

First United Methodist Church Fox Hill

Sunday, October 11, 2026



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

“Didn’t You Get the Invitation?” Matthew 22:1-14

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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

October 11, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“Joyful Rhythm”
McChesney

Wesley Bell Ensemble

Call to Worship

Family of God, who are you?

We are disciples, formed by Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Family of God, why do you gather?

To worship God who loves us and teaches us to love our neighbors, ourselves, and all creation.

Family of God, how do you worship God?

By loving boldly, serving joyfully, and leading courageously.

Family of God, receive this good news: in our loving, our serving, and our leading, we are not alone—God is with us!

We come to worship God by loving boldly, serving joyfully, and leading courageously in our community and through our worldwide connections, that we may be disciples of Jesus Christ!

*Hymn

UMH 339

“Come Sinners, to the Gospel Feast”

Children’s Time

Offering Prayer and Offertory

Stewardship Moment

Jennifer Williams

*Doxology

UMH 95

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Hymn

UMH 140

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Prayer of Confession

O God, you invite us to feast at your table, and we reject your invitation. You call us to taste your goodness, and we turn away to other gods. You command us to share your bounty with others, and we consume at the expense of our neighbors. For those of us who are hungry, O God, give bread. And for those of us who have bread, give us a hunger for justice and righteousness; through Jesus Christ, the bread of life, we pray. 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

Rev. Becky Holland

Lord’s Prayer

Anthem

“There Is A Savior”
McDonald

First Fox Hill Family Choir

Scripture

Matthew 22:1-14

Sermon

“Didn’t You Get the Invitation?”

Rev. Dr. Brian Sixbey

*Hymn

UMH 136

“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

UMH 349

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.

MODERN WORSHIP SERVICE

October 11, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

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*Worship Songs

“This Is Our God”

Brandon Lake | Pat Barrett | Phil Wickham | Steven Furtick

“Breathe on Us”

Ed Cash | Kari Jobe

“King of My Heart”

John Mark McMillan | Sarah McMillan

Offering Prayer and Offertory

Stewardship Moment

Jennifer Williams

Scripture

Matthew 22:1-14

Sermon

“Didn’t You Get the Invitation?”

Rev. Dr. Brian Sixbey

Reflection

“Holy Forever”

Worship Team

Brian Johnson | Chris Tomlin | Jason Ingram | Jenn Johnson | Phil Wickham

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Becky Holland

The Lord’s Prayer

*Benediction

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.

Prayers for

Kassandra Brown
Betty Knaub
Sue & Jack Morehouse

Nanci Browning
Brian Eubank, Sr.

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





ANNOUNCEMENTS



Fruit From the Garden

We will have a mini-series in October – fruit from the garden, looking at Jesus' parables around how we bear fruit as disciples.

Miracle Sunday

Today is Miracle Sunday, a day where we have a special offering (during the regular offering) to benefit The Endowment Fund for Theological Education in Africa, Europe, and the Philippines. The goal is simple – to equip churches through giving their pastors theological education, particularly in the places that do not currently have many training options, or the money to support them. Nearly $\frac{3}{4}$ of American pastors have theological training, whereas only $\frac{1}{4}$ or less of pastors serving outside the US have such training. If you wish to support the effort to bring education to the world, please designate your above and beyond giving to “Miracle Sunday” using the pew envelopes.

Psst – Keep It Quiet!

On **Sunday, October 18 at 9am**, our fearless District Superintendent, Rev. Lyndsey Baynham-Freeman will be joining us for worship. No need for special treatment for her – simply welcome her and her family as you would any guest.

Laity Sunday

Sunday, October 25 will be both stewardship and laity Sunday. Laity Sunday is the service, usually in October, when the people of the church lead the entire service. Of course, every Sunday, our service could not happen without laity – from the liturgists, to the choir, to the a/v system, ushers, and the hundreds of things that require extra hands, we would not have a meaningful service, but Laity Sunday is a special date when we can experience together how much our people do and provide.

Stewardship Sunday

Sunday, October 25 will also be stewardship Sunday. In addition to our annual pledge, when we consider our yearly giving to God through our church, we will also be offering a time and talents survey, where we can consider places to serve.

Women's Fellowship of Circumstances

The Women's Fellowship of Circumstances will meet at **Mezcal, on Wednesday, October 21, 12:00 noon**. Come join us for fellowship, food, and fun! **Give me a call, 757-344-4228, or email me (AUNTBONZO49@yahoo.com) by Monday, October 19**, whether or not you will be joining us! Looking forward to seeing you!

