



Welcome to First United Methodist Church Fox Hill

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

December 24, 2023

Sunday's Schedule

- 9:00 a.m. Faithlink Class: Classroom
- 9:00 a.m. Searchers Class: FH Stage Zoom Passcode: 000846
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service: In-Person/Livestream
- 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Carols & Communion Family Service
- 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Carols & Communion Service



We continue to pray for our housebound, those with chronic conditions that may require ongoing treatment, and those unspoken prayers.



“Make Me a Present!”

Announcements

Christmas Eve

Please join us for one of our evening Christmas Eve services – either at 4pm or 6pm. 4pm will feature our children's choir again, and 6pm will feature our adult choir.

Next Sunday, New Years Eve

Next Sunday will be a single 10am service again. Pastor Tommy will bring the word. Pastor Brian will be with his daughter in Santa Fe from Christmas day to New Years' Eve. The following Sunday, January 7, we will go back to our regular 9 and 10:30 schedule.

Year-end Donations

All cash or check donations which you wish to be counted in 2023 should be received in the church (or postmarked) by **Sunday, Dec 31**. On-line donations must be processed by **Dec 31**. Thank you for your support.

Youth Group Clean Up

We are only a week away from moving some of our group into the (much larger) middle school room. We ask that you please have all personal items or items for your group removed by December 29th. We will have a group cleaning out the room on December 30th at 3pm. There are a couple of heavy items to get out and we could use the help of some strong individuals! If you would like to help out please contact Larissa Luma at larissa@firstumcfoxhill.org.

Fifty Plus – 2023

We have secured an extension of the deadline to sign-up for our April 10-13, 2024 trip to Charleston, SC. We have only a few seats left and need to close those by Jan 9. First come, first served. Flyers and reservation forms are on the rack next to the Welcome Desk in the Narthex. **Don't miss out; reserve now!**

Watch the bulletin for additional announcements. Contact Anne or Bill Bryan to sign-up -- in person, at abandbb1@cox.net, or by phone to 757-851-0748.

December 24 2023, 10:00 a.m.
Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols

Welcome and Announcements

*Prelude “God with Us” Worship Team
All Sons & Daughters

* Call to Worship

Advent is a time to bind up the broken hearted.

Come, Lord, and make all things new.

For past wrongs that prevent us from moving forward:

Come, Lord, and make all things new.

For any bitterness that scratches our soul:

Come, Lord, and make all things new.

For relationships left in decay and neglect:

Come, Lord, and make all things new.

For any action that has wounded us or by which we have wounded others:

Grant that we might have the peace of Christ as we wait, the love of Christ as we act, and the grace of Christ as we speak.

* Choral Introit “Christ Be Our Light”
Farrell

Advent Candle Lighting

Andrew & A’anna Blackmon

This morning we light four candles. The **first candle** is the light of hope for those in times of waiting. The **second candle** is the light of hope for those who are wearied by the circumstances of life. The **third candle** is the light of hope for those eagerly watching for God’s promised glory. The **fourth candle** is the light of hope for those who carry the wounds of life.

Today we acknowledge our pain and the pain we have caused others. As the light shines, we turn to the Savior who came to rescue the lost, to help the hurting, and to bind up the broken.

* Choral Response “Christ Be Our Light” (Refrain)
Farrell

* Lessons and Carols 1st Reading Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23

Anthem “Heavenly Peace” First Fox Hill Family Choir
Raney

Offering Prayer and Offertory “King of Kings” Worship Team
Hillsong Worship

* Doxology UMH 72 “Gloria, Gloria”

* Lessons and Carols 2nd Reading Isaiah 9:6

* Carol UMH 234 “O Come, All Ye Faithful” (vss. 1, 3)

Lessons and Carols 3rd Reading Luke 2: 8-11

* Carol “Joy to the World/ Shout for Joy” Children’s Choir
Paul Baloche

* Lessons and Carols 4th Reading Isaiah 9:2; 60:1-3

Prayer of Confession

Lord, there is a gap between the way the world is and the way you want it to be. That same gap exists in me. Forgive me when I ignore or gloss over the gap within and beyond myself. Help me strive for a closer walk with you so that I can help You bring about a closer walk with others, for this I pray in Jesus’ name. 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 & Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Tommy

Lessons and Carols

5th Reading

Isaiah 40:9

* Carol

FWS 2092

“Like a Child”

Sermon

“Make Me a Present!”

