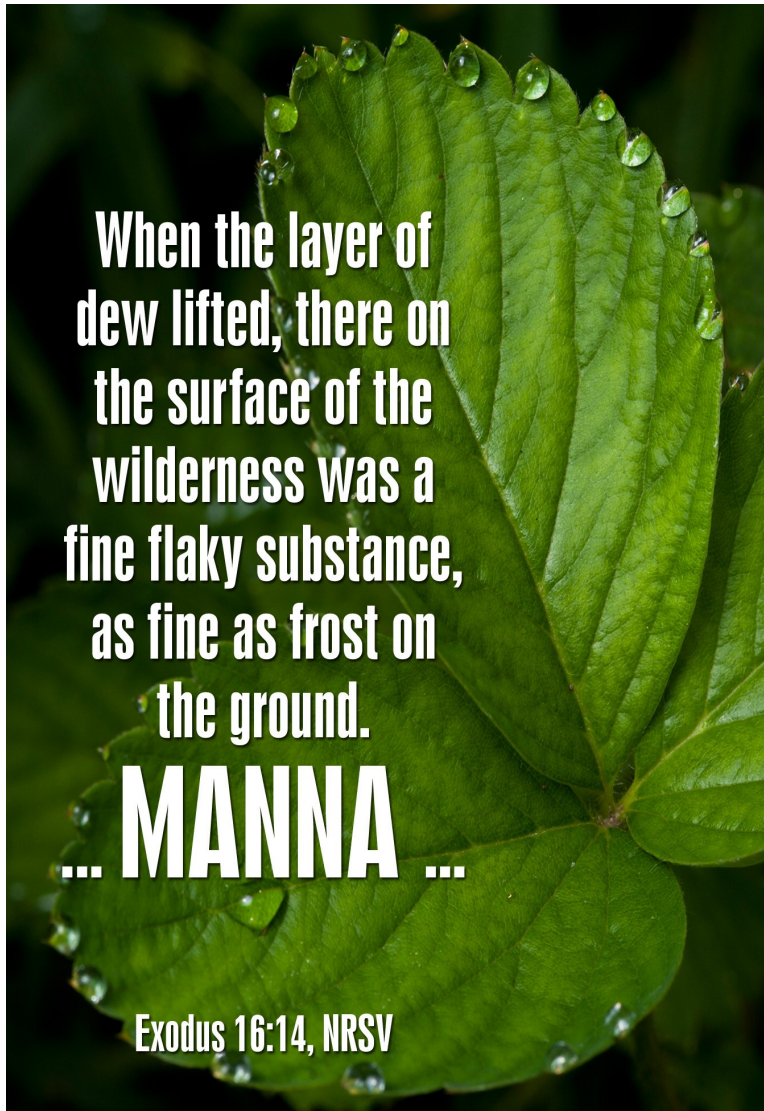




**FIRST UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH  
FOX HILL**



**“Back to ‘Safety,’ or Forward to the Future?”  
September 27, 2020  
Exodus 16:1-15**

# September 27, 2020, 8:30 a.m. Service

Gathering and Welcome

Prelude

\* Call to Worship

We walk in the wilderness, wondering,

**How long, O Lord? How long will we suffer?**

God provides for everything we need,

**But we still cry — Why did you do this to us?**

Today we remember the One who provides for us,

**Jesus walks with us each step of the way,**

**Leading us ever onward, ever forward!**

\* Hymn UMH 422 “Jesus, Thine All-Victorious Love”

Children’s Time Leah McGlynn

Offering / Stewardship Moment Lynn Landrum

\* Hymn Medley UMH 380 “There’s Within My Heart A Melody” (vss. 1, 5)  
UMH 381 “Jesus, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us” (vs. 1-2)

Prayer of Confession

**With dismay, we watch the Israelites complaining in the wilderness, knowing their complaints will cost them 40 years of traveling. Then, we complain about everything under the sun, including the sun, thinking we have every right to complain. However, we undermine our joy and our time with our complaints. You provide for us, Lord! No matter what we think, You will make a way through the wilderness. Teach us to praise through the same lips that complain, so we can be a blessing to our neighbors and ourselves. In Jesus’ name. 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 Pastor Tommy

Special Music “Meditation” Massenet  
*Valentina Sorbera and Mark Biondolillo*

Scripture Reading Exodus 16:1-15

Sermon “Back to ‘Safety,’ or Forward to the Future?” Pastor Brian

Statement of Faith UMH 881 Apostle’s Creed

\* Hymn UMH 391 “O Happy Day, That Fixed My Choice” (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 391 “O Happy Day, That Fixed My Choice” (vs. 3)

Postlude

\*Please stand as you are able

## September 27, 2020, 11 a.m. Service

Gathering Music "This Little Light of Mine" African-American Spiritual  
*Valentine Sorbera and Brian Sixbey*

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 Lynn Landrum

\*Song FWS 2151 "I'm So Glad That Jesus Lifted Me"

