



First United Methodist Church Fox Hill

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

# Laity Sunday

October 15, 2023



Ps. 106:1, 1 Cor. 13:4-8, & 2 Tim 1:13  
“Rise Up! – And Remain Committed to  
Love’s Teachings”

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October 15, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

Traditional Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\* Call to Worship

We are called to hold tight to words that bring life.

**We know God is speaking good news through scripture, song, and neighbors, both known and new to us.**

We listen for grace at work in everything, for good, for life.

**We know wise words serve Love's purpose.**

In all we say and do, we are learning what it means to be faithful – as those called “to serve and witness in deeds and words that heal and free.”

**We thank God for the good news of Jesus' love and healing words of life.**

\* Hymn UMH 576 “Rise Up, O Men of God”

Children's Time Joyce Winston

Offering Prayer and Offertory Judy Grigg Adams

\* Doxology UMH 95 “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

\* Hymn UMH 410 “I Want a Principle Within”

Prayer of Confession Jane Barbour

**PRAISE THE LORD! Give thanks to the Lord because He is good, His faithful love endures forever. Happy are those who trust in God's word, for the sting of pain and sorrow will not remove us from You. You have set our feet upon a firm foundation of Christ, therefore we can withstand whatever comes our way. A foundation based on You, Father, produces steadfast faith and life. We pray our crooked paths be made straight and our shaky ground be made firm by Your perpetual presence. All praise and glory be lifted to You, God of the Universe. 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 & Lord's Prayer Jane Barbour

Anthem “As the Deer”  
Nystrom First Fox Hill Family Choir

Scripture Psalm 106:1, 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, & 2 Timothy 1:13

Sermon “Rise Up! – And **Remain** Committed to Love's Teachings” Tom Hite

\* Hymn UMH 420 “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” (vss. 1-3)

\* Benediction Tom Hite

Go into the world, sharing healthy words that bring life, always bearing witness to Love's pattern of patience, mercy, and saving grace.

**May God Our Savior – Creator, Redeemer, and Spirit of Life – be with us all today and every day. Amen.**

\* Benediction Response UMH 420 “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” (vs. 4)

Postlude

\*Please stand as you are able



*A Loss*  
for a church family member



We extend our condolences to Ruth Simpkins and family in the death of her beloved brother, Robert DeBoer.

**Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child**

Please consider participating in Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child by packing a Shoebox with small gifts. We packed and prayed for 42 of the 28,000 boxes sent from the Peninsula area last year. See the display in our Narthex for free boxes and labels/donation envelopes. You may also use your own cardboard or plastic box. Return filled boxes to the display table area **no later than Sunday, November 19, 2023**. For more information contact Mary Jane King 757-851-8628 or mjking757@gmail.com.

October 15, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Modern Service

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\* Songs

“God So Loved”

We the Kingdom

“Good, Good Father”

Chris Tomlin

“What a Beautiful Name”

Hillsong Worship

Offering Prayer and Offering

Shan Sixbey

Morning Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Jane Barbour

Scripture

Psalm 106:1, 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, & 2 Timothy 1:13

Sermon

“Rise Up! – And **Remain** Committed to Love's Teachings”

Tom Hite

Reflection

“10,000 Reasons”

Worship Team

Matt Redman

\* Benediction

Tom Hite

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### Final Report on Disaffiliation in the Virginia Annual Conference

On Saturday October 7th, a called Virginia Annual Conference was held to consider the ratification of 120 local churches seeking to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church over matters of human sexuality using Paragraph 2553 of the Book of Discipline.

These churches represented 5.6% of the membership of the Virginia Annual Conference and 7.36% of the total weekly worshipping population.

In a vote of 92% to 8%, these churches were given approval to continue the process. All disaffiliation action must be completed by December 7th. If this timeline is not met, a church will not be allowed to disaffiliate and keep their property.

The final total for churches disaffiliating in the Virginia Annual Conference since 2019 is 227 churches. These churches represent approximately 20% of all churches in the conference. In addition, they represent 10.58% of the membership of the conference and 14.44% of the total weekly worshipping population. In addition, 71 clergy have withdrawn from the conference.

The Virginia Annual Conference will still have 875 churches and will remain one of the largest annual conferences in the United States.

We now look forward to the General Conference which will be held beginning April 23, 2024 in Charlotte, NC. We will remain hopeful that the division in the United Methodist Church over the human sexuality issue can be resolved at this conference, so we can look forward to a bright future as Christians together.

