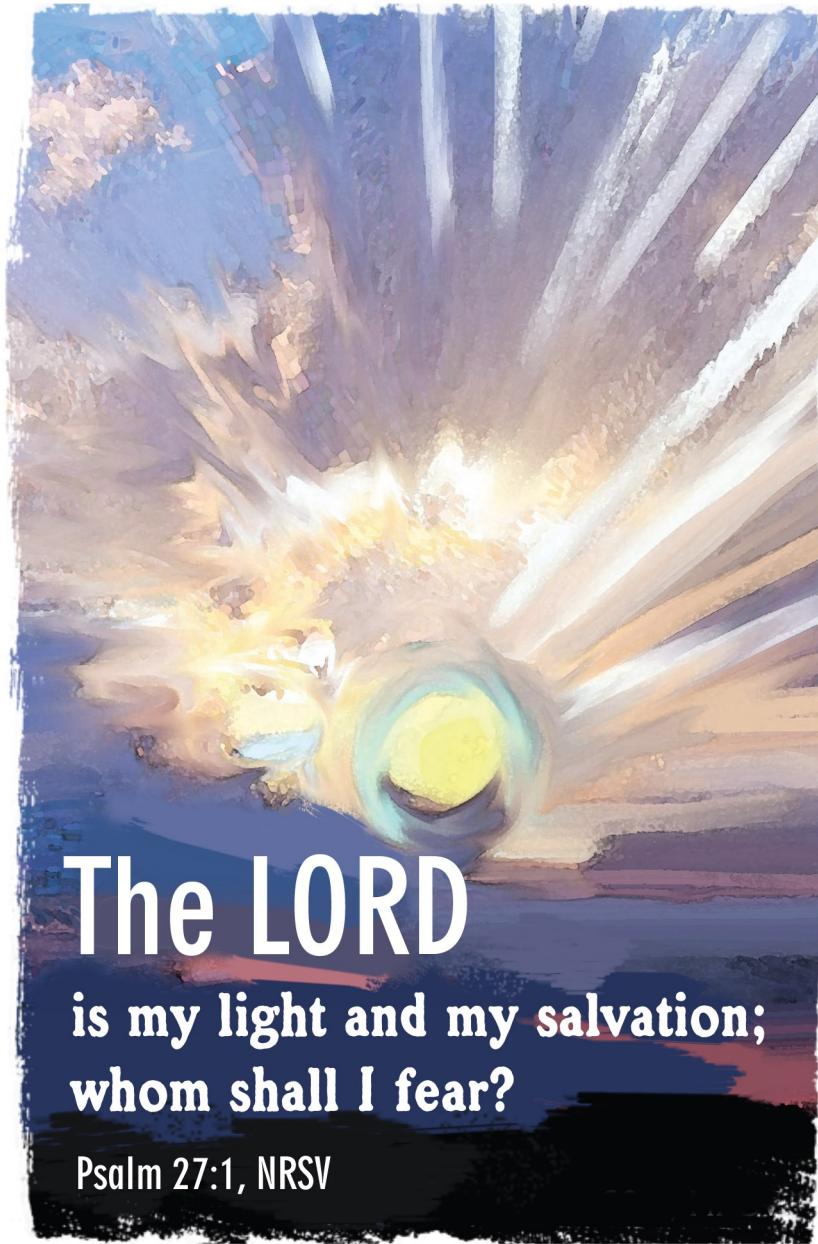




**FIRST UNITED
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**The LORD
is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?**

Psalm 27:1, NRSV

“Prayer in the Trial”

November 15, 2020

Psalm 27

November 15, 2020, 8:30 a.m. Service

Gathering and Welcome

Prelude Melody from *Orfeo* Gluck
Will Hederer, viola; Valentina Sorbera, piano; Mark Biondolillo, organ

* Call to Worship From Psalm 27

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
Whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
Of whom shall I be afraid?
Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage;
Wait for the LORD!

* Hymn FWS 2016 "Glorify Thy Name"

Children's Time Leah Graybeal

Offering

* Hymn Medley FWS 2036 "Give Thanks" (Sing Twice)
FWS 2037 "Sing Praises to Your Name" (vss. 1-2)

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we are not good at the dance of faith. We're like children who ask for a cookie after they've eaten half the cookies in the jar. We want you to guide us where we want to go, and we want you to bless the actions we take without seeking your input. Help us to learn the dance of faith – balancing surrender to your will with making our requests known in bold faith. This we pray in Jesus' name.
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 and Lord's Prayer Pastor Tommy

Special Music "Nina" Pergolesi
Will Hederer, viola; Valentina Sorbera, piano; Mark Biondolillo, organ

Scripture Reading Psalm 27 (Read Responsively)

Sermon "Prayer in the Trial" Pastor Brian

* Statement of Faith UMH 881 Apostles' Creed

* Hymn FWS 2173 "Shine, Jesus, Shine" (Refrain and vss. 1-2)

* Benediction

Now that our time of worship is over, our time of service begins:
We scatter to serve the Lord, who leads us to serve others!

