

**FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
FOX HILL**

Welcome



**“What Are You Saying”
May 23, 2021
Acts 2: 1-21**

Grow with us in Christ, learning we are loved, forgiven, and called to share the Good News and expand God's Kingdom.

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

A vision of a greater future is before us:

A day when the Holy Spirit is poured out on all God's people!

The day of Jesus' return has not come,

But the day of the Holy Spirit's presence is right now!

We pray – Lord, lead me into the future!

* Hymn UMH 500 “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

* Statement of Faith UMH 881 Apostles' Creed

Children's Time Pastor Brian

Offering Prayer and Offering

Prayer of Confession Pastor Tommy

Tongues of fire, flashes of the Spirit, thousands saved, and the undoing of ancient curses arrived on the day of Pentecost. However, we are often too timid to imagine the Holy Spirit could still move with power today, to undo the curses we face, or bring hope to the hopeless. Help us, Lord, walk into today and tomorrow with purpose, because you aren't done with us yet! We ask for confidence in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Assurance Pastor Tommy

In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, Glory be to God! Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer Pastor Tommy

Scripture Acts 2:1-21

Witness *"A Pentecost Experience"*

Sermon "What Are You Saying" Pastor Brian

Reflection	“Waymaker” Leeland	Praise Band
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All are invited to join us outside for the final songs. Please maintain social distance!

* Hymn UMH 64 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

* Hymn	UMH 334	"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"
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Benediction Pastor Brian

Benediction Response	UMH 349	"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"
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Postlude

* Please stand as you are able.

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64 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pur - i - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.

Refrain

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav - en - ly Dove, stay right here

with us, fill - ing us with your love; and for these bless - ings

we lift our hearts in praise; with - out a doubt we'll know

that we have been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

Pastor's Column

Looking Ahead: Sunday, May 30, 2021

John 3:1-17 & Romans 8:12-17

**“A Character of Freedom
Through the Spirit”**

Ministries Available

- **Parking Lot Ambassador:** Two qualities needed – desire to welcome people, and to help when needed. The ministry is brand new and needs some more volunteers. If you enjoy wandering outside, welcoming people, and assisting them in the door as needed, you are encouraged to apply!
- **Sanctuary/Narthex Ambassador:** Two qualities needed – a desire to welcome people, and to engage with guests to help them (find the nursery or anything they need). If you enjoy greeting people and helping them feel comfortable and safe, please apply!
- **Both ministries come with perks:** A freshly minted badge to identify you, a chance to **make new friends** and keep friendships alive, and the **gratitude of your pastor and guests**, who want to see everyone included as much as possible.
- **Follow-up specialists:** You can specialize in calling, emailing, texting, or sending cards. If you enjoy developing relationships and are willing to help guests become members, you are perfect. Your perks will be the satisfaction of seeing people flourish and find a home. You can work individually or as a team.

Training for these positions will take place following worship on June 6.

Healthy Church Report

Following the CDC recommendations and the updates to the Governor's order 72, we make the following recommendations. We will meet again on June 1 to handle new updates from the Governor and Conference and will give new advice/recommendations at that point.

Small Groups (including Scouts, AA, Sunday School, etc.)

- a. Groups of vaccinated people are not required to wear masks while meeting in the building. However, it is our recommendation that they make a communal decision before removing masks. Some groups that have people with compromised systems or who have children that cannot be vaccinated may wish to continue mask wearing.
- b. Social distancing is still encouraged, as is contact tracing where feasible.
- c. We do not require proof of vaccination, but we will operate on the honor system.

Worship

We are in an in-between place in worship. Whereas group members know each other, worship is completely open to the public, some of whom haven't been able to be vaccinated, and we want to provide a welcoming place for children who cannot get the vaccine.

- a. We recommend and encourage masks for worship, but we are not mask police. The reason for vaccinated people to wear masks for worship is to be welcoming to people who haven't or can't be vaccinated.
- b. Speakers are not required to wear masks while speaking.
- c. We do encourage singing with masks on now – praise God!

- d. We will continue to sing outside following the bulk of the service, and anyone who is comfortable can remove their masks outside for singing.
- e. Social distancing is still encouraged.
- f. We will continue to ask for health acknowledgement.

Food

- a. We're still not allowed, by conference rules, to eat inside the building, but eating outside is encouraged
- b. Depending on conference changes on May 28, we may be seeking to change that rule.

I encourage you to celebrate our progress so far while we wait for more progress. We are taking a cautious approach to worship, largely to be sensitive to children and families. But singing is now encouraged any and everywhere! As your pastor, I am proud of how everyone has stepped up to the plate, including our ministry partners in Scouting and the AA, and I ask that you continue to pray and work where you can to help people around the globe who are not nearly so fortunate as we are.

Peace,
Pastor Brian

GRADUATING STUDENTS TO BE HONORED

On **Sunday, June 13 at the 10:00** am worship service we will honor our 2021 graduates. The graduates will be recognized during the service and presented with gifts. We need your help to insure that we have a complete list of all our graduates, including high school, college, and technical schools. Please complete the form found at the podium where you receive your bulletins on Sunday morning and place in the offering plate or send info to Josh McNutt no later than **June 6**. (jmmcnutt.VA@gmail.com)

Small Group Leader Support

Gatherings will be the first Wednesday of the month at 7pm. This group will provide support, encouragement, and resources to help any group leaders. First meeting is scheduled for **June 2**.



