

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOX HILL

Welcome

May 7, 2023



Acts 15: 1-11

"The Author of Transformation"

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May 7, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
Traditional Service

Prelude		
Welcome and Announcements		
* Call to Worship		
Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, The LORD alone. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, And with all your soul, and with all your might. We offer praise and honor and glory to God today!		
* Hymn	UMH 365	“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”
Children’s Time		Pastor Brian
Offering Prayer and Offertory		
* Doxology	UMH 71	“Glory Be to the Father”
* Hymn	UMH 359	“Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed”
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Tommy
Anthem	“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” Larson	1st Fox Hill Family Choir
Scripture	Acts 15: 1-11	
Sermon	“The Author of Transformation”	Pastor Brian
Invitation to the Table		UMH 12
Prayer of Confession		
Passing the Peace		
The Great Thanksgiving		Setting “A” UMH 17
Lord’s Prayer		Pastor Tommy
The Lord’s Supper		
Prayer after Communion		
* Hymn	UMH 361	“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” (vss. 1, 2)
* Benediction		Pastor Brian
Christ is Risen! Christ is making all things new! Christ is risen indeed! And transformation is possible in Christ’s power!		
* Benediction Response	UMH 393	“Spirit of the Living God”
Postlude		

*Please stand as you are able



- Colleen Wootten
- Julio Aviles: Knee Surgery on Monday, May 8
- Neighbors M&C: Kathy Fisher

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

The Women’s Fellowship of Circumstances

The Women’s Fellowship of Circumstances will meet Wednesday, May 17, 12:00 noon at Olive Garden. Let me know before Monday, May 15, whether or not you will be joining us! Gboone2@cox.net or Phone: 757-851-3109.

Thanks,
Evelyn

May 7, 2023, 10:30 a.m.
Modern Service

Prelude		
Welcome and Announcements		
* Call to Worship		
Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God,		
The LORD alone.		
You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart,		
And with all your soul, and with all your might.		
We offer praise and honor and glory to God today!		
* Songs		
	“My Testimony”	
	Elevation Worship	
	“Graves into Gardens”	
	Brandon Lake	
	“Oceans”	
	Hillsong United	
Offering Prayer and Offering		
Children’s Time		Pastor Brian
Scripture	Acts 15: 1-11	
Sermon	“The Author of Transformation”	Pastor Brian
Invitation to the Lord’s Table		
Blessing over the Meal		
The Lord’s Supper		
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Tommy
Lord’s Prayer		
Reflection	“O Come to the Altar”	Worship Team
	Elevation Worship	
* Benediction		Pastor Brian
	Christ is Risen! Christ is making all things new!	
	Christ is risen indeed! And transformation is possible in Christ’s power!	
Postlude		
	*Please stand as you are able	

Scripture: (Acts 15:1-11, NRSV): Then certain individuals came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question with the apostles and the elders. So they were sent on their way by the church, and as they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, they reported the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the believers. When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them.

But some believers who belonged to the sect of the Pharisees stood up and said, "It is necessary for them to be circumcised and ordered to keep the law of Moses." The apostles and the elders met together to consider this matter. After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, "My brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that I should be the one through whom the Gentiles would hear the message of the good news and become believers. And God, who knows the human heart, testified to them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us; and in cleansing their hearts by faith he has made no distinction between them and us. Now therefore why are you putting God to the test by placing on the neck of the disciples a yoke that neither our ancestors nor we have been able to bear? On the contrary, we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will."

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, May 7

- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Service: In-Person & Livestream
- 9:30 a.m. Intergenerational: Ed Wing 2nd Floor
- 10:15 a.m. Faithlink Class: Classroom
- 10:15 a.m. Searchers Class: FH Stage & Zoom Passcode: 000846
- 10:30 a.m. Modern Service: In-Person & Livestream
- 5:00 p.m. Elevate Youth Fellowship: Ed Wing 2nd Floor
- 6:30 p.m. Shepherds Ministry: Tri-X Room
- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class: Faithlink Room

Monday, May 8

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

Tuesday, May 9

- 9:00 a.m. Women in the Word: Faithlink Room
- 10:00 a.m. Shawl Makers: ESR
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 151 Meeting: FH
- 7:00 p.m. BSA Troop 151 Meeting: FH

Wednesday, May 10

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

Thursday, May 11

- 10:00 a.m. Holy Yoga: FH Kitchen
- 10:00 a.m. UWF Mission Sisters: 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
- 7:00 p.m. Elevate Youth Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Ambassador Meeting: Choir Room

Friday, May 12

- 6:00 p.m. BSA Crew 1151 Meeting: Tri-X Room
- 6:00 p.m. Buckroe New Hope AA Group: FH Kitchen
- 6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 1038 Meeting: Ed Wing

Saturday, May 13

- 9:00 a.m. Buckroe Men's AA Group: FH Kitchen
- 9:00 a.m. Study of Jesus Following Easter: Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Eagle Court of Honor Ceremony: Sanctuary & FH
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal: Vocalists

Fifty Plus

Only a few seats left; cannot guarantee any after April 30. Don't miss the **Sunday afternoon, June 4, Little Theatre of Virginia Beach** presentation of Agatha Christie's ***Murder on the Orient Express***. "Just after midnight, a snowdrift stops the Orient Express in its tracks. The luxurious train is surprisingly full for the time of the year, but by the morning it is one passenger fewer. An American tycoon lies dead in his compartment, stabbed a dozen times, his door locked from the inside. Isolated and with a killer in their midst, the passengers rely on detective Hercule Poirot to identify the murderer – in case he or she decides to strike again." **This show is likely to sell out.** Afterwards we'll stop for dinner. **Price is \$17 plus your meal.**

Ask your questions or make your reservations with Anne and Bill Bryan at abandbb1@cox.net, or by phone to 757-851-0748.

Last Week's Attendance 4/30/2023

<u>In person</u>	<u>134</u>
9:00 a.m. Service	98
10:30 a.m. Service:	36
Sunday School:	56
<u>Internet Live Streaming</u>	<u>110</u>
9:00 a.m.:	69
10:30 a.m.:	41

Last Week's Tithes & Offerings

Total One Fund:	\$ 9,766.46
Year to Date:	\$ 179,727.56

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Last Week:	<u>\$ 45.00</u>
Year to Date:	<u>\$ 924.00</u>

Worship Assistants for May 7, 2023

May Ushers	9:00 a.m.: Richard Shearer (Capt.), Bill Bryan, Brian Eubank Sr., Dave Sharp 10:30 a.m.: Dave Sharp (Capt.), Evelyn Graybeal, Julianna McDonald, Mason Gilbert, Elijah Nadeau
Liturgist	9:00 a.m.: Tom Hite 10:30 a.m.: Janet Coe
Projection	9:00 a.m.: Mary Parker 10:30 a.m.: Ajaylen Wright
Sound & Lights	9:00 a.m.: Jim Bly 10:30 a.m.: Joey & Andi Meyer-Orozco
Camera/Video	9:00 a.m.: John Payne/Callum McDonald 10:30 a.m.: Mike Williams
Livestream	9:00 a.m.: Jim Branstetter 10:30 a.m.: Rama Clement
Ambassadors	9:00 a.m.: 5/7 Kay & Fred Foster 5/14 Joann Smith & Anne Bryan 10:30 a.m.: 5/7 Lynn Landrum 5/14 Judy Grigg
Night Watchmen	5/7 Jesse Barbour, 5/14 Ron Mayo, 5/21 Ben Benham

Next Sunday

Mother's Day

May 14, 2023

Philippians 2:1-13

"Transformation into Jesus' Likeness"