

First United Methodist Church Fox Hill

Sunday, August 2, 2026



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

“Bad News, or a Call?” Nehemiah 1:1-11

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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

August 2, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Let us draw near, by faith, to the One who has first come to us,
To Jesus Christ, the word made flesh, full of grace and truth.

*Hymn	UMH 365	"Grace Greater than Our Sin"
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Children's Time

Offering Prayer and Offertory

*Doxology	UMH 70	"Glory Be to the Father"
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*Hymn	UMH 374	"Standing on the Promises"
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Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Becky Holland
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Special Music	"Piano Sonata Op. 49-2", 1st Movement Beethoven	Andrew Blackmon, Piano Solo
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Scripture	Nehemiah 1:1-11	
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Sermon	"Bad News, or a Call?"	Rev. Dr. Brian Sixbey
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Invitation to Communion		UMH 12
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Prayer of Confession

Great Thanksgiving

Musical Setting C, UMH 20

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn	UMH 362	"Nothing But the Blood"
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*Benediction

*Benediction Response	UMH 123	"El Shaddai"
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Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.



Prayers for

Sue and Jack Morehouse
Adams family
Bonnie Harper
Family of Faye King

Kathy Kromoff
Charles Levi Parker
Brian Eubank, Sr.

We continue to pray for our homebound, those with chronic conditions, and for those unspoken prayers.

MODERN WORSHIP SERVICE

August 2, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Let us draw near, by faith, to the One who has first come to us,
To Jesus Christ, the word made flesh, full of grace and truth.

*Worship Songs

"Open up the Heavens"

Andi Rozier | James Macdonald | Jason Ingram | Meredith Andrews | Stuart Garrard

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Carl Gotthelf Glaser | Charles Wesley | David Crowder | Jack Parker

"What a Beautiful Name"

Ben Fielding | Brooke Ligertwood

Offering Prayer and Offertory

Scripture

Nehemiah 1:1-11

Sermon

"Bad News, or a Call?"

Rev. Dr. Brian Sixbey

Reflection

"Cornerstone"

Worship Team

Edward Mote | Eric Liljero | Jonas Myrin | Reuben Morgan | William Batchelder Bradbury

Invitation to Communion

Prayer of Confession

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Becky Holland

*Benediction

Postlude



Thank you

A heartfelt Thank you to the Congregation,
Pastor Bryan and Pastor Becky for all the prayers,
comforting calls, cards and visits during my
Daughter Wendy Rose's illness and passing. I am
truly blessed to be a member of such a
thoughtful, carrying Church.

In Christian Love, Nanci Browning



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Snow Cone Sunday – August 23!

Join us on **Sunday, August 23**, the day before school begins, for Snow Cone Sunday! We will gather for a **single worship service at 10:00 a.m.**, followed by free snow cones in the parking lot.

Invite your friends, neighbors, and anyone else who would enjoy a fun time of fellowship as we celebrate the end of summer and the start of a new school year.

If you would like to help cover the cost of the snow cones, please let Pastor Brian know.

The Next Faithful Step

The Next Faithful Step is our current series. We'll be looking at stories of people who were caught in a "pickle" to see how they navigated through it. The idea for the series is that we don't have to know it all – we only need to imagine and take the next faithful step.

Council Planning Session

Our church council will meet on Saturday, August 9, 11am-1pm, for a planning session. Bring your calendars and your ideas for 2026-2027 as we try to set up the big events and plans for the upcoming year. We'll gather in the Tri-X room.

Week of August 2- 6

Pastor Brian's daughter will be in Cary to visit with the family. Brian will be out from Sunday afternoon to Thursday evening visiting with her. If an emergency comes up, please contact Pastor Brian or Pastor Becky.

Fifty Plus

As we get ready for a new season of activities, we will gather for our annual **Fifty Plus Potluck Picnic in the Park at Gosnold's Hope Park, 901 E. Little Back River Road**. Plans are to **meet at the Cherry Shelter** (fourth left after entering the park). Mark your calendar now for **5 pm, Tuesday, August 11**. We will provide fried chicken, soft drinks, and paper products; you provide a dish to share. **Cost is just \$3.00**. When you sign up, be prepared to tell us what you plan to bring, e.g., appetizer, salad, vegetable, entrée, dessert, other. In addition to great fellowship, we'll chat about possible future activities.