Norma, Kathy Fisher's sister

The Messick Family

Bob & Kathy McNutt - Josh's grandparents

Carol the sister of Jan - friend of Sharon

Whitley

Matt Bubb & family - friends of Betty Knaub

Julio & the Aviles Family

Collette Quinn's younger sister

Larry, Pat Leary's father

Tammy Winston

Laura Scott

Richard & Kathy Pallette



IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We extend our condolences to the Messick family on the tragic loss of Luke. Luke was larger than life and had contributed in amazing ways to making the world more beautiful, and his loss is felt by many people today. The service will be held on Sunday, May 23, 2021, at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary. The reception will be the following Sunday, May 30, 2021, at 1 p.m. in the River Birch Shelter at Gosnold Hope Park.

Thank you all for your outpouring of thoughts and prayers for my family during this time of loss. We are blessed to know that she is in His loving arms, is free from her earthly body, and we will see her again.

Sincerely, Cassandra & Peter





CANS 4 CONFERENCE

During a normal non-pandemic year, we collect cans of food and donate them when we attend the Virginia UMC Annual Conference in June. This year that conference was scheduled for Hampton but is now being held virtually on June 18 and 19. We have been encouraged to collect donated food which will be turned in to the York River District on 19 June to be used in the community.

Please consider donating cans of food or dry packaged food (please no glass containers due to possible breakage) to help this worthy cause. A tub labeled "Cans 4 Conference" is available in the narthex. We will be collecting through 13 June. Thank you in advance for your donation. All of the food collected will stay locally and help support local ministry partners in our area.

Thank You,
Mike Williams

Grilling Season Is Here!

If you would like to help, the current mission of the FUMC Food Pantry is to provide condiments such as **mayo, mustard, ketchup, relish, and BBQ sauce** to our food pantry recipients this summer. We ask you purchase only PLASTIC JARS OR SQUEEZE BOTTLES of these items. We cannot receive items past their expiration date. Please place your items in the Red Tub located in the Fellowship Hall.

The FUMC Food Pantry Committee wants to say 'Thank you' to all those who help support our program with food.

Sincerely,
Food Pantry Committee

Local Mission Project Opportunity

In the past, the UMW's circles at FUMC Fox Hill have made hygiene/layette kits to be distributed to the needy around the world. However, due to the Covid restrictions this year, the Virginia Conference has asked us to make kits to distribute to local ministry partners. This year, we will be making layette kits to be given to Care Net for new moms. We invite any interested Church members to donate either individual items or complete kits for this purpose. The contents of each completed kit will be placed in a large Ziplock bag and include:

Baby clothing up to 12 months

Baby shampoo

Small toys

Pacifiers

Diapers (3) and diaper pins

Washcloths

Items can be placed in a tub labeled "Care Net Layette Kit" in the Narthex. The Fox Hill UMW Executive Board will put together kits with any individually donated items.

The Conference would like all kits completed **by June 19** so please place items in the tub on or before June 14. Please consider helping new mothers in need! Any questions, please contact Joyce Winston.

Worship Assistants for May 23 & 30, 2021

Ushers: Jim Roberson(Capt), Joyce Winston, A.G. Womble, Rick Nolin, Fred Foster

Liturgist: Tom Hite

Projection: 5/16 - 5/30 - Lydia Simpson

Sound & Lights: 5/23 Hunter Francis,
5/30 Jim Bly

Camera / Video Mix:

5/2-5/30 Marie Clement

Livestream/Recording: ~

Night Watchmen: 5/23 - Jesse Barbour
5/30 Ron Mayo

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

Sunday, May 23

- 8:45 a.m. [Searchers](#) Class: FH Stage & Zoom
Passcode: 000846
- 8:45 a.m. [Faithlink](#) Class: Classroom & Zoom
Password: Faithlink
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service :
In-Person & [Livestream](#)
- 4:00 p.m. Celebration of Life Service for
Luke Messick: Sanctuary

Monday, May 24

- 10:00 a.m. Tri-X Monday School: Tri-X
- 7:00 p.m. UMW Executive Board

Tuesday, May 25

- 10:00 a.m. Shawl Makers: ESR
- 11:00 a.m. Bagging for Food Bank
- 6:30 p.m. Communications Committee:
Tri-x
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 151 Meeting: FH
- 7:00 p.m. Scouts Troop 151 Meeting: FH

Wednesday, May 26

- 10:00 a.m. [Soul Sisters](#) Bible Study: Zoom
Password: Jesus
- 12:00 p.m. Food Pantry
- 4:30 p.m. Love Unites: Praying Parents rm
- 6:00 p.m. Wesley Bells Rehearsal: Choir
- 7:00 p.m. Buckroe New Hope AA Group:
FH - Stage

Thursday, May 27

- 11:00 a.m. Pastor Tommy's Reunion
Group
- 5:30 p.m. Praise Band Worship Team
Rehearsal: Sanctuary

Friday, May 28

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

Saturday, May 29

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

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, June 2

Small Group Leader Support
Gatherings Starts

Sunday, June 6 Ambassador Training

Sunday, June 13 Graduation Sunday



Sunday, June 20 Father's Day



Friday, Oct. 15 Pumpkins Arrive

Oct. 16 - 31 Pumpkin Patch

Last Week's Attendance 5/16/2021

10 a.m. Service: **118**
Sunday School Sunday School: **52**
Internet Live Streaming: **115**

Last Week's Tithes and Offerings

Total One Fund: **\$ 17,601.75**
Year to Date: **\$ 256,005.97**

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Last Week: **\$ 110.00**
Year to Date: **\$ 1,463.54**



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