First United Methodist Church Fox Hill

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

Welcome June 25, 2023





Romans 13:11 & Jude 1:3 "What Time Is It?"

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June 25, 2023, 9:00 a.m. Traditional Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

* Call to Worship

What time is it?

It's time to wake up!

Let us throw off the works of darkness.

We put on the armor of light!

Let us together worship the God of light and glory!

* Hymn UMH 573 "O Zion, Haste"

Children's Time Patty Biondolillo

Offering Prayer and Offertory "How Great Thou Art" Kyle Love, Harmonica Solo

* Doxology UMH 70 "Glory Be to the Father"

* Hymn UMH 363 "And Can It Be That I Should Gain" (vss. 1, 3-5)

Prayer of Confession

O Heavenly Father, we confess and ask forgiveness for bowing to the spirit of this age and allowing it to conform our thinking. Without the supremacy of Your Word ruling our hearts and minds, we have become like children tossed about by every spirit of doctrine and by the deceit of men. Cleanse our hearts by the washing of the water of the Word as we ingest it daily. We seek to be conformed-not to the world's wisdom that comes to nothing, but to the image of Christ, and Him alone. 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

Anthem: "Amazing Grace" Kyle Love, Harmonica Solo

Scripture Romans 13:11, Jude 1:3

Sermon "What Time Is It?" Mark and Patty Biondolillo

* Hymn UMH 577 "God of Grace and God of Glory" (vss. 1-3)

* Benediction Mark and Patty Biondolillo

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all, Amen!

* Benediction Response UMH 577 "God of Grace and God of Glory" (vs. 4)

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able

Church Council Meeting

The First UMC Fox Hill Church Council met on Monday night June 12, 2023 with council and church members present. All those in attendance were given ample time to speak and share their thoughts and concerns. At the end of the open discussion time, Council proceeded to an official vote reflecting a unanimous decision to remain as a United Methodist Church. The Council appreciates the member input that was so important in making this decision. We are blessed to have such a loving, caring and supportive church bound together so firmly in Christian love.

Sue Hughes

• Steve Phillips

• Bob DeBoer - Ruth Simkins' brother

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

June 25, 2023, 10:30 a.m. Modern Service

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* Songs "At Your Name"

Phil Wickham

"God So Loved" We The Kingdom

"God With Us"

All Sons & Daughters

Offering Prayer and Offering

Children's Time Patty Biondolillo

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer Pastor Tommy

Scripture Romans 13:11, Jude 1:3

Sermon "What Time Is It?" Mark and Patty Biondolillo

Reflection "What a Beautiful Name" Worship Team

Hillsong Worship

* Benediction

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Postlude

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Announcements

Beth Hughes Mission Trip to Cuba

I was flabbergasted at the amount of supplies that were received for the Cuba trip this past week. I had to use a wheelchair to deliver them all to my car. Thank you, everyone. We had our second meeting this past Saturday and found out we will be working on building new dormitories for those that come to Camp Canaan. This will involve a variety of work including moving concrete blocks and preparing cement. There will be other types of work that we will learn about on site. If anyone has these tools that you would like to donate, these are some needs for this project: regulation wrenches, construction tools, pick, float, masonry spoon, plumb line, work gloves, electric drill and a battery for a scooter.

Singles Lunch Group

Our next get together for the Singles group will be **this Sunday, June 25th at 11:00 a.m.** We will meet at Ricco's Pizza (55 W Mercury Blvd.). If you have any questions please feel free to call Nancy Geith at 757-761-4524. Hope to see you there.

Food Pantry

The Food Pantry team has always been so grateful for the support of the congregation in your donations of food items placed in the big red Food Pantry tub. Due to the sparse supply of items available at the Food Bank in recent months, we are asking, for those so inclined, for donations of canned chicken, canned tuna, and canned Chef Boyardee pasta products.

Appreciatively

Mary and the Food Pantry Team

Safe Sanctuaries Training and Screening

There will be a Safe Sanctuaries training class on **Wed. July 12, at 6:30 p.m.** Please contact the church office to register or if you have questions about your renewal.

Report On 241st Virginia Annual Conference by Mike Williams

The 241st Virginia Annual Conference was held in Roanoke, Virginia at the Berglund Center from 15-17 June 2023. I, along with Pastor Brian, Joyce Winston, Larissa Luma and 3 of our youth, Ajaylen Wright, Ferdinand and Tony Clement attended. The theme was "United as One in Mission".

The conference opened on Thursday with our new Bishop Sue Haupert-Johnson being introduced along with her family. It was nice to finally see her in person and to feed off of her enthusiasm for being assigned as the new Bishop of the Virginia Conference. I look forward to her leadership and her vision for the future of the United Methodist Church.

The Bishop's opening sermon stressed the need for us as church members to get outside the walls of our churches and witness to all those in and around our communities. She mentioned the diversity that we have in our churches and stressed that we are stronger when we include all the diverse groups in our community. Following her sermon, we celebrated communion. It was impressive to see approximately 1800 people celebrating communion together.

