday, May 10 Mother's Day

10:00 a.m. Elevate Youth Tech Services

Monday, May 11

6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting: ESR
7:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting: Tri-X Room

Wednesday, May 13

4:30 p.m. Missions Team Meeting: Tri-X Room

Thursday, May 14

4:30 p.m. Missions Team Meeting : Tri-X Room

Thursday, May 15 Anchor Newsletter Deadline

Saturday, May 16

4:00 p.m. Unraveled Group: FH

Monday, May 18

6:00 p.m. The Collective: Youth Council

Tuesday, May 19

7:00 p.m. PPSRC: Tri-X Room

Wednesday, May 20

12:00 p.m. Fellowship of Circumstance for Women:
Olive Garden
5:30 p.m. Howe Farms HOA Meeting

Saturday, May 23

2:00 p.m. Book Club: Robinson Home

Sunday, May 24 Pentecost Sunday

Monday, May 25 Memorial Day

Church Office Closed

6:00 a.m. Phoebus Women's Club Meeting: Faithlink Room

Tuesday, May 26

8:00 a.m. Facilities Team Workday
11:00 a.m. Bagging for Food Pantry

Wednesday, May 27

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting: Tri-X Room
12:00 p.m. Food Pantry



Small Groups

Monday

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

Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Shawl Makers: ESR
12:00 p.m. Dominoes: FH Stage

Wednesday

9:30 a.m. Soul Sisters: Faithlink
3:00 p.m. Love Unites: ESR
5:45 p.m. Wesley Bells Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. 1st Fox Hill Family Choir Practice

Thursday

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

Saturday

9:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Sisters in Christ: Faithlink
6:00 p.m. Elevate Youth: The Collective
7:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal: Sanctuary

Scouts

Tuesdays: 6:30 p.m. Pack 151 Meeting: FH
7 p.m. Scout Troop 151: FH

3rd Thursday 6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 1038: Ed Wing

2nd & 4th Friday 6 p.m. Crew 1151 Meeting: Tri-X

AA Meetings

Wednesdays & Fridays - 6 p.m.

Buckroe New Hope AA Group: FH - Kitchen

Saturdays - 9 a.m.

Buckroe Men's AA Group: FH - Kitchen

UMW

Thursday Morning Circle: 1st Thurs., 10 a.m.: FH

UMM

Dinner and Meeting: 3rd Mon., 6:30 p.m.: FH

Check the bulletin and weekly emails for calendar updates. Meeting times and dates may change during the summer and/or holidays.