Pastor Brian

* Carol

UMH 246

“Joy to the World”

* Benediction

Pastor Brian

May God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be present to us this week so that we can share the presence of God with everyone we meet. So be it – Amen.

* Benediction Response

UMH 400

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (vs. 1)”

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able



Poinsettia Dedications

In Honor of

Joyce Wilson

Given by Woody Wilson

Gail Gulla

Given by Don & Bonnie Hulton

Bill & Anne Bryan

Given by Ed & Joyce Fly

In Memory of

Bonnie H. Brown

Given by Randy, Michael, Bill,
Colleen, & Cailin Brown

Wayne Grigg

Given by Judy Grigg Adams

Judy Dale Adams

Given by Michael Adams

Our Parents

Given by Jane & Jesse Barbour

Bob & Esther Branstetter; Mike
Branstetter; Bobby & Mary Smith
Given by Jim Branstetter

Mom, Dad, & Big Bro
Given by Dave Sharp



Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve

- 9:00 a.m. Faithlink Class: Classroom
- 9:00 a.m. Searchers Class: FH Stage/Zoom Passcode: 000846
- 9:00 a.m.. Rise Children's Ministry: Ed Wing
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service: In-Person/Livestream
- 11:45 a.m. Worship Team Rehearsal: Vocalist and Band
- 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Carols & Communion Family Service
- 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Carols & Communion Service

Monday, December 25 Christmas Day

Church Office Closed until Tuesday, January 2

Tuesday, December 26

- 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, December 27

- 9:30 a.m. Soul Sisters: Faithlink Room
- 12:00 p.m. Food Pantry
- 4:00 p.m. Love Unites: Faithlink Room
- 5:45 p.m. Wesley Bells Rehearsal: Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. 1st Fox Hill Family Choir Practice: Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Buckroe New Hope AA Group: FH Kitchen

Thursday, December 28

- 10:00 a.m. Venture Crew Holiday Overnighter (until 12/30)
- 11:00 a.m. Pastor Tommy's Reunion Group
- 4:30 p.m. TABS: Tri-X Room
- 6:00 p.m. Karate for Christ: FH Stage
- 6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 1051G: FH Kitchen

Friday, December 29

- 6:00 p.m. Buckroe New Hope AA Group: FH Kitchen
- 6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 1038 Meeting: Ed Wing

Saturday, December 30

- 9:00 a.m. Buckroe Men's AA Group: FH Kitchen
- 9:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Prayers: Faithlink Room
- 3:00 p.m. Youth Room Clean Out

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Next Sunday:
December 31

10 am Single Service with Pastor Tommy



Psalm 139:1-18 "Hope for the New Year"

Last Week's Attendance 12/17/2023

<u>In person</u>	<u>112</u>
9:00 a.m. Service	77
10:30 a.m. Service	35
Sunday School	55
<u>Internet Live Streaming</u>	<u>153</u>
9:00 a.m.:	90
10:30 a.m.:	55

Last Week's Tithes & Offerings

Total One Fund:	\$ 11, 140.23
Year to Date:	\$ 536,933.29

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Last Week:	\$ 10.00
Year to Date:	\$ 3,351.10

Worship Assistants for December 24, 2023

December Ushers	9:00 a.m.: Calvin Leary (Capt.), Jean Pickin, Bill Drummond, Susan Morehouse, Mike May 10:30 a.m.: Dave Sharp (Capt.), Daniel Clark
Liturgist	9:00 a.m.: Joyce Winston 10:30 a.m.: Andi Meyer-Orozco
Projection	9:00 a.m.: Mary Parker 10:30 a.m.:
Sound & Lights	9:00 a.m.: Tom Hite 10:30 a.m.: Joey & Andi Meyer-Orozco
Camera/ Video	9:00 a.m.: John Payne 10:30 a.m.: Rama Clement
Livestream	9:00 a.m.: Jim Branstetter 10:30 a.m.: Jim Branstetter
Ambassadors	9:00 a.m.: 12/24 Nancy Geith & Joann Smith
Night Watchmen	12/24 Joey Meyer-Orozco, 12/31 Calvin Leary, 1/7 Fred Foster

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 Youth Director/Worship Team Leader: Larissa Luma - Larissa@firstumcfoxhill.org
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