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You're invited to worship with us!

Sundays – 8:30 & 11:00 AM

9:45 AM, Sunday School

Brian Sixbey – Pastor

Tommy Markham – Assistant Pastor

**1 Salt Pond Rd.
Hampton, Virginia**



JULY 2015

The Anchor

From the Pulpit



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“Dog Days”

As the temperature soars past 100 degrees in mid-June, I find myself dreading the rest of the summer. As I've lived in Virginia for all of my life except for a few summers in North Carolina and one in Alaska, so summers shouldn't bother me! But “should's” don't live in life – people do. And I just want to find a cool corner in the shade or a pool or in an air conditioned building when the thermometer reaches past 90 degrees.

I am glad we follow a God who serves, whether it's biting cold or scalding hot, whether we're in the ocean's depths or searching for life in the stars beyond the Milky Way! As graduation is finished and we're gearing up for the fall to return us to a regular schedule, our ministries at First United Methodist Church Fox Hill continue as well, and we have opportunities to serve, both in the sweltering heat and in air conditioned corners: As July unfolds, several of our

hardy people will be camping over the July 4 weekend, I will be going to Camp Overlook in the first week of July, our youth head to Lake Junaluska the second week of July, and VBS will happen July 20-24. And these are just for starters – of course, we'll keep our full range of worship and Sunday School over the summer, not to mention the Bible studies and the music ministries, and the Cary Food Outreach program. Whether you enjoy the heat or look for shade on hot sunny days, there is a place where your volunteer efforts can be richly rewarded at our church this summer!

For many, summer will bring vacations or staycations which will take us outside or deeper into our community. No matter your schedule, I invite you to stay connected with God and people wherever you go. When you meet someone new, or when you get the name of someone you have met, I encourage you to try this simple practice: Write down the person(s)' name shortly after you meet them, and then take a mo-

ment to pray for that person. If you're brave, you can tell the person what you are doing and ask him/her what they would like you to pray for. Then, when you come to worship and fill out the pew pad, put the names (or initials or nickname) beside your name in the pew pad. This simple practice will help us love our neighbors in spirit and in truth, and it can help open up doors for us to minister to our community more faithfully.

Maybe we are in the “dog days of summer” already, but there's a wonderful thing about dogs: They are loving, friendly, and happy to see people almost every day of their lives! Even if the summer heat stays around, may we enjoy it like dogs do and remain loving, friendly, and happy to see and meet people all of our lives as well!

Your fellow servant in Christ Jesus,

Brian K. Sixbey



FIFTY PLUS

Fifty Plus Planning Meeting The annual meeting to plan for the 2015 – 16 season of Fifty Plus outings is tentatively scheduled for **Wednesday morning, August 5 at 9:00.** We will meet in the Tri-X Room. **Bring your ideas, thoughts, and comments and help us plan our program for the year!**

September Outing TBD: Since our planning meeting is not until **August 5,** we don't know what we will be doing in September. **Watch your Weekly Anchor** and be prepared to sign up **promptly!**

We want to thank the Fifty Plus group that went to Elkins, WV with us in May for their most generous gift. We are very happy everyone had such a great time...even if we wore you out. Thanks again for all your support.

For questions or reservations on any of our outings, contact Anne or Bill Bryan at 851-0748 or by e-mail to abandbb1@cox.net.

THANK YOU

On behalf of the United Methodist Men, we would like to thank our own Troop 151 led by Mr. David Crandol for painting the parking lines on our parking lot. They also responded to the request from the church to add four new handicap places on Old Buckroe side of the building. Our UMM have sponsored the Troop and Cub Pack for many years. We would like to add our thanks to Patrick Crandol for assisting in the project. Big job completed by big hearted people.

THANKS AGAIN! Ed Fly

NO MORE MALARIA

Thanks to Leah Graybeal and her wonderful helpers, \$276.79 was collected for mosquito nets to send to Africa. Each net cost \$10 and could possibly save 27 children from serious illness. Way to go Children's Department!!!
Joyce Fly, Church Treasurer

Envision 2020: If you have a single artistic bone in your body, Pastor Brian invites you to dream and imagine this summer! Here's the idea: draw, write, or create a vision of our church in the year 2020. When you're done, please let me or Lisa Hite know, so it can go up on the art wall over this summer so others can dream and envision 2020. On the last Sunday in August, we'll share our creations together!

