



**FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
FOX HILL**



Lead a life
worthy of the calling ...
making every effort
to maintain the unity
of the Spirit in
the bond of peace.
Ephesians 4:1-3

**“A beloved community,
forgiven and called to transforming love”**

September 20, 2020

Ephesians 4:1-16

September 20, 2020, 8:30 a.m. Service

Gathering and Welcome

Prelude

* Call to Worship

The church, as a family

Struggles to get along and work together.

The church, as a family

Diminishes, grows, withers, and is renewed.

The church, as God's family

Expands her love, expands her wings, and praises the Lord of life!

Praise God!

* Hymn

UMH 534

"Be Still, My Soul"

Children's Time

Leah McGlynn

Offering / Stewardship Moment

Jack Morehouse

* Hymn Medley

UMH 528

"Nearer, My God, to Thee" (vss. 1-2)

UMH 529

"How Firm a Foundation" (vs. 1-2)

Prayer of Confession

Ever since we left the garden of Eden, we struggle with a distorted view of everything. We see ourselves, our role, and our calling with too great or too small a view. Help us re-set our mind's eye, beginning with your utter forgiveness of our sins in Jesus Christ, reaching to your unchanging love for us, and drawing us forward into your calling, your purpose for our lives. We are your beloved children, built into the body of Christ to encourage, uplift, and inspire each other so that you can spread your wings over every individual on the face of the earth. In Jesus' name, enable us to speak the truth in love. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Jesus makes all things, even us, new! 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

Special Music

"Serenade"

Schubert

Valentina Sorbera and Mark Biondolillo

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4:1--16

Sermon

"A beloved community, forgiven and called to transforming love"

Pastor Brian

Statement of Faith

UMH 881

Apostle's Creed

Witness Moment

* Hymn

UMH 600

"Wonderful Words of Life" (vss. 1-2)

* Benediction

As it was in the past, so it is now today,

God leads us to the promise which lies before us! Praise God!

* Benediction Response

UMH 600

"Wonderful Words of Life" (vs. 3)

Postlude

September 20, 2020, 11 a.m. Service

Gathering Music

"Mighty to Save
Valentine Sorbera and Brian Sixbey

Fielding / Morgan

Welcome

* Call to Worship

The past is gone,
We cannot go back!
God is with us now,
We cannot go back!
We set our eyes on what is ahead,
We go forward, together!

* Song

FWS 2145

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

Children's Time

Leah McGlynn

Offering / Stewardship Moment

Jack Morehouse

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Schubert

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Spoken and Sung

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Last Week's Attendance 9/13/2020			
8:30 a.m. Service	11:00 a.m. Service	Sunday School	Internet Live Streaming
52	39	45	193
Last Week's Tithes and Offerings			
Total One Fund		Pastor's Discretionary Fund	
Last Week:	\$ 9,967.46	Last Week:	\$ 110.00
Year to Date:	\$369,498.84	Year to Date:	\$4,875.82

September 2020		
Worship Assistants	8:30 a.m.	11 a.m.
Ushers	George Honeycutt (Capt.), Hunter Francis, Dave Rogers, Scott Williams, Woody Wilson	Joe Corbett (Capt.) John Payne Dave Sharp
Liturgist	David Messick	Sandy Williams
Sound & Lights	9/6 - Hunter Francis, 9/13 - Hunter Francis, 9/20 - Hunter Francis, 9/27 - Tom Hite	9/6 - Jim Bly, 9/13 - Jim Bly, 9/20 - Mary Parker, 9/27 - Mary, Parker
Projection	9/6 - Mary Parker, 9/13 - Mary Parker, 9/20 - Lydia Simpson, 9/27 - Lydia Simpson	9/6 - Mary Parker, 9/13 - Mary Parker, 9/20 - Kathy Fisher, 9/27 - Kathy Fisher
Camera / Video Mix	9/13 - Susan Ardern, 9/20 - Mary Parker, 9/27 - Mary Parker	9/6 - Susan Ardern , 9/13 - Susan Ardern, 9/20 - Susan Ardern, 9/27 - Susan Ardern
Night Watchmen	9/6 - Jimmy Roberson, 9/13 - Hunter Francis, 9/20 - Dave Rogers, 9/27 - Calvin Leary, 10/4 - Fred Foster, 10/11 - Jesse Barbour, 10/18 - Ron Mayo, 10/25 - Brian Eubank	



**When you're in a dark place, you sometimes
tend to think you've been buried.
Perhaps you've been planted.
So Bloom!**



September 27, 2020

Exodus 16:1-15

**“Back to ‘Safety,’ or
Forward to the Future?”**

Some Background on Our Series: We have begun a thematic Bible series, entitled, “Going Forward, Together.” The idea is this — beginning with the expulsion of Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden, God closes the door on the past and opens the door for a future, a resurrection instead of continuous life, a new hope instead of the old life, and so on. If you’re interested in doing your own research as we go along, the passages will be in this order: Genesis 3:20-24, Genesis 11:31-12:5, Exodus 16:1-15, Isaiah 55:1-13, Galatians 3:1-14, and Hebrews 11:13-16, 32-40, and 12:1-13. Along the way, we’ll have a break for Sundays for Stewardship (9/20), Laity (10/11), and Consecration (10/25).

Thank You, Cleaners! Thank you to all those who have stayed behind to clean after each service. If you wish to help, all you need to do is remain in your pew area until the service is over, and supplies will be brought out for the effort.

UMM Update

The leadership team of the First UMC Fox Hill United Methodist Men has decided not to meet in September, October or November. They are leaving December, which is a Communion Service, open and are cautiously optimistic that they can meet.



