



**FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
FOX HILL**



— THIRD SUNDAY OF —
ADVENT

**“In the Beginning”
December 13, 2020
Matthew 1:18-25, Luke 11:39-45, 56**

December 13, 2020 Worship Service

Welcome		David Messick
Call to Worship		Psalm 33
	Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous. Praise the Lord with music. For the word of the Lord is upright. He loves righteousness and justice.	
Prelude	“Ding, Dong Merrily on High” <i>Diane Drury and Valentina Sorbera, piano duet</i>	Dixon
Advent Candle Lighting		Marilyn and Brian Eubank
Special Music	“Oh, Holy Night” <i>Larissa Luma, soloist</i>	Adam
Children’s Time		Leah Graybeal
Offering/Witness	UMH 593 <i>Valentina Sorbera, piano</i>	Missions Team “Here I Am, Lord”
Hymn	UMH 196 <i>Valentina Sorbera and Mike Williams</i>	“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”
Prayer of Confession		Jane Barbour
	Lord, we are in the season of Advent. We are thinking about everything but what Advent is all about. We are coming close to hating what is happening around us. We need forgiveness for trying to not think about the suffering world. We search for the right gifts, almost ignoring the Gift You have given us. Lord, get us on course, that we can put Jesus back in the center.	
Words of Assurance		
	In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, Glory be to God! Amen.	
Morning Prayer		Jane Barbour
Lord’s Prayer		
Special Music	“Mary, Did You Know?” <i>Praise Band</i>	Greene/Lowery
Scripture	Matthew 1:18-25, Luke 11:39-45, 56	Jean Bernstrom
Sermon	“In the Beginning”	Pastor Tommy
Statement of Faith	UMH 881	Apostles’ Creed Kathy and Dan Brookman, Addie Thurston
Hymn	UMH 219 <i>Valentina Sorbera</i>	“What Child is This”
Benediction		Pastor Tommy
Postlude	FWS 2095 <i>Mark Biondolillo, organ</i>	“Star Child”

Last Week's Attendance 12/6/2020			
8:30 a.m. Service	11:00 a.m. Service	Sunday School	Internet Live Streaming
Online Only	Online Only	46	229
Last Week's Tithes and Offerings			
Total One Fund		Pastor's Discretionary Fund	
Last Week:	\$ 19,640.36	Last Week:	\$ 1000.00
Year to Date:	\$493,368.07	Year to Date:	\$ 6,580.82

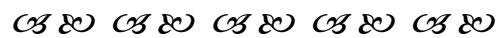
December 2020		
Worship Assistants	8:30 a.m.	11 a.m.
Ushers	Jim Roberson (Capt.), Fred Foster, Rick Nolin, Joyce Winston, A.G. Womble	Kathy Fisher (Capt.), Dallas Jenkins
Liturgist	Joyce Winston	Jean Bernstrom
Sound & Lights	N/A	N/A
Projection	N/A	N/A
Camera / Video Mix	N/A	N/A
Night Watchmen	12/6 - Bill Drummond, 12/13 - Dallas Jenkins, 12/20 - Dave Sharp, 12/27 - Jimmy Roberson, 1/3 - Hunter Francis, 1/10 - Dave Rogers, 1/17 - Calvin Leary, 1/24 - Fred Foster, 1/31 - Jesse Barbour	