Thanks, Brian

Youth Summer News

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

6/23 Beach Day

We will be going to beach to kick off the summer. We will be taking the bus. Departure time is 5:30. Make sure to bring a permission slip and eat before coming. We will be staying until the sun sets. Pick up will be around 9:00. In case of bad weather, we will hang out at the church. Invite a friend!

6/26 Busch & Mission Day #1

We will be doing mission work in the morning and going to Busch Gardens in the afternoon. Make sure to bring work clothes, a season pass/ticket, money for dinner, and a permission slip. We will be getting back between 10:30-11:00.

7/2 9 Square Night

We will be playing 9 Square in the Fellowship Hall from 6:00-8:00.

7/8 Bowling & Game Night

Join us for bowling and game night. Bring your favorite game, socks, and a permission slip. You may also want to bring money for snacks at the bowling alley. The event will be from 3:00pm-9:00pm. Dinner is provided

7/20-7/24 VBS

We will have youth every evening during VBS. It goes from 5:15-8:00. Dinner is provided every night. The youth will be going different places each night except for Monday night. Please bring a permission slip for the week.

7/28 Busch & Mission Day #2

We will be doing mission work in the morning and going to Busch Gardens in the afternoon. Make sure to bring work clothes, a season pass/ticket, money for dinner, and a permission slip. We will be getting back between 10:30-11:00.

8/3 Game Night

Youth game night at the church. Bring your favorite board games or video games. The event goes from 5:30-8:00.

8/20 9 Square Night

We will be playing 9 Square in the Fellowship Hall from 6:00-8:00.

8/26 Busch & Mission Day #3

We will be doing mission work in the morning and going to Busch Gardens in the afternoon. Make sure to bring work clothes, a season pass/ticket, money for dinner, and a permission slip. We will be getting back between 9:30-10:00.

9/2 Back to School Beach Day

We will be going to the beach to wrap up the summer. We will take the bus. Departure time is 10 am. Make sure to bring a permission slip and a lunch. We will be staying until 3:30.

Josh McNutt
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FUMC Fox Hill Church Calendar		Jul 2015 (Eastern Time)						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
28	29	30	1	2	3	4		
Pastor Brian at Camp Overlook @ Keezletown, VA 22832, USA 8:30am - Worship (\$) 9:45am - \$S/SG 11am - Worship (\$) 3:30pm - Jimmy Roberson			Young Adult Event 9am - Clergy Group 6pm - T1071 - GS (\$S) @ 6:30pm - Karate for Christ	9 Square Night (Youth) FH 6:30pm - Cub Pack Leaders	6pm - Cub Scout (FH &) 6:30pm - Karate for Christ	Youth Lake J (Bus) 9am - Cub Scout (outside)		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11		
	10am - Shawl Makers (ESR) 7pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Cub Scouts @ 1 salt 7pm - Prayer Team (ESR)	Bowling & Game Night 9am - Clergy Group 6pm - T1071 - GS (\$S) @ 6:30pm - Karate for Christ 7pm - Cub Scout Pack 151	9am - Clergy Group 6pm - T1071 - GS (\$S) @ 6:30pm - Karate for Christ	6pm - Youth Praise Band	6:30pm - Karate for Christ			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
Youth Lake J (Bus) 8:30am - Worship (\$) 9:45am - \$S/SG 11am - Worship (\$) 3:30pm - Jimmy Roberson	6:15pm - Finance Com 7:30pm - Church Council	10am - Shawl Makers (ESR) 10am - UMM Wesley Circle 7pm - Adult VC (PP) 7pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Cub Scouts @ 1 salt 7pm - Prayer Team (ESR)	Deadline for August 9am - Clergy Group 6pm - T1071 - GS (\$S) @ 6:30pm - Karate for Christ	6pm - Youth Praise Band	6:30pm - Karate for Christ			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25		
8:30am - Worship (\$) 9:45am - \$S/SG 11am - Worship (\$) 3:30pm - Jimmy Roberson	Youth VBS (Bus) 5pm - VBS (Vacation Bible) 6:30pm - C.A.T. (PP) 6:30pm - UMM Dinner (FH)	8am - Facilities Team 10am - Shawl Makers (ESR) 10:30am - Staff Meeting 5pm - VBS (Vacation Bible) 7pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Cub Scouts @ 1 salt 7pm - Prayer Team (ESR)	9am - Clergy Group 5pm - VBS (Vacation Bible) 6pm - T1071 - GS (\$S) @ 6:30pm - Karate for Christ	5pm - VBS (Vacation Bible) 6pm - Youth Praise Band	5pm - VBS (Vacation Bible) 6:30pm - Karate for Christ	2pm - Karate for Christ		
26	27	28	29	30	31			
Fellowship Sunday 8:30am - Worship (\$) 9:45am - \$S/SG 10am - Acolyte Training @ 11am - Worship (\$) 3:30pm - Jimmy Roberson	7pm - PPSRC (Tri-X)	Buech and Mission (Bus) 10am - Shawl Makers (ESR) 7pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Cub Scouts @ 1 salt 7pm - Prayer Team (ESR)	9am - Clergy Group 6pm - T1071 - GS (\$S) @ 6:30pm - Karate for Christ	6pm - Youth Praise Band	6:30pm - Karate for Christ			

