



Welcome to First United Methodist Church Fox Hill

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

December 3, 2023

Sunday's Schedule

9:00 a.m.	Traditional Service: In-Person/ <u>Livestream</u>
10:30 a.m.	Modern Service: In-Person/ <u>Livestream</u>
10:30 a.m.	Faithlink Class: Classroom
10:30 a.m.	<u>Searchers</u> Class: FH Stage Zoom Passcode: 000846
10:30 a.m.	Rise Children's Ministry: Ed Wing
6:00 p.m.:	Elevate Youth Fellowship
6:30 p.m.	Shepherds Ministry Meeting: Tri-X Room



Luke 2:21-38 & I Tim. 3:16
"Who Are You Waiting For?"



- The Francis/Miller family in the loss of Peggy Miller

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

Announcements

Youth Group Clean Up

Our youth group is growing and we need more space! We will be moving some of our group into the (much larger) middle school room. It has turned into a bit of a storage area so 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.

Children's Choir

We will be having a children's choir sing at the 10am and 4pm Christmas services. If you would like to have your child, grandchild, or any other child in your life join us, we will be holding rehearsals on the following dates: 12/10 @ noon, 12/17 @ noon, 12/20 @ 6pm, 12/23 @ 6pm. If you have any questions please contact Larissa Luma at larissa@firstumcfoxhill.org.

ChristmasGIVING for Our Incredible Staff

The joyous Christmas season is a time for happiness and GIVING. Please join us in recognizing and supporting our fabulous staff. They give tirelessly to enrich our spiritual lives preparing the message, a song, a bulletin, a beautiful musical selection or a powerful prayer. Other staff members provide a nurturing safe place to leave our children during church services and special events, enhance the spiritual development of our youth, make sure all our bills are paid, and maintain a clean and safe environment.

Please join us in GIVING to the Staff Christmas Bonus Fund now through December 17. Make sure to note "Staff Christmas Bonus Fund" on your envelope or online donation.

Our staff are exceptionally talented and skilled, and the ChristmasGIVING staff bonus is a good way to show our appreciation.

Sincerely, Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee

December 3, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

Traditional Service

Prelude		
Welcome and Announcements		
* Call to Worship		
Advent is a time for the human heart to wait, while trusting God's eternal time.		
How long, O Lord, how long?		
For those waiting for answered prayer:		
Grant your steadfast patience.		
For those waiting in the face of uncertainty:		
Grant unshakable confidence in your sovereign provision.		
For those waiting for justice and mercy to reign:		
Grant a glimpse of your glory in our wounded world.		
For all of us waiting for God's kingdom to come:		
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		Steve Phillips
This morning we light the first candle which reminds us that throughout history, God's people have spent time waiting, wandering and wondering about the timing of God's eternal plan. Like the people of old, we long for God's presence to illuminate the areas of life where we are called to wait. This morning we echo the words of the Psalmist, "Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!" (Psalm 27:14)		
Choral Response	"Christ Be Our Light" Farrell	(Refrain)
* Hymn	UMH 211	"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (vss. 1, 3, 6)
Children's Time		Mark Biondolillo
Offering Prayer and Offertory		
* Doxology	UMH 72	"Gloria, Gloria"
* Hymn	UMH 216	"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"
Pastoral Prayer		Wayne Lewis
Anthem	"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" Holst	Jane Barbour & Bill Brown, Soloists First Fox Hill Family Choir
Scripture	Luke 2:21-38; I Tim. 3:16	
Sermon	"Who Are You Waiting For?"	Mark Biondolillo
Invitation to the Table		UMH p. 12
Prayer of Confession		
Passing the Peace		
The Great Thanksgiving		
Lord's Prayer		Pastor Tommy
The Lord's Supper		
* Hymn	UMH 196	"Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (vs. 1)
* Benediction		Mark Biondolillo
Come again, Lord Jesus, Christ, to reign over the earth in truth and justice. Bless your people with an expectation of awe for the glories yet to come when You are truly manifest as the King of the Earth. Maranatha! Amen.		
* Benediction Response	UMH 196	"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (vs. 2)
Postlude		

*Please stand as you are able

December 3, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Modern Service

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Andi & Joey Meyers-Orozco

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* Songs

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

"Away In A Manger"

"We Bow Down"

Offering Prayer and Offering

Scripture

Luke 2:21-38; I Tim. 3:16

Sermon

"Who Are You Waiting For?"

Mark Biondolillo

Reflection

"Silent Night"

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Blessing over the Meal

Lord's Prayer

Pastor Tommy

The Lord's Supper

Pastoral Prayer

Wayne Lewis

* Benediction

Mark Biondolillo

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Christmas Dinner/Theatre

The United Methodist Women are sponsoring a Christmas Dinner/Theatre on **Saturday (corrected day), Dec. 9 at 6 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. The dinner will be served and entertainment provided by our Youth Group. **Tickets (\$15)** will be **available in the Narthex this Sunday, Dec. 3**, and from the UMW leadership. Proceeds from the sale will go to the youth of our church. Questions: Contact Karen McNeil (757) 570-0737.