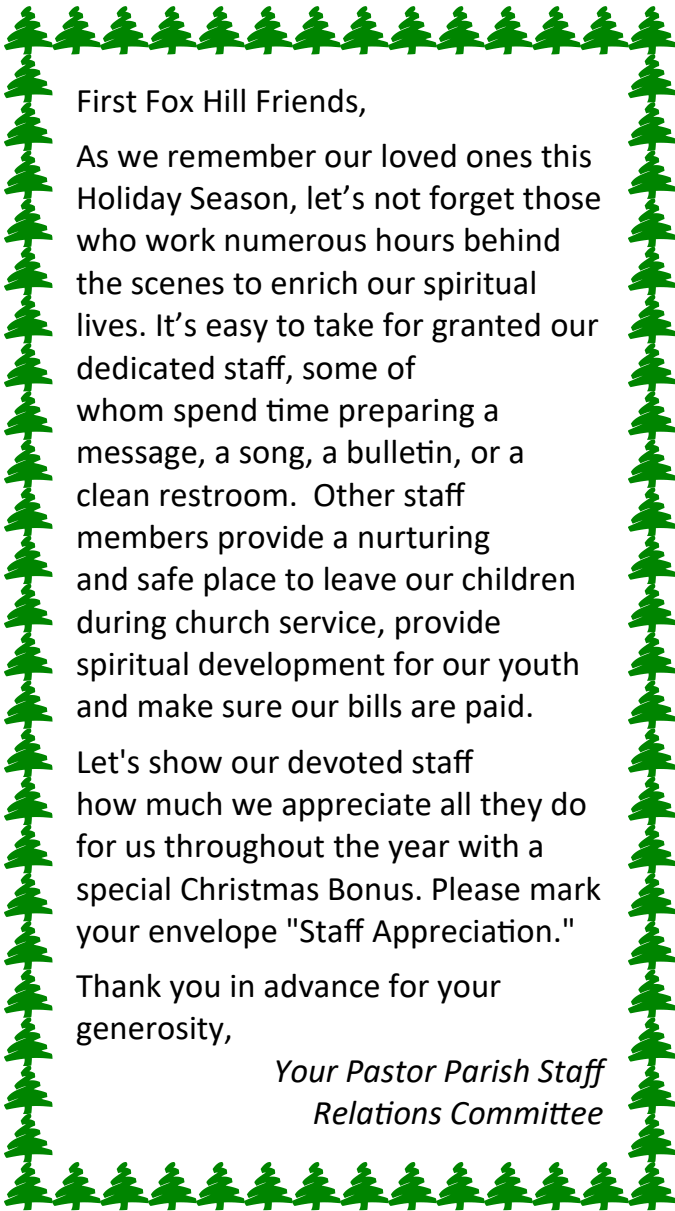
**If you are struggling today, remember this:
 You have survived everything you've gone through
 up to this point. The best day of your life is still yet to
 come. There are still people you haven't met and
 things you haven't experienced.
 YOU CAN DO THIS!**



Kathleen Moffat	12/13
James Jones	12/13
Tori McFadden	12/13
Bonnie Harper	12/14
Josiah Biondolillo	12/16
Lori Gillespie	12/16
Marilyn Eubank	12/16
Iris Avery	12/16
Kerri Black	12/16
Gail Gulla	12/17
Trent Lumpkin	12/17
Ronald Bunch	12/17
Sally Lewis	12/17
Kyla Pereira	12/18
Scott Williams	12/18
Debbie Charlton	12/18
Mary Parker	12/18
William Hoyt	12/19



Chuck & Roxanne Farmer	12/14
Bob & Glenda Helms	12/18
Judy & Joseph Kertesz	12/18
Ray & Joan Spunzo	12/18



First Fox Hill Friends,

As we remember our loved ones this Holiday Season, let's not forget those who work numerous hours behind the scenes to enrich our spiritual lives. It's easy to take for granted our dedicated staff, some of whom spend time preparing a message, a song, a bulletin, or a clean restroom. Other staff members provide a nurturing and safe place to leave our children during church service, provide spiritual development for our youth and make sure our bills are paid.

Let's show our devoted staff how much we appreciate all they do for us throughout the year with a special Christmas Bonus. Please mark your envelope "Staff Appreciation."

Thank you in advance for your generosity,

*Your Pastor Parish Staff
Relations Committee*



- Becca Cross
- Gordon, brother of Ken Bernstrom
- Rachel & Jerry, Rob and Debbie & Greg,
friends of Jean Bernstrom
- Christopher, grandson of Colette Quinn
- Mary Branch
- Bud Harper
- Ron Mayo
- Maria Aviles
- Laura Scott
- Richard and Kathy Palette

A Night's Welcome December 25

In this time of COVID-19, the Night's Welcome shelter program is more important than ever for our homeless neighbors. In previous years, the program moved weekly from church to church.

This year, however, A Night's Welcome will be held at one location — Central United Methodist Church, 225 Chapel Street. Area churches will still be providing volunteers for registration, serving meals, and staying overnight. Meals will be cooked off-site and served in disposable containers.

The next date for First UMC Fox Hill to serve is Friday, December 25. We need approximately 12 on-site volunteers each month as well as volunteers to help with meal preparation at our church. David Rogers will coordinate meals and Julie Allen will coordinate on-site volunteers.

Please prayerfully consider helping with this vital mission. Contact Julie Allen with questions or for more information. There is also a signup sheet located in the narthex.

Help Us Decorate the Christmas Tree

The Vibrant Worship Team has put up a Christmas tree in the narthex and is asking congregants to help them decorate, by either bringing an ornament from home or buying a new one, and placing it on the tree for decoration.

“When we combine efforts, we grow closer,” says team member Jane Barbour, “and, especially at this time, we need each other.” These ornaments will be on the tree until the Christmas season is complete. At that time, the owners may take their keepsakes home with them or, if desired, leave them as a donation for next year.