Bonnie Harper

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox

Please consider participating in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child by packing a Shoebox with small gifts and donating \$10.00. Each “Gospel Opportunity” Box seeks to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way. As a follow-up recipients participate in a 12 lesson discipleship course. Over 12.2 million boxes packed worldwide in Jesus' name were delivered to 170 countries around the world in 2025. Of those, 40,511 were sent from the Virginia Peninsula area. Our church total was 42 boxes sent. See display in the Narthex mid-Oct for free boxes and label/donation envelopes. Please be sure to identify on the label the child's correct age and gender. **Returned filled boxes to the display table area no later than Sunday, Nov. 22, 2026.** For more information contact Mary Jane King 757-851-8628 or mjking757@gmail.com

Fifty Plus Announcement

Plan to join us on **Saturday afternoon, Dec 12**, when we will travel to **Williamsburg Community Chapel** for their presentation of **Praise**, a fun afternoon of Christmas music by their combined choirs and orchestra with some time for sing-along. We were invited by our long-time friend and past FUMC FH member Linda Poinsett who will be singing. Afterward we will stop to eat. **Price is just \$3 plus your meal.**

Coming in **January** will be our **annual breakfast**. Watch for details.

Contact Anne or Bill Bryan with your ideas and for sign-ups. You can do so in person, at abandbb1@cox.net, or by phone to 757-851-0748.

Pumpkin Patch

- Open Now: Sign up in the Narthex
- 10/14/26 9:00am: Outdoor Set up
- 10/15/26 4pm: Unload Pumpkins & Dinner
- 10/17/26 - 10/31/2026 Pumpkin Patch Open
- 10/24/26 12-2pm: Blessing of the Pets
- 11/1/26 9am: Pumpkin Patch Cleanup



Pumpkin Patch Help!

Every year, we want to make sure we have sufficient help to unload and operate our pumpkin patch. This year, we anticipate extra help from Jones students as well as our cub and possibly our boy scouts. Of course, feel free to invite neighbors and friends

Pumpkin Patch Reading Program Help!

October 19–23 • 9:00–11:30 AM
Monday–Friday | One week only

Volunteers are needed to help with the Pumpkin Patch Reading Program! Setup begins at 8:15–8:30 AM, with cleanup completed by 12:00 PM each day.

To volunteer, contact Susan Nadeau at 757-469-9594.

Blessing of The Pets

On Saturday, **October 24, from 12:00–2:00 PM**, bring your pets—and invite your neighbors to bring theirs—for an individual blessing. The Blessing of the Pets will take place outside in the Pumpkin Patch. In case of inclement weather, we will move to the portico by the front entrances. All pets and their people are welcome!



Weekly Calendar

Sunday, October 11

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service/Livestream
 10:00 a.m. Elevate Youth Tech Services
 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: Ed Wing

Monday, October 12 Church Office Closed

10:00 a.m. Yoga Group: FH Stage
 1:00 p.m. "The Book" Club: Tri-X Room
 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting: ESR
 7:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting: Tri-X Room

Tuesday, October 13 Church Office Closed

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, October 14 Church Office Closed

9:00 a.m. Pumpkin Patch Outdoor Set up
 9:30 a.m. Soul Sisters: Faithlink
 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting: Tri-X Room
 3:00 p.m. Love Unites: ESR
 4:30 p.m. Helping Hands Mission Team: Tri-X Room
 5:45 p.m. Wesley Bells Rehearsal: Sanctuary
 6:00 p.m. Buckroe New Hope AA Group: FH Kitchen
 7:00 p.m. 1st Fox Hill Family Choir Practice

Thursday, October 15 Church Office Closed Anchor Newsletter Deadline

11:00 a.m. Hour of Prayer: Tri-X Room
 4:00 p.m. Pumpkin Delivery & Phoebus Women's Club
 Pumpkin Unload Chili Dinner
 5:00 p.m. TABS: Tri-X Room

Friday, October 16

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

Saturday, October 17 Pumpkin Patch Begins

9:00 a.m. Buckroe Men's AA Group: FH Kitchen
 9:00 a.m. Sat.Morning Sisters in Christ: Faithlink
 6:00 p.m. Elevate Youth: Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Attendance:

October 4, 2026

In person: **102**
 9:00 a.m. Service 78
 10:30 a.m. Service 24

Internet Live Streaming: **27**
 9:00 a.m. Service 21
 10:30 a.m. Service 6

Tithes & Offerings:

Total One Fund: \$9,554.54
 Year to Date: \$330,836.17

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Last Week: \$ 155.00
 Year to Date: \$ 1,927.00

Roof Fund

Last Week: \$ 25.00
 Year to Date: \$ 6,401.00

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Worship Assistants for October 11, 2026

October Ushers	9:00 a.m.: Fred Foster (Capt.), Rick Nolin, Jeanne Chapman, *, * 10:30 a.m.: Dave Sharp (Capt.), Daniel Clark, Elevate Youth
Liturgist	9:00 a.m.: Jim Bly 10:30 a.m.: Melanie Souder
Ambassadors	9:00 a.m.: Joann Smith & Anne Bryan 10:30 a.m.: *
Night Watchmen	10/11 Ron Mayo, 10/18 Brian Eubank, 10/25 Ryan Tuttle

Next Sunday

October 18, 2026
 "The Depth of Generosity"
 Matthew 22:15-22

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