Mike Williams

Lay Member to Annual Conference



## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, October 15 Laity Sunday Pumpkin Patch

#### Anchor Newsletter Deadline

- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Service: In-Person/Livestream
- 10:30 a.m. Modern Service: In-Person/Livestream
- 10:30 a.m. Faithlink Class: Classroom
- 10:30 a.m. Searchers Class: FH Stage/Zoom Passcode: 000846
- 10:30 a.m. Rise Children's Ministry: Ed Wing
- 3:00 p.m. Youth Group Leadership Meeting: FH
- 6:00 p.m. Elevate Youth Fellowship: Ed Wing 2nd Fl

### Monday, October 16 Pumpkin Patch

- 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. UMM Meeting: FH
- 7:15 p.m. UMM Presentation "Highjacked to Cuba": FH

### Tuesday, October 17 Pumpkin Patch

- 10:00 a.m. Shawl Makers: ESR
- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting: Tri-X Room
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 151 Meeting: FH
- 7:00 p.m. BSA Troop 151 Meeting: FH
- 7:00 p.m. PPSRC Meeting: Tri-X Room

### Wednesday, October 18 Pumpkin Patch

- 9:30 a.m. Soul Sisters: Faithlink Room
- 12:00 p.m. Fellowship of Circumstance for Women
- 4:00 p.m. Love Unites: Faithlink Room
- 5:45 p.m. Wesley Bells Rehearsal: Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Elevate Youth MS Study: Ed Wing
- 7:00 p.m. 1st Fox Hill Family Choir Practice: Choir Room
- 7:00 p.m. Buckroe New Hope AA Group: FH Kitchen

### Thursday, October 19 Pumpkin Patch

- 10:00 a.m. Holy Yoga: 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. Elevate Youth HS Study: Ed Wing

### Friday, October 20 Pumpkin Patch

- 9:30 a.m. Women in the Word: Faithlink
- 6:00 p.m. Buckroe New Hope AA Group: FH Kitchen
- 6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 1038 Meeting: Ed Wing

### Saturday, October 21 Pumpkin Patch

- 9:00 a.m. Buckroe Men's AA Group: FH Kitchen
- 9:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Prayers: Faithlink Room
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal: Vocalists

Next Sunday

October 22, 2023



Zechariah 7:8-14 & John 13:34-35  
"Loving Language"

#### Women's Fellowship of Circumstances

The Women's Fellowship of Circumstances will meet at Park Lane Tavern on Wednesday, October 18, 12:00 noon. We look forward to trying some of our old favorites or trying something different! **Give me a call or email by Monday, October 16**, whether or not you will be joining us! [gboone2@cox.net](mailto:gboone2@cox.net) or: 757-851-3109. Thanks, Evelyn

#### Worship Assistants for October 15, 2023

<b>October Ushers</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.:</b> Richard Shearer (Capt.), Bill Bryan, Brian Eubank, Dave Sharp <b>10:30 a.m.:</b> Dave Sharp (Capt.), Mason Gilbert, Elijah Nadeau
<b>Liturgist</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.:</b> Nancy Geith <b>10:30 a.m.:</b> Melanie Souder
<b>Projection</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.:</b> Mary Parker <b>10:30 a.m.:</b>
<b>Sound &amp; Lights</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.:</b> Jim Bly <b>10:30 a.m.:</b> Joey & Andi Meyer-Orozco
<b>Camera/Video</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.:</b> John Payne <b>10:30 a.m.:</b> Mike Williams
<b>Livestream</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.:</b> Jim Branstetter <b>10:30 a.m.:</b> Jim Branstetter
<b>Ambassadors</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.:</b> 10/15 LaRose Richardson & Lisa Hite 10/22 Nancy Geith & Joann Smith <b>10:30 a.m.:</b> 10/15 Lynn Landrum 10/22 Judy & Mike Adams
<b>Night Watchmen</b>	10/15 Mark Robinson, 10/22 Tom Hite, 10/29 Marc Nadeau



**Support  
First UMC  
Fox Hill**

#### Last Week's Attendance 10/08/2023

<b>In person</b>	<b>138</b>
9:00 a.m. Service	101
10:30 a.m. Service:	37
Sunday School:	63
<b>Internet Live Streaming</b>	<b>123</b>
9:00 a.m.:	74
10:30 a.m.:	49

#### Last Week's Tithes & Offerings

Total One Fund:	\$ 8,543.32
Year to Date:	\$ 418,239.62

#### Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Last Week:	\$ 40.00
Year to Date:	\$ 2,608.10

### Fifty Plus

We need early reservations for the **Williamsburg Players, Sunday afternoon, November 12, presentation of the musical *Mack and Mabel***. This is a Hollywood saga in the era of silent film, a time "when the movies were movies". **Price is \$18** plus dinner afterwards. **Note: We can't guarantee seats after Oct 15.**

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