Christmas Poinsettia Order — Cost: \$15.00 Each Deadline: Sunday, December 13, 2020



In Honor Of: _____

In Memory Of: _____

Given By: _____

Number of Poinsettias Ordered: _____ Amount Paid: _____

Please print legibly. Attach payment and place in offering plate or turn into church office.

Are You Ready for Some Christmas Music?

*35th Annual Ring in the Season Concert
Virtual Holiday Concert on YouTube
To Benefit Habitat for Humanity
Peninsula & Greater Williamsburg*

Our very own Valentina Sorbera took part in this virtual concert which you can watch on YouTube. Put together by Diane Drury, organist and music director of First United Church of Christ, Hampton, the virtual performance features musicians from First UCC, Hampton, and guest musicians: composer John S. Dixon from Providence Presbyterian Church (Virginia Beach), pianist/vocalist Valentina Sorbera from First United Methodist Church Fox Hill (Hampton), cellist Christopher Snider from Passage Middle School (Newport News), and freelance musicians from Italy and the United States: Luca Buralassi, Fabrizio Poggi, Dave Hufstedler, and Ettore Fancelli.

[Watch Here](#)

Please send donations directly to:
Habitat for Humanity Peninsula
& Greater Williamsburg
11011 Warwick Boulevard
Newport News, VA 23601



Virtual Messiah

Beth Hughes participated in a virtual Messiah with members of Williamsburg United Methodist Church. The concert is now available for view on YouTube through December 31. You can watch it [here](#).

Holiday Food Pantry

The members of the United Methodist Women made Thanksgiving a bit brighter for those visiting the Food Pantry by providing Food Lion gift cards for each bag. “I felt like Santa’s elf!,” said Mary McAnally. “We had persons who were speechless, one lady started to cry, another started to pray. One said, ‘Thank God, I needed this so bad. thank you.’ The expressions of thanks and gratitude were on everyone’s lips, as well as the expression of how generous the Ladies of the church are.”

The Food Pantry team served 44 households, comprised of 129 individuals, of which 31 were children, 59 were adults, and 33 were seniors. The team also helped clean out the A Night's Welcome closet by handing out plastic bags of various hygiene supplies, and Julie Allen handed out lots of kids activity kits.

Mary McAnally added, “I am very thankful to be part of the Food Pantry Program and a member of the UMW, and how we are truly assisting those who are in need, and I think every one of our team feels the same.”

*“You will... give birth
to a son, and
you are to
give him
the name
Jesus.”*



Luke 1:31

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Ecclesiastes 3:1 To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven.

Sunday, December 13 Third Sunday of Advent

Note Schedule Changes

- 8:30 a.m. Livestream [Worship Service](#)
9:45 a.m. In-Person Bible 201 Sunday School
9:45 a.m. In-Person Faithlink Sunday School (FH)
9:45 a.m. Zoom [Faithlink](#) Class
Password: Faithlink
9:45 a.m. Zoom [Searchers](#) Class
11:00 a.m. Livestream [Worship Service](#)

Monday, December 14

- 10:00 a.m. Tri-X Monday School (Tri-X)
1:00 p.m. Monday Bible Study (FH)
6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 15

Anchor Newsletter Deadline

- 9:00 a.m. Facilities Team Breakfast and Work Day
9:00 a.m. Zoom [Healthy Church Team](#) Meeting
10:00 a.m. Shawl Makers (ESR)
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Tri-X)
6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 151 Meeting (FH)

- 7:00 p.m. PPSRC Meeting (FH)
7:00 p.m. Scouts BSA Troop 151 Meeting (FH)

Wednesday, December 16

- 10:00 a.m. Zoom [Soul Sisters](#) Wednesday Morning Bible Study
Password: Jesus
6:00 p.m. Wesley Bells Rehearsal (Choir)
7:00 p.m. Buckroe New Hope AA Group Meeting (FH - Stage)

Thursday, December 17

- 11 a.m. Reunion Group Meeting (Pastor Tommy's Office)
4:00 p.m. Zoom [Worship Planning Team](#) Meeting
6:00 p.m. Praise Band Worship Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
8:00 p.m. Zoom [MOPS](#) Meeting

Friday, December 18

- 6:00 p.m. Buckroe New Hope AA Group Meeting (FH - Stage)
6:00 p.m. BSA Crew 1151 Meeting (FH - Kitchen)
6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 1038 Meeting



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Worship Leader: Larissa Luma

Accompanist: Valentina Sorbera

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