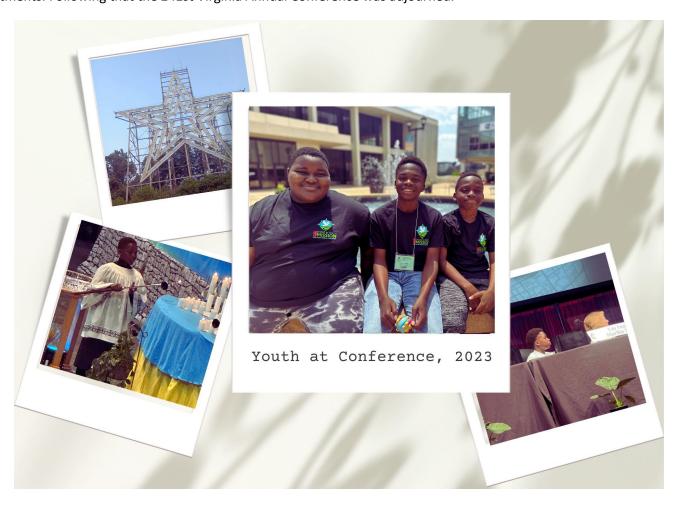
The afternoon session began with remarks by our conference Lay Leader Martha Stokes. I was surprised when I saw our very own Ferdinand Clement on stage and being recognized by Lay Leader Stokes in her comments; please ask him about it. The remainder of the first day was taken up by reports of the various committees. That evening we were able to attend a Mission Social to learn more about the missionaries and mission organizations that we support.

Friday's session began with committee reports as planned. In addition, we voted to approve the recommendation of the Virginia Conference Delegates to the 2024 General Conference to support the proposed legislation called the "Christmas Covenant" that will be presented as a way forward at the 2024 General Conference. To give you a better understanding of this issue I have provided a separate report on this proposal. Look for it in next month's Anchor.

The Friday afternoon session continued with committee reports. In addition, we were able to participate in packing 20,000 meal packets through Rise Against Hunger. Tony Clement even got to bang the gong on stage when we reached this goal.

It was reported that 107 churches have been approved for disaffiliation in the Virginia Conference. During the Conference Statistician Report it was estimated that by the end of 2023 approximately 200 total churches will disaffiliate from the Virginia Conference. This would amount to approximately 10% of the membership, but we will remain the largest conference in the United States with approximately 900 churches and almost 250,000 members.

The Saturday session continued with reports and ended with a Service for the Ordering of Ministry and Fixing of the Appointments. Following that the 241st Virginia Annual Conference was adjourned.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, June 25

9:00 a.m. Traditional Service: In-Person & Livestream

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 & <u>Livestream</u>

11:30 a.m. Singles Lunch Group: Ricco's Pizza

5:00 p.m. Elevate Youth Fellowship: Ed Wing 2nd Floor

Monday, June 26

10:00 a.m. Holy Yoga: FH Stage

10:00 a.m. Tri-X Monday School: Tri-X Room1:00 p.m. Monday Bible Study Group: Tri-X Room

Tuesday, June 27

10:00 a.m. Shawl Makers: ESR11:00 a.m. Bagging for Food Pantry

12:00 p.m. Fellowship of Circumstance for Men

4:30 p.m. Nominations Committee Meeting: Tri-X Room

6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 151 Meeting: FH 7:00 p.m. BSA Troop 151 Meeting: FH

Wednesday, June 28

12:00 p.m. Food Pantry

4:00 p.m. Love Unites: Faithlink Room

7:00 p.m. Buckroe New Hope AA Group: FH Kitchen

Thursday, June 29

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

Friday, June 30

6:00 p.m. Buckroe New Hope AA Group: FH Kitchen

6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Brownies (Troop 1038) Meeting: Ed Wing

Saturday, July 1

9:00 a.m. Buckroe Men's AA Group: FH Kitchen7:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal: Vocalists

Next Sunday
July 2, 2023
Becky Holland
John 3:16
"Celebrating Our Salvation"

Fifty Plus

What a season it has been. We enjoyed numerous activities and our exciting trip to see "different" things in the Lancaster area of Pennsylvania turned out great. But that means **planning time for the 2023 – 24** season will be here soon. In late July or early August we will probably do another potluck picnic in the park.

What would you like to do; where would you like to go? Let us know as soon as possible so we can look into it. Contact Anne or Bill Bryan with your ideas – in person, at abandbb1@cox.net, or by phone to 757-851-0748.

Last Week's Attendance 6/18/2023

In person	<u>132</u>
9:00 a.m. Service	105
10:30 a.m. Service:	27
Sunday School:	58
Internet Live Streaming	<u>107</u>
9:00 a.m.:	62
10:30 a.m.:	45

Last Week's Tithes & Offerings

Total One Fund: \$ 10,431.10 Year to Date: \$ 243,682.47

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

 Last Week:
 \$ 45.00

 Year to Date:
 \$ 1,399.00

Worship Assistants for June 25, 2023		
Service Time	9:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
June Ushers	Jimmy Roberson (Capt.), Joyce Winston, A.G. Womble, Rick	Dave Sharp (Capt.), Evelyn Graybeal, Julianna
	Nolin, Fred Foster	McDonald, Mason Gilbert, Elijah Nadeau
Liturgist	Bill Bryan	Jean Bernstrom
Projection	Mary Parker	Ajaylen Wright
Sound & Lights	Jim Bly	Joey & Andi Meyer-Orozco
Camera/Video	John Payne	Mary Parker
Livestream	Jim Branstetter	Rama Clement
Ambassadors	6/25 Nancy Geith & Joann Smith	6/25 Judy Adams
	7/2 Fred &Kay Foster	7/2 Lynn Landrum
Night Watchmen	6/25 Marc Nadeau, 7/2 Tom Hite, 7/9 Les Ware	