Jul 1 Breanna Chase Melaney Jenkins Cat Sixbey	Jul 7 Susan Nadeau	Jul 17 Shanell Brown Valerie Fly Mary Plum-Hogge	Jul 25 *Royal & Donna Greer
Jul 2 Beverly Hatchett	Jul 8 *Allan & Sandy Williams	Jul 18 *George & Sandra Palko Matthew Holden	Jul 26 *Dick & Linda Poinsett *Tommy & Becky Thompson Josh Messick Beverly Stanley
Jul 3 Sharene Brown Joshua Feury Karen Tackett	Jul 9 George Honeycutt Jul 10 Mike Brooker	Jul 19 Maria Aviles Kyle Greer	Jul 27
Jul 4 Tim Brooker Manning Freeman	July 11 Angela Roach Ann Williams	Jul 20 Lee Brookman Matthew Feury Mike Gulla Dallas Jenkins, Jr.	Jul 28 Sam Apperson
Jul 5 Sue Brooker Gabrielle Irby Lynn Landrum Ronnie Steele	Jul 12 *Kellie & Sam Hoyt	Jul 21 Jul 22	Jul 29 Evelyn Boone Bobby Hearp Joyce Pizeck
Jul 6 Pat Brooker David Foster Gayle Landon Patty Biondolillo	Jul 13 *Chris & Vicki Carper *Eddie & Nancy Forrest Pauline Snider	Jul 23 *Jesse & Jane Barbour William Gulbranson Grace Hughes	Jul 30
	Jul 14	Jul 24 Nathan Williams (Julie's husband)	Jul 31 Kathy Day *Anniversary
	Jul 15 *Lesley & Jamie Tonkin		
	Jul 16 *Don & Chris Bartlett Julia Whelan		



Brandi Jayne Ammons—
Graduating from Kecoughtan High School
Future plans—Childcare

John Calhoun—
Graduating from Kecoughtan High School

Steven Cato—
Graduating from Virginia Tech with a B.S. in Aerospace Engineering and minor in Mathematics.
Future plans—work in Aerospace Engineering

Edward D. Fly, II—
Graduating from Chippewa Valley Technical College in Eau Claire, WI received a degree in Welding
Future plans—work in chosen field

Joy Elisabeth Fly—
Graduating from Menomonie High School, Wisconsin and received High School Diploma w/Honors
Future plans—Attend University of Minnesota

A'anna Rachell Haight—
Graduating from VCU w/ a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics & a concentration in Secondary education . Future plans—Teacher

Matt Holden—
Graduating from Denbigh High School, Newport News
Future plans - Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.
Majoring in Kinesiology and Business

Tim Holden -
Graduating from Riverside College of Health Careers with an A.A. S. in Physical Therapist Assistance and has passed his boards and now is a Licensed P.T.A.

