

First United Methodist Church Fox Hill

Sunday, October 25, 2026



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

Laity Sunday
Ron Mayo preaching 9am
Melanie Souder preaching 10:30am

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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

October 25, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

When we are afraid

God's grace gives us courage

When life is hard

God's grace gives us peace

When our brain is cluttered and confused

God's grace gives us clarity

God is always with us

May His grace cover and protect us

*Hymn	UMH 79	"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"
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Children's Time		Cindy Robinson
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Offering Prayer and Offertory

Stewardship Moment		Jane Barbour
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*Doxology	UMH 95	"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"
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*Hymn	UMH 75	"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"
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Prayer of Confession		Prayer by Bishop Kenneth Carter
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**Lord Jesus Christ,
you became weak so that we might be strong;
you poured yourself out so that we might be filled;
your body was broken so that we might be fed;
you died upon a cross so that we might live.
And yet your ways are not our ways.
Save us from our strengths.
Place within us a hunger for righteousness
and a thirst for justice.
Remind us that in giving we receive.
Keep us near the cross,
a sign of judgment and hope,
of forgiveness and new life. 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.

Morning Prayer		Jane Barbour
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Lord's Prayer

Anthem	"Deep River" Hayes	First Fox Hill Family Choir & Howard Salake, Bass Solo
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Scripture	Ephesians 2:4-10	
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Sermon	"Grace vs. Justice"	Ron Mayo
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Commitment Moment		"Come Thou Almighty King"
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*Hymn	UMH 61	
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*Benediction		"Blessed Be the Name"
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*Benediction Response	UMH 63	
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Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.

MODERN WORSHIP SERVICE

October 25, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Let us quiet our hearts and lift our eyes to the One who is always nearby.

We worship with confidence, knowing that God is with us wherever we go.

He is with us in every season and every circumstance.

We come to worship the Lord with gladness and thanksgiving.

*Worship Songs

“Liberator”

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

“Open Up the Heavens”

Andi Rozier | James Macdonald | Jason Ingram | Meredith Andrews | Stuart Garrard

“Who You Say I Am”

Ben Fielding | Reuben Morgan

Offering Prayer and Offertory

Stewardship Momment

Jane Barbour

Scripture

Genesis 28:10-17; Psalm 139:7-10; 1 Kings 19:11-13; Joshua 1:9

Sermon

“The Quiet Presence: Finding Peace Where You Stand”

Melanie Souder

Reflection

“God With Us”

Jason Ingram | Leslie Jordan

Worship Team

Commitment Moment

Morning Prayer

Judy Adams

The Lord's Prayer

*Benediction

"Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you."

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.



Prayers for

Sours family
Sue & Jack Morehouse
Kassandra Brown

Betty Knaub
Nanci Browning
Brian Eubank, Sr.

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Laity Sunday

Today is both stewardship and laity Sunday. Laity Sunday is the service, usually in October, when the people of the church lead the entire service. Of course, every Sunday, our service could not happen without laity – from the liturgists, to the choir, to the a/v system, ushers, and the hundreds of things that require extra hands, we would not have a meaningful service, but Laity Sunday is a special date when we can experience together how much our people do and provide.

Stewardship Sunday

Today is also be stewardship Sunday. In addition to our annual pledge, when we consider our yearly giving to God through our church, we will also be offering a time and talents survey, where we can consider places to serve.

Charge Conference

Charge Conference will take place at **4pm at St. James UMC on Queen street on Sunday, November 1.** All are welcome, but we particularly encourage lay servants, council members, and anyone who wants to learn more about our local churches and how we work together locally and on a state level.

All Saints' Day

All Saints' Day this year is also **Sunday, November 1, both services.** All Saints' is a day to remember the great cloud of witnesses who cheer us on the race of faith. You are encouraged to bring a photo of saints in your life, or some other memorabilia that reminds you of them. We will have a table in the Narthex where you can meet the saints of our church.

Prayer Convocation - Sunday, November 1, 7pm.

Pastor Brian would like to invite our congregation to come out for a prayer gathering following charge conference on Nov 1. The purpose of the gathering is to pray for God's help, and the Holy Spirit's discernment as we plan for the future of our youth ministries and second service. If you would like, please come at 6pm and eat dinner with the youth before gathering in the fellowship hall for a time of prayer and discernment together at 7pm. Plan for an hour or less unless the Holy Spirit gets us moving in a powerful way!