Jordan, friend of Lisa Hite
Janice vanNoppen and Pamela Tracey
Jean Bernstrom
Heather & Marty Dunn
Thomas family, cousins of Betty Knaub
Decere family, friends of Sue Morehouse
Chris Foster, son of Kay and Fred Foster
Shirley Wells, friend of Sharon Whitley
Mary Branch
Jack Morehouse
Laura Scott

Cans 4 Conference

During a normal non-pandemic year, we usually collect cans of food and donate them when we attend the Virginia UMC Annual Conference in June. This year the conference was delayed and is now being held virtually.

We have been encouraged to collect donated cans of food and give to our local food pantry. Our church’s Food Pantry served 130 people in August, and the numbers have been growing steadily throughout the year.

Please consider donating cans of food (please, no glass containers due to possible breakage) to help this worthy cause. A big red tub labeled Food Pantry is available in the hallway leading to the stage side of the Fellowship Hall. Thank you in advance for your donation. This food is a blessing to those in need in our local community, and will greatly help our Food Pantry Team stretch the limited dollars they have to work with.

— Thank You, Mike Williams

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Lindsay Gulla	9/20
Julie Bell	9/20
Charlie Wright	9/20
Tyree Brown	9/21
Betty Knaub	9/21
Ben Godwin	9/21
Hunter Francis	9/22
Alex Winston	9/23
Harlie Broyles	9/24
Lawrence Musser III	9/24
Rebekah Sanderson	9/24
Mary Johnson	9/25
Michele Winston	9/25
Claudine Womble	9/25
Anne Powell	9/25
Sarah Tricarico	9/26
Al Castanien	9/26
Connor Hawley	9/26
Martina Lee	9/26
Kaylyn Greer	9/26
Carrie Hopkins	9/26



Bobby & Beth Hearp	9/25
Calvin & Pat Leary Jr.	9/25
Tony & Kathy Kromoff	9/25

Prayer Partners Available

The Susannah Wesley Prayer Closet, located in the Education Wing between the Bible 201 and Praying Parents rooms, is open any time the church building is open. This would include 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and during church hours on Sundays. There are dedicated prayer partners to join you, should you like to have someone pray with you. Simply stop by the office on weekdays and have Susan Compton call one of the on-call prayer partners for you.



The Food Pantry has a client who is in need of assistance. This homeless gentleman, who is legally blind and has diabetes, has been living rough in the woods with his autistic goddaughter. Fortunately, this small family will be moving into an apartment in the near future. We would like to provide them with a Welcome Basket, which might contain bath and kitchen towels, cleaning supplies and utensils for the bath and kitchen, and other items for daily life. Please bring any items you might have to the church office within the next week, and thank you for caring!

District Conference Postponed

Due to the need to get additional information and procedures for the 2020 York River District Conference, District Superintendent, the Rev. Seonyoung Kim, has postponed the conference.

The District Conference was originally scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, at 7 p.m. The new date will be announced in the near future.



Lay Servant Academy

The 2020 Lay Servant Academy will be held from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, November 14, via Zoom.

You may select one course to attend:

I Love to Tell the Story

On-Line Worship

Older Adult Ministries

Course descriptions may be found at

<https://vaumc.org/laity-district-and-conference-training/>

The cost is \$30.

Questions?

Please contact Tianna Durbin,
Lay Servant Academy Director, at

tiannad@arcolachurch.org

NEW: EARLY IN-PERSON VOTING OPTION

Sept 18 – Oct 31, 2020

**Beginning Friday, September 18,
& ending Saturday, October 31, 2020,
registered voters in Hampton can
VOTE IN PERSON at one of two locations.**

VOTING IN PERSON - Early voting (absentee voting in person)

Who can vote early: Any registered Virginia voter can vote absentee or early; you do not need to choose a reason.

Where: You can vote in person at the Registrar's main office or satellite office. You must bring an ID with you, just as you would at your precinct.

Registrar's Main Office, 1919 Commerce Drive, Suite 470, Hampton

Registrar's Satellite Office, 101 Kings Way, Hampton

When: Begins Sept. 18; Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Open on Saturdays, Oct. 24 and 31 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Deadline: Last day to vote early in person is Oct. 31.

More information is available on the **HAMPTON VOTER REGISTRAR'S OFFICE** website:

<https://hampton.gov/263/Voter-Registrar>

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

Sunday, September 20

8:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)
8:30 a.m. **Livestream** [Worship Service](#)
9:45 a.m. **Zoom** [Faithlink](#) Class
Password: Faithlink
10:00 a.m. **Zoom** [Searchers](#) Class
11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:00 a.m. **Livestream** [Worship Service](#)

Monday, September 21

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

Tuesday, September 22

10:00 a.m. Shawl Makers (ESR)
12:00 p.m. Susannah Wesley Prayer Closet (Education Wing)
1:00 p.m. Bagging for Food Pantry
7:00 p.m. Scouts BSA Troop 151 Meeting

Wednesday, September 23

10:00 a.m. **Zoom** [Soul Sisters](#) Wednesday Morning Bible Study
Password: Jesus
12:00 p.m. Food Pantry
7:00 p.m. Buckroe New Hope AA Group Meeting (FH - Stage)
7:30 p.m. Zoom Communications Team Meeting

Thursday, September 24

11:00 a.m. Reunion Group (Pastor Tommy's Office)
12:00 p.m. Susannah Wesley Prayer Closet (Education Wing)

Friday, September 25

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

Saturday, September 26

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



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