Grace Hughes—
Graduating from Kecoughtan High School with Highest Honors Advanced High School Diploma.
Future plans—Attend Virginia Tech—Engineering

Kristina Kidroske—
Graduating from Richlands High School in Richlands, NC
Future plans—Johnson and Wales University in Charlotte, NC— Major Culinary Arts,
Minor in Baking

Janae Stupica—
Graduating from Kecoughtan High School With a Honors Diploma.
Future plans— Attending Thomas Nelson Community College
Graduating from Kecoughtan High with Highest Honors

William Oakley Roach
Graduating from Kecoughtan High with Highest Honors
Future plans- George Mason University studying finance

Genesis Rosario
Graduating from Kecoughtan High School with High School Diploma
Future plans—Air France (Medical Field)

Martha's Ministry Team

Stand Ready to Serve

June/July of

Martha's Ministry Team under the leadership of
MARY SMITH

BARBARA ARBOGAST	JEAN SPROUSE
KAY FOSTER	ALICE STURK
LISA HITE	ANNE ZIGLAR
LA ROSE RICHARDSON	NANCY FORREST
KAY ROYSTER	

The April/May team under the leadership of Evelyn Boone were privileged to provide a reception for the families of Bill Snider and Clarkie Branch

* We welcome **Beverly Stanley** to the April/May team, under the leadership of Evelyn Boone

And we also welcome **Bonnie Harper** to the October/November team under the leadership of Jean Pickin

Thank you ladies for your service

Mary Smith 851-9672



8:30 & 11:00 am

GREETERS
Joann Smith

USHERS for the month: TEAM D

Jim Roberson	Dick Haight
Joyce Winston	Mykela Scott
Jeff Johnson	Dallas Jenkins
Rick Nolin	Kathy Fisher
Fred Foster	Sara Meacham

LITURGISTS: Month of July

8:30 am

Tom Hite

11:00 am

Oakley Roach


ACOLYTES:

Check the weekly bulletin for Acolyte schedule

NIGHT WATCHMAN: Dave Rogers



7/5 Hunter Francis 7/12 Rick Nolin

7/19 Bob Richardson 7/26 Calvin Leary



Grace Hughes
2015 CLASS OF

Please join us on August 15, 2015 to congratulate Grace on her achievements and send her off to Virginia Tech.
Location: 1758 Carriage Dr. Hampton, VA 23664 @ 1-4 pm
RSVP: 757-719-3281
elizabethannhughes3@gmail.com

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Joyful Noise is kid-friendly worship for children 5th grade and younger held most Sundays starting after Children's Message.

Nursery is available for children 4 years and younger during Worship and Sunday School.

8:30 am: Worship - 9:30 am: Sunday School

for all ages and 11:00 am: Worship

11:00 am: Worship

Joyful Noise



Children's Church

Children & Youth Choirs

New Creation Kidz, K-5th grades, meets Wednesdays 3:00pm-4:00pm

Fire Fall, 6th-12th grades, meets Wednesdays 4:15pm-5:15pm

Come learn some music theory, different instruments, and vocal technique along with games and snacks. ALL FREE.

For more information contact Mark Biondolillo: 851-6302 Ext 13 hornplayermark@cox.net

Scouts

We host Girl Scout Troop 1000. While they do not meet regularly during the summer, you can contact the troop leader: ssixbey@gmail.com

We also host Cub Scout Pack 151. They have some events during the summer, but do not meet regularly until the fall. To get involved contact: pack151hampton@gmail.com

For older brothers and sisters we also host Venture Crew 151 & Boy Scout Troop 151. They meet Tuesdays, 6pm for crew & 7pm for scouts.

Imagine No Malaria Events:

Lemonade & Play
Saturday, April 25
10am-1pm

Volunteering @ Sandy Bottom Nature Park
Saturday, May 16
10am-2pm

We all can make a difference, at any age!

Vacation Bible School
"Love in Action"
Evenings July 20-24

More Fun
June - Bowling
August - Beach Day

Josh McNutt

Youth and Children's Coordinator
jmmcnutt.va@gmail.com

Karate for Christ

Karate for Christ is part of an international ministry to teach self-defense as well as to train the body and the spirit to glorify God.