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox

Please consider participating in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child by packing a Shoebox with small gifts and donating \$10.00. Each "Gospel Opportunity" Box seeks to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way. As a follow-up, recipients participate in a 12 lesson discipleship course. Over 12.2 million boxes packed worldwide in Jesus' name were delivered to 170 countries around the world in 2025. Of those, 40,511 were sent from the Virginia Peninsula area. Our church total was 42 boxes sent. **See display in the Narthex** for free boxes and label/donation envelopes. Please be sure to identify on the label the child's correct age and gender.

Returned filled boxes to the display table area no later than Sunday, Nov. 22, 2026. For more information contact Mary Jane King 757-851-8628 or mjking757@gmail.com

Fifty Plus Announcement

Plan to join us on **Saturday afternoon, Dec 12**, when we will travel to **Williamsburg Community Chapel** for their presentation of **Praise**, a fun afternoon of Christmas music by their combined choirs and orchestra with some time for sing-along. We were invited by our long-time friend and past FUMC FH member Linda Poinsett who will be singing. Afterward we will stop to eat. **Price is just \$3 plus your meal.**

Coming in **January** will be our **annual breakfast**. Watch for details.

Mark your calendar! Coming on **Sunday afternoon, February 21**, will be the opportunity to experience **Come From Away, performed by Theatre CNU** in partnership with Virginia Stage Company. On September 11th, 2001, thirty-eight planes carrying nearly 7,000 passengers are diverted to the tiny town of Gander, Newfoundland. This acclaimed Broadway hit tells the remarkable true story of kindness in the face of crisis. With a soaring score and an ensemble cast playing dozens of characters, the play celebrates the generosity that can appear when we need it most. And reminds us how deeply connected we really are. **Don't miss out; reserve now! Cost is just \$12** plus your meal afterwards.

Contact Anne or Bill Bryan with your ideas and for sign-ups. You can do so in person, at abandbb1@cox.net, or by phone to 757-851-0748.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, October 25

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service/Livestream
 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
 5:30 p.m. Elevate Youth Night: Pumpkin Patch
 6:00 p.m. Junior Youth: Ed Wing

Monday, October 26

10:00 a.m. Yoga Group: FH Stage
 1:00 p.m. "The Book" Club: Tri-X Room
 6:00 p.m. Phoebus Women's Club Meeting: Faithlink

Tuesday, October 27

8:00 a.m. Facilities Team Workday
 10:00 a.m. Shawl Makers: ESR
 11:00 a.m. Bagging for Food Pantry
 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 151 Meeting: FH
 7:00 p.m. BSA Troop 151 Meeting: FH

Wednesday, October 28

9:30 a.m. Soul Sisters: Faithlink
 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting: Tri-X Room
 12:00 p.m. Food Pantry
 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

Thursday, October 29

11:00 a.m. Hour of Prayer: Tri-X Room
 4:00 p.m. TABS: Tri-X Room
 6:00 p.m. Karate for Christ: FH Stage

Friday, October 30

6:00 p.m. Buckroe New Hope AA Group: FH Kitchen
 7:00 p.m. Elevate Youth: Halloween Party @Phoebus UMC

Saturday, October 31

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: Youth Room

Next Sunday

November 1, 2026 All Saints'
 "Unexpected Power Through Unexpected People"
 Joshua 3:7-17, 1 Thess. 2:9-13

Attendance:

October 18, 2026

In person: **102**
 9:00 a.m. Service 72
 10:30 a.m. Service 30

Internet Live Streaming: **54**
 9:00 a.m. Service 41
 10:30 a.m. Service 13

Tithes & Offerings:

Total One Fund: \$4,249.84
 Year to Date: \$347,158.63

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Last Week: \$ 0.00
 Year to Date: \$ 1,937.00

Roof Fund

Last Week: \$ 200.00
 Year to Date: \$ 7,001.00

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Worship Assistants for October 25, 2026

October Ushers	9:00 a.m.: Fred Foster (Capt.), Rick Nolin, Jeanne Chapman, *, * 10:30 a.m.: Dave Sharp (Capt.), Daniel Clark, Elevate Youth
Liturgist	9:00 a.m.: Jim Bly 10:30 a.m.: Melanie Souder
Ambassadors	9:00 a.m.: Nancy Geith & Joann Smith 10:30 a.m.: *
Night Watchmen	10/25 Ryan Tuttle, 11/01 Mark Robinson, 11/08 Marc Nadeau

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