Contact Anne or Bill Bryan with your ideas and to sign-up so we have a headcount – in person, at abandbb1@cox.net, or by phone to 757-851-0748. Please do it NOW.

And be sure to watch the First Fox Hill pubs to keep tab on activities as soon as they are published so you don't miss out. September and October will be here before you realize – opportunities on the horizon!

Helping Hands Mission Team Update

The Helping Hands Mission Team will be collecting school supplies and monetary donations for our school partner, Jones Magnet Middle School. If you'd prefer to make a monetary donation to help get the school year off to a good start, our Helping Hands Team will do the shopping for you! Be sure to write/designate your gift to Jones MMS supplies on the envelope or in the online donation portal. Our goal is to provide much-needed supplies so students can begin the new school year successfully when classes start on **August 24, 2026**.

Jones Magnet Middle School uses a specific organizational system that is supported by decades of educational research. **The following items are especially needed:**

- 10 backpacks
- Zippered 3-ring binders
- Wide-ruled composition notebooks
- Wide-ruled notebook paper
- #2 pencils
- Colored pencils
- Washable markers
- Lined 3" x 5" index cards
- 3-hole-punched, soft-shell zippered pencil pouches

Collections began, **Sunday, July 12**, and will continue through **Sunday, August 9**. We plan to deliver the donated supplies to the school by **August 14**.

Thank you for your generosity and support!
Kathy and Pat



Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 2

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service/Livestream
 10:15 a.m. Searchers Class: FH Stage Zoom
 10:15 a.m. Faithlink Class: Classroom
 10:15 a.m. Rise Children's Ministry: Ed Wing
 10:30 a.m. Modern Worship Service/Livestream
 6:00 p.m. Elevate Youth Night: FH
 6:00 p.m. Junior Youth

Monday, August 3

10:00 a.m. Yoga Group
 1:00 p.m. "The Book" Club: Tri-X Room

Tuesday, August 4

8:00 a.m. Shawl Makers: ESR
 7:00 p.m. BSA Troop 151 Meeting: FH

Wednesday, August 5

3:00 p.m. Love Unites: ESR
 6:00 p.m. Buckroe New Hope AA Group: FH Kitchen

Thursday, August 6

5:00 p.m. TABS: Tri-X Room
 6:00 p.m. Karate for Christ: FH Stage
 7:00 p.m. Ballroom Dance Lessons: FH Kitchen

Friday, August 7

1:00 p.m. Buckroe New Hope AA Group Annual Dinner:
 FH (set up 1:00-8:30pm Event 5-8p)

Saturday, August 8

9:00 a.m. Buckroe Men's AA Group: FH Kitchen
 9:00 a.m. Sat. Morning Sisters in Christ: Faithlink
 11:00 a.m. Church Council Retreat: Tri-X Room
 4:00 p.m. Unraveled Group: FH
 6:00 p.m. The Collective: Tabletop
 7:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

Next Sunday

August 9, 2026
 "Celebrate or Complain?"
 Luke 15:11-32

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Attendance:

July 26, 2026

In person:

9:00 a.m. Service

79

Internet Live Streaming:

9:00 a.m. Service

17

Tithes & Offerings:

Total One Fund:

\$ 8,745.54

Year to Date:

\$ 244,161.67

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Last Week:

\$ 0.00

Year to Date:

\$ 1,487.00

Roof Fund

Last Week:

\$ 200.00

Year to Date:

\$ 4,786.00

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Worship Assistants for August 2, 2026

August Ushers	9:00 a.m.: Jesse Barbour (Capt.), Steve Phillips, Bob Casey, John Pickin, Madison Felix 10:30 a.m.: Dave Sharp (Capt.), Daniel Clark, Elevate Youth
Liturgist	9:00 a.m.: Carmen Stupica 10:30 a.m.: Brian Fatkin
Night Watchmen	8/2 Lloyd Cato, 8/9 Ed Fly, 8/16 Dallas Jenkins

FUMCFH Ladies



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