* Benediction Response FWS 2173 "Shine, Jesus, Shine" (Refrain and vs. 3)

*Postlude

*Please stand as you are able

November 15, 2020, 11 a.m. Service

Gathering Music

Announcements

* Call to Worship

From Psalm 27

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* Song

FWS 2045

"Sing a New Song to the Lord"

Children's Time

Leah McGlynn

Offering

*Song

FWS 2173

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

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Special Music

"Good, Good Father"

Brown/Barrett

Praise Band

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Sermon

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FWS 2173

"Shine, Jesus, Shine" (Refrain)

Postlude

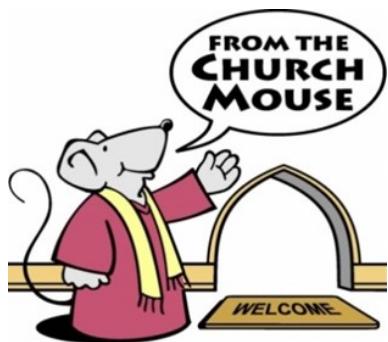
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Last Week's Attendance 11/8/2020

8:30 a.m. Service	11:00 a.m. Service	Sunday School	Internet Live Streaming
70	48	14	231
Last Week's Tithes and Offerings			
Total One Fund		Pastor's Discretionary Fund	
Last Week:	\$ 15,394.45	Last Week:	\$ 70.00
Year to Date:	\$442,561.06	Year to Date:	\$ 5,450.82

November 2020

Worship Assistants	8:30 a.m.	11 a.m.
Ushers	Richard Shearer (Capt.), Bill Bryan, Jim McAnally, Dave Sharpe, Ronnie Steele	Brian Eubank (Capt.), Susan Morehouse
Liturgist	Jim Bly	Susan Ardern
Sound & Lights	11/1 - Tom Hite, 11/8-11/29—Jim Branstetter	Mary Parker
Projection	Mary Parker	11/1 - Mary Parker, 11/8-11/29—Kathy Fisher
Camera / Video Mix	Jim Branstetter	Marie Clement
Night Watchmen	11/1 - Tom Hite, 11/8 - Zach Struhs, 11/15 - Marc Nadeau, 11/22 - Ray Ammons, 11/29 - Ed Fly, 12/6 - Bill Drummond, 12/13 - Dallas Jenkins, 12/20 - Dave Sharp, 12/27 - Jimmy Roberson	



**Do not grow old, no matter how long
you live. Never cease to stand like
curious children before the great mystery into
which we were born.**

— Albert Einstein



November 22, 2020
Lamentations 3:17-41
"Prayer During the Trial"

Community Thanksgiving Service: This year, we'll be hosts for the Community Thanksgiving service in our sanctuary on Tuesday, November 24, at 7 p.m. Pastor Eric Vaudt from Fox Hill Central UMC will bring the message, and Pastor Becky Holland from Pure Water Ministries will be part of the leadership, along with Pastors Tommy and Brian.

Singing in worship: Those who attend the 8:30 a.m. service may have noticed that Jane Barbour was speaking the words to the hymns over the microphone while the hymns were being played. The Healthy Church Team has been given the task of discouraging people from singing, and this was one of the suggestions we found to try out. Rather than fussing at anyone to stop singing, we wanted to try a soft approach for a while. Please bear with us while we do what we can to keep you safe.

Special Notice – Reminders and Updates: Starting today, we are resuming adult Sunday school for the Searchers (Zoom and Fellowship Hall), Faithlink (Zoom and Faithlink Room), and Bible 201 (Edith Spencer Room) classes. The Tri-X Class will continue meeting on Mondays.

Because there are some issues that need to be addressed to keep everyone as safe as possible, we're reminding everyone of the basic guidelines and then special concerns around Sunday School:

- Masks are required at all times in the building “whenever two or more are gathered.” If you forgot yours, we have clean spares.
- Health Forms – completed either online or at the door – are required.
- Mandatory quarantine for folks who have recently traveled is no longer required, but if you have reason for concern, please join us online – nearly everything we do can be accessed by our website, app or, in the case of classes, Zoom.

