

First United Methodist Church Fox Hill

Sunday, July 19, 2026



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

“Nesting Faith” 1 John 5:1-12

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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

July 19, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

God is present! The Lord is among us!

We are not alone. We are not forgotten.

We come to witness to each other –

And we are reminders of God's love for the world.

*Hymn

UMH 370

“Victory In Jesus”

Children's Time

Offering Prayer and Offertory

*Doxology

UMH 71

“Glory Be to the Father”

*Hymn

UMH 331

“Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us”

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we too often feel like we go through life alone. When challenges come, we feel isolated from others, even from You. Remind us that we are created in your image, and redeemed by your Son, and not even let a hair fall from our heads without You noticing. So, when trouble comes, help us remember we are not alone – your Body is present, and your Presence is never ending. Forgive us when our feelings overwhelm our faith, and help us work together for others, 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

Rev. Becky Holland

The Lord's Prayer

Special Music

“Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen”
Althouse

Pam Roberts, Soloist

Scripture

1 John 5:1-12

Sermon

“Nesting Faith”

Rev. Dr. Brian Sixbey

* A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

UMH 883

*Hymn

UMH 357

“Just As I Am, Without One Plea” (vss. 1-4)

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

UMH 357

“Just As I Am, Without One Plea” (vs. 5)

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.

MODERN WORSHIP SERVICE

July 19, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

God is present! The Lord is among us!

We are not alone. We are not forgotten.

We come to witness to each other –

And we are reminders of God's love for the world.

*Worship Songs

“Come Now is the Time To Worship”

“Amazing Love (You are My King)”

“How Great is Our God”

Offering Prayer and Offertory

Scripture

1 John 5:1-12

Sermon

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UMH 883

Reflection

“Holy Spirit Flow Through Me”
by Walt Mills

Worship Team

Holy Spirit Flow Through Me
Holy Spirit Flow Through Me
And make my life what it ought to be
Holy Spirit Flow Through Me

Holy Spirit Rest on me
Holy Spirit Rest on me
And use me Lord, to win the lost for me
Holy Spirit Rest on Me

Holy Spirit flow out from me
Holy Spirit flow out from me
That others Lord, may see you in me
Holy Spirit flow out from me
Holy Spirit flow out from me.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Becky Holland

Lord's Prayer

*Benediction

Postlude

Report on 244th Virginia Annual Conference

By Melanie Souder

The 244th Session of the Virginia Annual Conference was held in Harrisonburg, Virginia, at the Atlantic Union Bank Center from June 17–20, 2026. I, along with Pastor Brian, Larissa Luma and 2 of our youth, Ferdinand and Tony Clement attended. The conference continued under the banner of “A Conference in Three Movements”. This year marked the second movement, the historical movement, by focusing on “Reclaiming the Heart of Methodism”.

Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson led the conference, which included a Laity Address by Martha Stokes, who reflected on themes of faith, identity, and spiritual mentorship through the lens of 2 Timothy 1:4–7. Worship was a central focus, featuring an Opening Worship service, a Memorial Service preached by Rev. David McAllister-Wilson, and a Juneteenth Worship service.

Business conducted during the conference included the passage of reports regarding equitable compensation, pension and health benefit support, and a single-payer plan. Recognitions were held for various ministries and retirements, including the ministry of Rev. M.J. Kim, which benefited from a newly created fund to support immigrant clergy. Additionally, the conference recognized several congregations with "Wesley Flame" awards for their innovative ministries and celebrated new ordinations and pastoral appointments.

The conference also featured presentations from Dr. Ashley Boggan and Rev. Dr. Candace Lewis, who challenged attendees to reclaim the heart of their mission by focusing on heart renewal, small-group discipleship, and a willingness to challenge unjust systems.

All of the session videos and further details may be viewed at <https://vaumc.org/ac2026-session-recordings/>.



Prayers for

George Honeycutt
Sue & Jack Morehouse
Bonnie Harper
Kathy Kromoff

Charles Levi Parker
Michael Adams
Brian Eubank, Sr.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Two Upcoming Dates

On **Sunday, July 26**, our youth will be out on mission and we do not have someone to lead music, so we will have a **combined 9 am service** that Sunday. More excitingly, on **August 23**, in honor of school beginning Aug 24, we have a **combined 10 am service** followed by snow cones in the parking lot! We are still chasing down snow cone vendors and options, so if you know someone, let us know!

The Next Faithful Step

The Next Faithful Step is the next sermon series, starting July 26. We'll be looking at stories of people who were caught in a "pickle" to see how they navigated through it. The idea for the series is that we don't have to know it all – we only need to imagine and take the next faithful step.

Ambassadors Needed!