Prayer of Confession

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Words of Assurance

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Special Music "Serenade" Schubert  
*Valentina Sorbera and Mark Biondolillo*

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Tommy

Lord's Prayer Spoken and Sung

Special Music "What a Beautiful Name" Fielding / Ligertwood  
*Larissa Luma*

Scripture Reading Exodus 16:1-15

Sermon "Back to 'Safety,' or Forward to the Future?" Pastor Brian

Statement of Faith UMH 881 Apostle's Creed

\* Benediction

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

\* Benediction Response FWS 2145 "I've Got Peace Like a River"

Postlude

Last Week's Attendance 9/20/2020			
8:30 a.m. Service	11:00 a.m. Service	Sunday School	Internet Live Streaming
61	34	39	213
Last Week's Tithes and Offerings			
Total One Fund		Pastor's Discretionary Fund	
Last Week:	\$ 7,862.00	Last Week:	\$ 50.00
Year to Date:	\$377,360.84	Year to Date:	\$4,925.82

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	



“Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer. And let faith be the bridge you build to overcome evil and welcome good.”

— Maya Angelou



**October 4, 2020**

**World Communion Sunday**

**Isaiah 55:1-13**

**“Back to the New Old Home”**

**Some Background on Our Series:** We are continuing our 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 special Sundays for Stewardship (9/20), Laity (10/11), and Consecration (10/25).

**Welcome Larissa!** We welcome Larissa Luma this Sunday as our new 11 a.m. worship leader. While we still have restrictions on what we can do in worship, we hope to build a new band and a more meaningful worship option over the coming weeks and months.



We extend our condolences to SaraJean Meacham in the death of her daughter, Megan Lindeman Buchanan, on Friday, September 11, 2020.



Laura Scott  
Sarah Sudduth  
Richard and Kathy Pallette  
Janice Vannoppen  
Alice Sturk  
The Fisher Family  
SaraJean Meacham  
Jordan, friend of Lisa Hite  
Chris Foster, son of Kay and Fred Foster  
Mary Branch  
Jack Morehouse

## **Regional Foodbank Needs Your Votes!**

The Virginia Peninsula Foodbank is one of 200 finalists in the State Farm Neighborhood Assist Grant Program. We are asking the community to help them win one of 40 \$25,000 grants by voting.

The \$25,000 award would help provide 5,000 portable bags of food through the Food for Kids BackPack Program so children in need across our community can enjoy healthy meals over the weekends. Vote for the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank by clicking [here](#).

- Voting runs from September 23 through October 2
- Voters must be a U.S. resident who is 18 years or older with a valid e-mail address
- Voters can vote up to 10 times within a 24-hour time period every day.

Please help spread the word and share this link with friends and family. We can help provide comfort and hope to children across our community!



Beth Hughes	9/27
Martha Stocker	9/27
Eric Radford	9/27
Ferdinand Clement	9/27
Nathan Evers	9/28
Miriam Ridout	9/28
Stuart Speth	9/29
Alisha Kellam	9/29
Brian Carrier	9/30
Elizabeth Barroso	9/30
Stephen Struck	10/1
Riley Roberson	10/1
Chuck Farmer	10/1
Agnes Brett	10/1
Dave Sharp	10/1
Stephanie Routten	10/2
Jaden Loyd	10/2
Erin Bunting	10/3
Adrienne Soule	10/3
Robert Wright	10/3
Carla Mingee	10/3



Diego Capriotti & Jeanne Godwin	9/28
Jeff & Nancy Verry	9/29
Brad & April Bauer	9/30
Al & Betsy Castanien	9/30
Ron & Debra Kravitz	10/1
Don & Cindy Johnson Jr.	10/1

## 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 contact one of the on-call prayer partners for you.

## 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



## Virtual Annual Conference Invalidated and Postponed

Because of the technical issues during the September 19 virtual annual conference session, Bishop Sharma D. Lewis has made the decision to invalidate this annual conference session and postpone it to a later date.

“Because . . . we were not able to properly organize the annual conference according to our Standing Rules,” she said, “I am immediately invalidating and postponing the 238<sup>th</sup> Virginia Annual Conference to another date in 2020, if possible.” The bishop emphasized her preference is to have a complete annual conference in 2020 but, if not, the conference will meet in 2021 in Hampton.

## 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](mailto: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 27

- 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 28

- 10:00 a.m. Tri-X Monday School (Tri-X)  
1:00 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Choir)  
7:00 p.m. UMW Executive Board Meeting  
(Tri-X Room)

### Tuesday, September 29

- 10:00 a.m. Shawl Makers (ESR)  
7:00 p.m. Scouts BSA Troop 151 Meeting

### Wednesday, September 30

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

### Thursday, October 1

- 11:00 a.m. Reunion Group (Pastor Tommy's  
Office)  
8:00 p.m. [Zoom](#) MOPS/MOMSnext Meeting

### Friday, October 2

- 6:00 p.m. Buckroe New Hope AA Group  
Meeting (FH - Stage)

### Saturday, October 3

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



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