These are the special concerns around Sunday School:

- Class members will be dismissed from the 8:30 a.m. worship service first and encouraged to go immediately to their classes. We invite all to linger in the aroma of Christ instead of lingering in the narthex or hallways before and after worship and classes.
- We will need three sets of **additional greeters** — 8:30 a.m., Sunday School, and 11:00 a.m. Anytime the door is unlocked, we need a greeter near the door. Sign-up sheets are available, so we don't have to wear anyone out.
- Classes are asked to clean the touch surfaces (especially doorknobs and bathroom handles) they use following class. Supplies will be in each room.

No one wants to prevent people from connecting, praying, or enjoying fellowship, but we have to balance the goodness of these things with the prevention of COVID-19. Thank you for doing the hard work of being present so we can focus on the important work of growing more like Jesus!



Kari Ammons	11/15
John Decker	11/15
Leon Keesee	11/16
Hunter Riss	11/16
Wes Rogers	11/16
Jane Barbour	11/17
Ellie Hopkins	11/17
Shelby Sours	11/18
Jenny Howell	11/20
Julie Colton	11/20
Chip Herncall, Jr.	11/21
Sally Brown	11/21
Jim Bly	11/21
Caleigh Bauer	11/21



Michael & Gail Gulla	11/16
David, Jr. & Marcy Messick	11/17
Clifford, Sr. & Patricia Shaffer	11/17
Jared & Allison Peretin	11/19
Phillip & Kim Sagaser	11/21

Care Supplies Available

We have been informed that nutritional drinks (both vanilla and chocolate) have been donated to the church, as well as Depends and other incontinent supplies. The sizes are small, small/medium, and medium. If you or someone you know can use these, please call Betty Knaub at 757-850-4031 or Anne and Bill Bryan at 757-851-0748.



2020 Christmas Angel Tree

First UMC Fox Hill will once again be adopting Healthy Families' "Angels" for Christmas. "Angels" will be available for adoption starting today.

Sandra Chong, Lisa Hite, and Kathy and Jessie Fisher are coordinating our Christmas Angel Tree this year. The number of angels requested was reduced to just 30 angels this year, but more can be adopted should the initial 30 be claimed. If you are not coming into the church building yet and want to adopt a child, please contact Kathy Fisher at 757-850-4462 or kfisher.hampton@outlook.com.

The gifts chosen for "Angels" must be returned to the church no later than Wednesday, December 9. Suggestions of what the child wants or needs will be noted on their card, along with their sizes. If you want to partner with a fellow church member, that is also fine.

Thank you for sharing your hearts with these children and their families this special Christmas season. We ask that you keep the child and their family in your prayers during this unusual Christmas time, and beyond into the new year. We are all blessed to be blessings.

*Gentle Jesus, born this day
In a manger filled with hay.
We your Christmas children be,
Help us now your love to see.
— Douglas Raymond Rose*

Help Us Decorate the Christmas Tree

The Vibrant Worship Team will be putting up a Christmas tree in the narthex and is asking congregants to help them decorate, by bringing an ornament from home, or buying a new one, if so desired, and placing it on the narthex tree for decoration. The narthex tree will be ready to decorate on the first Sunday of Advent, November 29.

"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.



Joann Smith
Family of Arthur Hart, cousin of Betty Knaub
Ellen, sister of Sharon Whitley
Family of Joan Moriarty
Family of Agnes Brett
Maria Aviles
Laura Scott
Mary Branch
Richard and Kathy Pallette

Operation Christmas Child



Due to COVID-19, there are many challenges and difficulties in safely packing, collecting, and delivering the "shoe boxes" that FUMC Fox Hill has previously been providing to the Operation Christmas Child program. Because of this, we will not be participating in the program this year. If you would still like to support the wonderful projects of Samaritan's Purse, you can do so virtually via use of their Christmas Gift Catalog.

The catalog has 27 different programs that offer practical ways to provide for those who are suffering by offering spiritual comfort and the eternal hope of the gospel. Opportunities such as purchasing a goat, helping a family earn income through vocational training (by purchasing a sewing machine, carpentry tools, etc.), drilling a well, or various feeding programs are available.

This is also a great way to purchase a Christmas gift for friends and family. Gifts can be purchased in honor or memory of someone, and Samaritan's Purse will send them a beautiful customized card. To participate in this program go to Samaritanspurse.org/catalog



WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

Sunday, November 15

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

Monday, November 16

Anchor Newsletter Deadline

- 10:00 a.m. Tri-X Monday School (Tri-X)
1:00 p.m. Monday Bible Study (FH)
6:30 p.m. **Cancelled** UMM Dinner Meeting

Tuesday, November 17

- 8:00 a.m. Facilities Team Breakfast and Work Day
10:00 a.m. Shawl Makers (ESR)

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Tri-X)

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

Wednesday, November 18

- 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, November 19

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

Friday, November 20

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

Saturday, November 21

- 9:30 a.m. Buckroe Men's AA Group (FH)



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