



Welcome to

First United Methodist Church Fox Hill

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

Sunday, December 28, 2025

"The Journey"

Luke 2:22-38

Announcements

Thanksgiving!

Thanks to all who blessed us with their presence, talents, time, and blessings throughout the season of Advent into Christmas. Now that we are in the Christmas season, we are blessed to remember all the ways you blessed us!

Light in the Darkness

We are starting a new season exploring how our Lord gives us light for the darkness we experience in our lives, as well as how we're equipped to provide light for the darkness in others' lives.

FUMC-Fox Hill Missions Team

As Christians we are called to spread the Word and show love to others. Do you have an interest in reaching out to our community? Connecting with and supporting people/projects outside of our immediate area? Please join our Missions Team! We will have a planning meeting on January 14 at 4:30 at FUMC-Fox Hill to generate ideas for our work as the FUMC-Fox Hill Missions Team. No particular skills are needed, just a willing heart and an interest in generating ideas! Contact Pat Leary (757-876-3688) or Kathy Fisher (757-850-4462) with any questions/ideas.

Fifty Plus

Our **annual "Planning Breakfast"** is scheduled for **Saturday, January 17, 2026** at the **Poquoson Diner at 480 Wythe Creek Road, Poquoson, about 20 minutes from church**. We'll **meet at church by 8:00 am** and take the bus for the first 24 people who sign-up to ride; the rest will drive themselves or carpool. Enjoy an 8:30 am breakfast from the brunch menu, chat about the spring trip and possible future outings, fellowship, and select individuals to support with cards in 2025. **Sign-up now so we have a good count.**

The word is out! **Tuesday, April 14 – Saturday, April 18 we will be touring Chattanooga, TN including Asheville, NC and Pigeon Forge, TN**. Details are in the flyer in the Narthex, available on the First Fox Hill web page, or from Anne or Bill Bryan. Don't miss out: **Seats are limited and deposits are required by Feb 1**. Open to members, past travelers, friends, and families.

Join us on Sunday afternoon, **June 14**, for a rousing **Mystery Patriotic Musical** performed by the **Williamsburg Players**. Contractual requirements preclude naming the show till March, but it will be a great afternoon out on Flag Day. Afterward we will stop for a meal. Cost is \$19 plus your meal.

More to come. Watch First Fox Hill publications for more details and contact Anne or Bill Bryan to sign-up – in person, at abandbb1@cox.net, or by phone to 757-851-0748.

December 28, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Let us journey to the place
**where the Christ child awaits us,
where the light of God shines brightly.**

* Song "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
Carl Gotthelf Glaser | Charles Wesley | David Crowder | Jack Parker

Children's Time

Offering Prayer and Offertory

* Doxology UMH 95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

* Song "Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King"
John Wyeth | Robert Robinson | Thomas Miller

Prayer of Confession

O God, we seek you because you have first sought us; we love you because you have first loved us. We pray to you, not because of our worthiness, but at your invitation. Hear the cries of our hearts and mend the brokenness of our lives. Draw near to us, that the distance that separates us might be bridged by grace, which is your great gift to us, through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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 & The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Becky Holland

Anthem "Noel" Worship Team
Chris Tomlin | Ed Cash | Matt Redman

Scripture Luke 2:22-38

Sermon "The Journey" Rev. Becky Holland

* Song "Cornerstone"
Edward Mote | Eric Liljero | Jonas Myrin | Reuben Morgan | William Batchelder Bradbury

* Benediction

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able



District Training

In Mission and Ministry Together

JANUARY 31, 2026
EBENEZER UMC, STAFFORD

Save the date to join us!

Training Tracks:
Faith Formation
Foundation of Care
Nuts and Bolts
Mission and Outreach
Technology



Happy Advent!

Mission River District is excited to share information about our upcoming **District Training Event**. With more than thirty sessions offered, we invite you to join us for a day of learning, collaboration, and practical tools to support and strengthen your ministry.

Training Tracks

Five training tracks will be offered throughout the day:

- **Nuts and Bolts** – Essential skills for the daily operations of the church
- **Missions and Outreach** – Explore how churches are engaging in mission locally and beyond
- **Faith Formation** – Deepen discipleship and explore opportunities for spiritual growth
- **Foundations of Care** – Sessions focused on pastoral care, support, and individual well-being
- **Technology** – Practical ways to use technology to enhance ministry

We encourage churches to attend as a team and spread out among sessions, then bring back new insights and ideas to strengthen the whole congregation.

Event Details

Date: January 31

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Ebenezer UMC, Stafford

Lunch: Provided at no cost

Registration & Information

- **Register online:** <https://www.cognitoforms.com/VAUMC/MRDDT26>
- **Sessions & descriptions:** [Click Here](#) (or use registration link)
- **Suggested tracks/course combinations:** [Click Here](#) (or use registration link)

We look forward to learning and growing together in ministry.

Happy Advent!

Jenn Robinson-O'Brien

Certified Lay Minister

District Director of Lay Servant Ministries

Director of District Training

Mission River District

"This is my story, this is my song - Praising my Savior all the day long"

Weekly Calendar

Church Office Closed December 29 - January 5

Sunday, December 28

9:00 a.m. Worship Service: In-Person/Livestream
 10:30 a.m. Searchers Class: FH Stage Zoom Passcode: 000846
 10:30 a.m. Faithlink Class: Classroom
 10:30 a.m. Rise Children's Ministry: Ed Wing
 4:00 p.m. Women in the Word: ESR

Monday, December 29

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

Tuesday, December 30

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

Wednesday, December 31 New Years Eve

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

Thursday, January 1 New Years Day

Friday, January 2

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

Saturday, January 3

9:00 a.m. Buckroe Men's AA Group: FH Kitchen
 9:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Sisters in Christ: Faithlink
 6:00 p.m. The Collective: Tabletop
 7:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

Next Sunday, Jan. 4

"Walking in the Light"
Matthew 2:1-12, John 1:1-9,



RonnLee Mayo

Wendy Rose (daughter of Nanci Browning)

Cathy Geary (friend of Debbie Kravitz)

Brian Eubank, Sr.

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

Attendance 12/21/2025

In person: **118**

9:00 a.m. Service 74

10:30 a.m. Service 44

Internet Live Streaming **51**

9:00 a.m. Service 37

10:30 a.m. Service 14

Tithes & Offerings

Total One Fund: \$ 16,211.43

Year to Date: \$ 501,315.45

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Last Week: \$ 0.00

Year to Date: \$ 2,819.00

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Worship Assistants for December 28, 2025

Dec. Ushers	9:00 a.m.: Jimmy Roberson (Capt.), Rick Nolin, Fred Foster, Jeanne Chapman, * 10:30 a.m.: Dave Sharp (Capt.), Daniel Clark, Elevate Youth
Liturgist	9:00 a.m.: Patty Biondolillo 10:30 a.m.: Dallas Russel
Ambassadors	9:00 a.m.: 12/28: Nancy Geith & Joann Smith 01/04: Fred & Kay Foster 10:30 a.m.: 12/28 * 01/04: Mike & Judy Adams
Night Watchmen	12/28 Marc Nadeau, 01/04 Lloyd Cato. 01/11 Ed Fly

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