

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOX HILL

Welcome

December 4, 2022



“Fiery Words of Hope & Challenge”
Isaiah 11:1-9 & Matthew 3:1-12

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December 4, 2022, 9:00 a.m.
Traditional Service

Prelude		
Welcome and Announcements		
* Advent Candle Lighting		Bill & Anne Bryan
"In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea proclaiming. "Repent for the kingdom of heaven has come near." And "bear fruit worthy of repentance"		
We light these candles, the candle of joyful hope and the candle of proclaimed peace to remind ourselves that we are a people rising toward God's promise. We also light them as a sign to the world, that some hold on to hope and some who work the ways of peace. We stand as a sign that "God with us" is still our fervent prayer.		
* Hymn	UMH 626	"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"
Children's Time		Pastor Brian
Offering Prayer and Offertory		
* Doxology	UMH 72	"Gloria, Gloria"
* Hymn	UMH 204	"Emmanuel, Emmanuel" (2x)
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Tommy
Anthem	"Will We Know Him" Besig	1st Fox Hill Family Choir
Scripture	Isaiah 11:1-9, Matthew 3:1-12	
Sermon	"Fiery Words of Hope and Challenge"	Pastor Brian
Invitation to the Table		UMH p. 12
Prayer of Confession		
Passing the Peace		
The Great Thanksgiving		Musical Setting A, p. 17 UMH
Lord's Prayer		Pastor Tommy
The Lord's Supper		
* Hymn	UMH 644	"Jesus, Joy of Our Desiring" (vs. 1)
* Benediction		Pastor Brian
In this Advent season, we need to see, feel, and share hope. As you go out into the wonder of God's creations, share hope with those you meet. Amen.		
* Benediction Response	UMH 644	"Jesus, Joy of Our Desiring" (vs. 2)
Postlude		

*Please stand as you are able.



- The Eubank Family
- Tommy Thompson and family
- David (friend of Jim Branstetter)
- Tina Grumbling

We continue to pray for our homebound, those with chronic conditions that may require ongoing treatment, and those unspoken prayers.

December 4, 2022, 10:30 a.m.

Modern Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

* Advent Candle Lighting

Kathy Fisher

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* Songs

"Liberator"

Madison Street Worship

"Your Love Never Fails"

Jesus Culture

"Forever"

Kari Jobe

Offering Prayer and Offering

Children's Time

Pastor Brian

Scripture

Isaiah 11:1-9, Matthew 3:1-12

Sermon

"Fiery Words of Hope and Challenge"

Pastor Brian

Reflection

"Hosanna"

Worship Team

Hillsong United

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Blessing over the Meal

The Lord's Supper

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Tommy

The Lord's Prayer

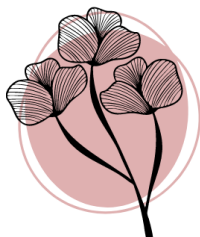
* Benediction

Pastor Brian

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Postlude



The flowers in the sanctuary this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jacqueline Eubank by the Eubank family.



Pastor's Column

Chat Ministry

Do you like to chat? If you are comfortable, or know someone who is, with Facebook we'd like to start having one of our members playing the host to the comments on our Facebook livestream, prompting questions, feedback, etc. Interested people can contact Pastor Brian or one of the A/V team who can also speak to the ministry idea.

Advent Lighters

Advent began last Sunday and we still have a few spots available. If you're interested in **lighting an Advent candle** one Sunday please see Pastor Brian.

Holy Yoga

Wayne and Mary Lewis are available for conversation with anyone who might want to explore holy yoga, that is Christ-centered, and can be done in the traditional or chair version. For more info on holy yoga, you can check www.holyyoga.net or catch Wayne or Mary.

Christmas Eve

As in prior years, we will host a 4pm and a 7pm Christmas Eve service. Both services will involve carols, candle lights, and communion. The 4pm service will be slightly more child-friendly and 7pm will feature our choir.

Christmas Sunday!

Our Christmas Sunday service will be a combined 10am service with Pastor Tommy bringing the Word.

Staff Appreciation

As we remember our loved ones this Holiday Season, let's not forget those who work numerous hours behind the scenes to enrich our spiritual lives. It is easy to take for granted our dedicated staff, who spend time preparing a message, a song, a bulletin, or a clean restroom. Other staff members provide a nurturing safe place to leave our children during church services, spiritual development for our youth, and make sure all our bills are paid. Let's show our devoted staff how much we appreciate all they do for us throughout the year with a special Christmas Bonus. Donations will run through Sunday, December 11 so that the Christmas bonuses can be paid before Christmas.

Thank you,
Woody Wilson

Women's Fellowship of Circumstances

Change of Plans! Park Lane will be unable to accommodate our group on **December 14**. **Mama Rosas'** in Phoebus will be our gathering place for **December (2nd Wednesday instead of 3rd) because of the holidays**. Put this on your calendar and make plans to join us! Give me a call (757-851-3109) or send me an email (gboone2@cox.net). Looking forward to hearing from you! Evelyn

fifty-plus

For those with reservations to enjoy **The Little Theatre of Virginia Beach** performance of the musical **White Christmas**, we will **meet at the church this Sunday, Dec 4 at 12:45 pm**. **After the musical we will return to church to drop off the ladies who are attending the annual Women's Christmas dinner**. The rest of us will go to dinner elsewhere in Hampton.