Angel Tree

Once again we are participating in collecting gifts for our Angel Tree. We currently still have 20 angels that have not been adopted. If you would like to adopt an Angel, give a cash donation, towards the purchase of the requested gifts, reach out to Sandy Chong, 757-749-0028 or sandra.chong@hampton.gov. All gifts, unwrapped, will have to be returned to the church by **Monday, December 4**, and can be placed around the tree in the Narthex. Thank you!

Sandy Chong



Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 3

- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Service: In-Person/Livestream
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- 10:30 a.m. Rise Children's Ministry: Ed Wing
- 6:00 p.m.: Elevate Youth Fellowship
- 6:30 p.m. Shepherds Ministry Meeting: Tri-X Room

Monday, December 4

- 10:00 a.m. Holy Yoga: FH Stage
- 10:00 a.m. Tri-X Monday School: Tri-X Room
- 1:00 p.m. Monday Bible Study Group: Tri-X Room

Tuesday, December 5

- 10:00 a.m. Shawl Makers: ESR
- 10:30 a.m. Staff Christmas Lunch
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 151 Meeting: FH
- 7:00 p.m. BSA Troop 151 Meeting: FH

Wednesday, December 6

- 9:30 a.m. Soul Sisters: Faithlink Room
- 4:00 p.m. Love Unites: Faithlink Room
- 5:45 p.m. Wesley Bells Rehearsal: Sanctuary
- 6:15 p.m. Venture Crew 1151 Board Review: Tri-X Room
- 7:00 p.m. 1st Fox Hill Family Choir Practice: Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Elevate Youth Bible Study: 2nd Fl Ed Wing
- 7:00 p.m. Buckroe New Hope AA Group: FH Kitchen

Thursday, December 7

- 10:00 a.m. Holy Yoga: FH Kitchen
- 10:00 a.m. UMW Thursday Morning Circle: FH Stage
- 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
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal Sanctuary

Friday, December 8

- 9:30 a.m. Women in the Word: Faithlink
- 6:00 p.m. Buckroe New Hope AA Group
- 6:00 p.m. BSA Crew 1151 Meeting: Tri-X Room
- 6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 1038 Meeting: Ed Wing

Saturday, December 9

- 9:00 a.m. Buckroe Men's AA Group
- 9:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Prayers: Faithlink Room
- 10:00 a.m. Music Sunday Rehearsal: Sanctuary
- 1:00 p.m. Fifty Plus Outing: Smithfield Little Theatre
- 6:00 p.m. UMW Christmas Banquet: FH

Next Sunday

December 10, 2023



Isaiah 40:1-11, Mark 1:1-8
"The Present Shepherd"



MUSIC SUNDAY

Sunday, December 10 at 2:30 pm

Last Week's Attendance 11/26/2023

<u>In person</u>	<u>120</u>
9:00 a.m. Service	95
10:30 a.m. Service	25
Sunday School	50
<u>Internet Live Streaming</u>	<u>117</u>
9:00 a.m.:	66
10:30 a.m.:	51

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Last Week's Tithes & Offerings

Total One Fund:	\$ 6,545.73
Year to Date:	\$ 503,395.12

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Last Week:	\$ 30.00
Year to Date:	\$ 3,165.10

Worship Assistants for December 3, 2023

December Ushers	9:00 a.m.: Calvin Leary (Capt.), Jean Pickin, Bill Brummond, 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.: Hunter Francis 10:30 a.m.: Joey & Andi Meyer-Orozco
Camera/ Video	9:00 a.m.: John Payne 10:30 a.m.: Mike Williams
Livestream	9:00 a.m.: Jim Branstetter 10:30 a.m.: Jim Branstetter
Ambassadors	9:00 a.m.: 12/3 Fred & Kay Foster 12/10 Joann Smith & Anne Bryan 10:30 a.m.: 12/3 Lynn Landrum 12/10 Judy & Mike Adams
Night Watchmen	12/3 Steve Phillips, 12/10 Hunter Francis, 12/17 Dave Rogers

Pastor: Brian Sixbey - PastorBrian@firstumcfoxhill.org
 Assistant Pastor: Tommy Markham - PastorTommy@firstumcfoxhill.org
 Youth Director/Worship Team Leader: Larissa Luma - Larissa@firstumcfoxhill.org
 Music Director/Organist: Mark Biondolillo - musicianmark@firstumcfoxhill.org
 Office Manager: Kassandra Brown - churchoffice@firstumcfoxhill.org
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