We currently meet on Wednesdays 6:30-8:00pm & Fridays 6:30-8:00pm

Pastor Brian Sixbey: Sensei (instructor)
pastorbrian@firstumcfoxhill.org

Children and adults are welcome. We normally begin with children age 7 and up, but exceptions can be made.

Free trial & Low monthly fees

In addition to all this feel free to enjoy our playground daily. We generally have monthly events planned especially for children. Look for event information on our community board at the playground and on Facebook. Tell a neighbor and invite a friend!

www.facebook.com/firstumcfoxhill



Financial

Financial Fundamentals This periodic report briefly addresses finances at FUMC Fox Hill. The latest weekly and year-to-date information is printed weekly in *The Sail* available at every service or in the church office.

Unfortunately, while May was a "five-Sunday month", contributions were down for unknown reasons. That seemed to turn around the first Sunday of June so our long-term picture is a bit unclear. We have been able to keep up our missions payments and our operational bills, but continue to fall short in paying our Apportionments. While that shortfall doesn't result in our electricity being turned off, it does represent a failure to meet our obligations as a connectional church. Those Apportionments go to cover expenses of our Virginia Annual Conference including worldwide mission support, support of domestic Methodist programs, and such mundane expenses as clergy medical and retirement expenses (you can think of that as corporate overhead, if you like, but it is an obligation).

Memorial gifts, which are paid toward our mortgage principal, totaled \$1,780 during May. Those memorials, coupled with our normal monthly payment, left us with an outstanding debt to \$602,416; by the end of June we will drop below \$600,000!

As we enter summer, don't forget your church's expenses continue, in fact, they can increase. Expenses for cooling the facilities and hosting Vacation Bible School are significant costs that occur primarily in the summer. Please keep up with your giving, and remember that you can do so electronically IF you wish to do so. You don't need to write a check, remember to bring your envelope to church, or worry about missing contributions when you are unable to make it to church. Make one-time gifts or set up regular weekly or monthly giving. Just go to our web page at: www.firstumcfoxhill.org and click on the "GIVE" button toward the upper right. Contact Bill Bryan if you have any questions.

Total One Fund - Through April 2015		
Income For Planned Expenses ¹		\$219,596
Total One Fund Expenses (excludes pass through ²)	Planned	\$278,265
	Actual	\$230,624
Pass Through Income ²		\$36,829
Pass Through Expense ²		\$34,096
"Pay-It-Forward" Contributions		\$2,173
¹ Includes regular and memorial contributions, building use income, interest, etc.		
² This item represents funds contributed, but passed through to non-budget items, e.g., flowers, Advocate subscriptions, special mission programs, etc.		

It is our gifts of time, as well as the talent and financial resources with which we have been blessed, that we share God's word. Let us all do our part in every way we can.

If you have any concerns or questions about FUMC FH finances, please contact our financial staff through the church office or Bill Bryan, Finance Chair, at 851-0748 or by e-mail to billb-1111@cox.net.

Endowment Giving

We now have an Endowment Giving Program at First United Methodist Church Fox Hill. It is a special program of giving above and beyond your regular contributions to the church. Endowment gifts can be any amount of money (small or large) or other assets such as personal property, life insurance, bequest in a will, real estate, etc. Endowment giving is designed to create a legacy or endow our church's ministry. Endowment giving is not intended to pay our normal operating expenses so all such legacy gifts should be in addition to your giving to our routine expenses.

If you have any questions or are interested in making an endowment gift, any member of our Endowment Committee would be happy to answer them or the committee will meet with you. Our committee members include Hunter Francis, Bill Bryan, Lloyd Cato, Woody Wilson, Tommy Thompson, Pastor Brian and Pastor Tommy. There are two pamphlets called "The Ways of Giving" and "Frequently asked Questions about Endowment Giving" available for your review in the bin across from the pastor's office. If you would like to contact the Virginia United Methodist Foundation, you can receive a free confidential consultation. Their phone number is 800-768-6040, ext. 120 or visit their website at www.VAUMFgifts.org.