Our **annual "Planning" Breakfast** will be on **Saturday, January 7 at 8:30 am**. This year we will again be at an establishment that has been in business on the Peninsula since 1972 – **Vancosta's**. Located at **3830 Kecoughtan Road, Hampton**, this is not the original one on Warwick Blvd, but still a classic. We'll all pay for our own meals, **but we still need your reservation so we can have them set plenty of tables for us**.

Our future outings are still in the planning stage -- watch all the FUMC Fox Hill correspondence for updated information. Ask your questions or make your reservations with Anne and Bill Bryan at abandbb1@cox.net, or by phone to 757-851-0748.

Special Request for December's Food Pantry Items

The Food Pantry team tries to vary the products we place in the bags each month and sometimes we try to have a "theme" for that month asking for certain items to be donated and placed in the RED FOOD PANTRY TUB

We know that what we want to do for December's Food Pantry distribution, December 28, but unfortunately the Food Bank will not have what we are looking for, in fact they have had painfully little for some months now.

We are hopeful the congregation will support us in giving out a " traditional " New Year's Day menu of ham (canned -- Ex DAK or Bristol), canned collards, canned black eye peas, and corn bread (a box of corn muffin mix).

The traditional symbolism is that these items are for prosperity (pork), money (collards), luck (black eye peas), and cornbread/muffins just go so well with the others.

We understand that during the holiday season there are many different requests to help out so many worthy causes and we are so grateful for any support that you can give, and all the support you have given throughout the year!

If you are able to contribute please place your items in the RED FOOD PANTRY TUB no later than Sunday, Dec 18, so we have time to purchase what's still needed.

Mary and the Food Bank Team



<u>Last Week's Attendance 11/27/2022</u>		<u>Last Week's Tithes & Offerings</u>	
In person	<u>114</u>	Total One Fund:	<u>\$ 5,978.10</u>
9:00 a.m. Service:	81	Year to Date:	<u>\$ 542,614.13</u>
10:30 a.m. Service:	33	<u>Pastor's Discretionary Fund</u>	
Sunday School:	55	Last Week:	<u>\$ 75.00</u>
<u>Internet Live Streaming</u>	<u>81</u>	Year to Date:	<u>\$ 3,294.12</u>
9:00 a.m.: 50	10:30 a.m.: 31		

Worship Assistants for December 4, 2022		
Service Time:	9:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
December Ushers:	Richard Shearer (Capt.), Bill Bryan, Brian Eubank, Dave Sharp, Ronnie Steele	Tony Clement, Evelyn Graybeal, Julianna McDonald
Liturgist:	Joyce Winston	Jean Bernstrom
Projection:	Mary Parker	Ajaylen Wright
Sound & Lights:	Hunter Francis	Joey & Andi Meyer-Orozco
Camera/Video:	John Payne	Mary Parker
Livestream:	Jim Branstetter	Jim Branstetter
Ambassadors:	12/4 Fred & Kay Foster 12/11 Joann Smith & Anne Bryan	12/4 Lynn Landrum 12/11 Judy Grigg
Night Watchmen:	12/4 Joey Meyer-Orozco, 12/11 Calvin Leary, 12/18 Fred Foster	

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 4

- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service: In-Person & [Livestream](#)
9:30 a.m. Intergenerational Small Group: Ed Wing 2nd Floor
10:15 a.m. Faithlink Class: Classroom
10:15 a.m. [Searchers](#) Class: FH Stage & Zoom; Passcode: 000846
10:30 a.m. Modern Worship Service: In-Person & [Livestream](#)
12:45 p.m. Fifty Plus: **The Little Theater of Virginia Beach, *White Christmas***
6:00 p.m. UMW Christmas Dinner/Theater Banquet: FH and Sanctuary

Monday, December 5

- 10:00 a.m. Tri-X Monday School: Tri-X
1:00 p.m. Monday Bible Study Group: Tri-X
6:15 p.m. MOPS

Tuesday, December 6

- 10:00 a.m. Shawl Makers: ESR
10:30 a.m. Staff Luncheon: Church Office Closed
6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 151 Meeting: FH
7:00 p.m. BSA Troop 151 Meeting: FH

Wednesday, December 7

- 9:30 a.m. Soul Sisters: Faithlink
4:00 p.m. Love United: Faithlink Room
5:50 p.m. Wesley Bells Rehearsal: Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. 1st Fox Hill Family Choir Practice: Choir Room
7:00 p.m. Buckroe New Hope AA Group: FH Kitchen

Thursday, December 8

- 10:00 a.m. UWF Mission Sisters: FH
11:00 a.m. Pastor Tommy's Reunion Group
2:00 p.m. Cooking For Nights Welcome: Kitchen
4:30 p.m. TABS: Tri-X
5:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Karate For Christ: FH-Stage
7:00 p.m. Elevate Youth Bible Study: Ed Wing 2nd Floor
7:00 p.m. Ambassador Meeting: Choir Room

Friday, December 9

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

Saturday, December 10

- 9:00 a.m. Buckroe Men's AA Group: FH Kitchen
9:00 a.m. Music Sunday Choir Rehearsal

Next Sunday

December 11, 2022
"The Yes Heard
Around the World"
Isaiah 35:1-10 &
Luke 1:46-55



Advent

Hope, Love, Joy, & Peace