Starting in August, we would love to gain new ambassadors who will greet people for our worship services, especially for the second service. Speak with Maude Casey or Pastor Brian for more information.

Fifty Plus

As we get ready for a new season of activities, we will gather for our annual **Fifty Plus Potluck Picnic in the Park at Gosnold's Hope Park, 901 E. Little Back River Road**. Plans are to **meet at the Cherry Shelter** (fourth left after entering the park). Mark your calendar now for **5 pm, Tuesday, August 11**. We will provide fried chicken, soft drinks, and paper products; you provide a dish to share. **Cost is just \$3.00**. When you sign up, be prepared to tell us what you plan to bring, e.g., appetizer, salad, vegetable, entrée, dessert, other. In addition to great fellowship, we'll chat about possible future activities.

Contact Anne or Bill Bryan with your ideas and to sign-up so we have a headcount – in person, at abandbb1@cox.net, or by phone to 757-851-0748. Please do it NOW.

And be sure to watch the First Fox Hill pubs to keep tab on activities as soon as they are published so you don't miss out. September and October will be here before you realize – opportunities on the horizon!

Helping Hands Mission Team Update

The Helping Hands Mission Team will be collecting school supplies and monetary donations for our school partner, Jones Magnet Middle School. Our goal is to provide much-needed supplies so students can begin the new school year successfully when classes start on **August 24, 2026**.

Jones Magnet Middle School uses a specific organizational system that is supported by decades of educational research. **The following items are especially needed:**

- 10 backpacks
- Zippered 3-ring binders
- Wide-ruled composition notebooks
- Wide-ruled notebook paper
- #2 pencils
- Colored pencils
- Washable markers
- Lined 3" x 5" index cards
- 3-hole-punched, soft-shell zippered pencil pouches

Collections will begin **Sunday, July 12**, and continue through **Sunday, August 9**. We plan to deliver the donated supplies to the school by **August 14**.

Thank you for your generosity and support!
Kathy and Pat



Weekly Calendar

Sunday, July 19

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service/Livestream
 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. Junior Youth

Monday, July 20

1:00 p.m. "The Book" Club: Tri-X Room

Tuesday, July 21

10:00 a.m. Shawl Makers: ESR
 11:00 a.m. Bagging for Food Pantry
 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 151 Summer Activities & Parent Planning
 7:00 p.m. BSA Troop 151 Meeting: FH
 7:00 p.m. PPSRC: Tri-X Room

Wednesday, July 22

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting: Tri-X Room
 12:00 p.m. Food Pantry
 3:00 p.m. Love Unites: ESR
 6:00 p.m. Buckroe New Hope AA Group: FH Kitchen

Thursday, July 23

5:00 p.m. TABS: Tri-X Room
 6:00 p.m. Karate for Christ: FH Stage
 7:00 p.m. Ballroom Dance Lessons: FH Kitchen

Friday, July 24

6:00 p.m. Buckroe New Hope AA Group: FH Kitchen
 6:00 p.m. BSA Crew 1151 Meeting: Tri-X Room

Saturday, July 25

9:00 a.m. Buckroe Men's AA Group: FH Kitchen
 9:00 a.m. Sat. Morning Sisters in Christ: Faithlink
 2:00 p.m. Book Club: Robinson Home
 7:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

Next Sunday

July 26, 2026
"Do We Believe With Heart or Eye?"
Numbers 13:17-14:4

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Attendance:

July 12, 2026

In person:	<u>90</u>
9:00 a.m. Service	66
10:30 a.m. Service	24
Internet Live Streaming:	<u>28</u>
9:00 a.m. Service	19
10:30 a.m. Service	9

Tithes & Offerings:

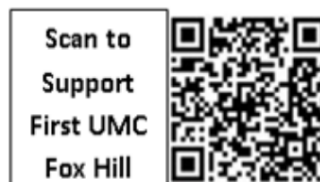
Total One Fund:	\$ 5,702.45
Year to Date:	\$ 231,299.82

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Last Week:	\$ 1,487.00
Year to Date:	

Roof Fund

Last Week:	\$ 0.00
Year to Date:	\$ 4,436.00



Worship Assistants for July 19, 2026

July Ushers	9:00 a.m.: George Honeycutt (Capt.), Woody Wilson, Dave Rogers, Hunter Francis, Mike Adams 10:30 a.m.: Dave Sharp (Capt.), Daniel Clark, Elevate Youth
Liturgist	9:00 a.m.: Ron Mayo 10:30 a.m.: Susan Nadeau
Night Watchmen	7/19 Mark Robinson, 7/26 Mark Nadeau, 8/2 Lloyd Cato

