We thank the following for their service during our worship service:

Lay Reader: Gary Harris

MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD serving in April are Marianna Harris, Teresa Chandler, Lee Ann Michael, Carol Old, and Meredith Self.

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS in the pews may be placed in the offering or in the Prayer Request Boxes in the Reading Area and the Narthex, or you may email the Prayer Ministry Team at prayer@frontstreetumc.org. We thank team member LaDonna Boyd, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the Prayer Request Cards.

At the Table: be sure to watch and share the latest At the Table video premiering Friday mornings on YouTube and Facebook.

APRIL FOOD LIST FOR BACKPACK MINISTRY

Our Backpack Ministry at Eastlawn Elementary (a C4C mission) provides meals for food-insecure children who would otherwise go hungry over the weekend. In April, we are collecting the following items: mac and cheese, peanut butter (in plastic jars), 1 lb. bags of rice, snack-sized fruit cups (no applesauce please), and snack-sized packs of trail mix. Please deposit donations in the Donation Center located in the Reading Area.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SURVEY

Over the last year, the Discipleship Team has tried to provide new opportunities of spiritual and educational growth for Sunday school classes. Please tell us what you thought about each one as you experienced them. Find the brief survey at www.frontstreetumc.org/calendar (under Sign Ups and Surveys). The survey will close on **April 16**.

FRESH MOBILE MARKET

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2 P.M. AT NORTHSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Volunteers are needed to pack food, load cars, and direct traffic. Visit www.frontstreetumc.org/FMM to learn more.

THE UPPER ROOM

The **May-June** issue of The Upper Room is available. Copies are located in the Welcome Center and Narthex.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Join us for the 2024 National Day of Prayer as we embrace this year's theme "Lift Up the World—Light Up the World" inspired by 2 Samuel 22:29-31. The Front Street Prayer Team invites you to unite with thousands nationwide in prayer for our nation on **May 2**, **2024**. Whether at the church or from wherever you are, dedicate 30 minutes to prayer. A prayer guide and list of local, state, and national leaders will be available to guide your intercession. Sign up online or find a sign-up form at the Welcome Center. Let's come together and make a difference through the power of prayer.

EASTLAWN TEACHER APPRECIATION 2024

It's teacher appreciation time and we want to make sure we show the teachers at Eastlawn Elementary (Front Street's C4C partner school) much love from Front Street. We will be providing breakfast for them on **Wednesday**, **May 8**. If you'd like to participate by donating items for the breakfast, sign up at www.frontstreetumc.org/calendar. Please plan to drop off your food at FSUMC no later than **Tuesday**, **May 7**. Thank you! Questions? Contact Ms. Melissa at melissa@frontstreetumc.org.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **April 21**, **May 5**, **and June 2**, **16**, **23**, **and 30**. Please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 or Idrose4717@gmail.com for details or to sign up.

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 14, 2024

Sunday, April 14

9:00	Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
9:45	Confirmation Class	Youth Floor
11:00	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
5:15	God and Family Program	Room 307
6:00	Youth	Aldersgate Hall

Tuesday, April 16

8:00	Men's Breakfast Bible Study	Heritage Center
10:00	Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study	Heritage Center
6:15	Epworth Ringers	Bell Room

Wednesday, April 17

8:00 Youth Breakfast Club	Biscuitville, 669 Huffman Mill Rd.
2:00 Fresh Mobile Market	Northside Presbyterian Church

7:00 Chancel Choir Choir Room

Thursday, April 18

9:30 Prayer Team Ministry	Room 402/Zoom
10:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry	Room 405

Sunday, April 21

9:00 Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
9:45 Sunday School	Classrooms
9:45 Confirmation Class	Youth Floor
11:00 Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
5:15 God and Family Program	Room 307
6:00 Youth	Aldersgate Hall

LIVE-STREAMING

We are pleased to be able to live-stream our 11:00 a.m. worship each week for the benefit of those who are not able to be physically present. For those who would prefer to not be on camera, we endeavor to make the back half of the sanctuary a non-video zone. If you have any questions about this service, please feel free to speak with Pastor Ray. For Aldersgate sermons, search Aldersgate@FSUMC wherever you find podcasts to listen to past sermons.

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD APRIL 14, 2024 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Welcome: At Front Street, we follow a rhythm of prayer and worship found in The United Methodist Hymnal. The United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) is the red, hardbound book found in the pew racks. The Faith We Sing (TFWS) is the black, softbound book located behind the UMH in the pew racks. An asterisk (*) indicates to stand, where able. The people's responses are printed in **bold**. Before the worship service, we invite you to prepare your hearts to receive God's love and to feel connected to the Body of Christ. Please take a moment to sign the pew pads. After the worship service, green recycling boxes can be found in the narthex for disposal of worship guides. Thank you for helping us with our creation care.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

GATHERING AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS

PRELUDE In Thee Is Gladness, Op. 21, No. 1 Paul Manz (1919-2009)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are here to follow Jesus

People: With halting steps
Leader: And questioning minds
People: With ready hands
Leader: And pierced hearts
People: With joy for each other
Leader: And gratitude to God.
All: Let us follow Jesus,
And let us worship God.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH No. 304

Easter People, Raise Your Voices REGENT SQUARE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When our faith stands at the grave, grieving for a stone that's rolled away, forgive us. When our faith is short of understanding, though the truth is there to see, forgive us. When our faith, beset by doubt, sees no further than an empty tomb today, forgive us. Bring to mind the cry of Mary, 'I have seen the Lord!', and grant us faith to believe!

* THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the
dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI UMH No. 70

MEINEKE

UMH No. 881

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

All children are invited to come forward to the chancel steps. Children ages 4 – first grade may then depart for Children's Church in Room 309.

ANTHEM

O Taste and See Chancel Choir Ralph V. Williams (1872-1958)

Margaret Dalton, soprano
O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:

Blest is the man that trusteth in him.
-Psalm 34:8

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the light of eternity. Enlighten our minds and kindle our hearts with the presence of your Spirit, that we may hear your words of death and resurrection of comfort and challenge in the reading of your Word, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Psalm 4
*Matthew 9:35-38

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SERMON "Why Believe"

Rev. Ray Warren

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Thank you for your support of the mission and ministry of the church. If you would prefer to make your contribution via Text-to-Give, just text your offering amount to FSUMC's dedicated number, 336-489-GIVE (4483).

OFFERTORY I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked

Jack Wolverton, baritone Geoffrey O'Hara (1882-1967)

I walked today where Jesus walked, in days of long ago; I wandered down each path He knew, with reverent step and slow. Those little lanes, they have not changed—a sweet peace fills the air. I walked today where Jesus walked, and felt His presence there.

My pathway led through Bethlehem, ah, memories ever sweet; The little hills of Galilee, that knew those childish feet; The Mount of Olives: hallowed scenes that Jesus knew before; I saw the mighty Jordan roll as in the days of yore.

I knelt today where Jesus knelt, where all alone He prayed; The Garden of Gethsemane—my heart felt unafraid! I picked my heavy burden up, and with Him by my side, I climbed the Hill of Calvary, where on the Cross He died!

I walked today where Jesus walked and felt Him close to me! -Daniel S. Twohig (1883-1961)

* Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All Singing: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! UMH No. 94

* CLOSING HYMN UMH No. 318 Christ Is Alive

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Lift High the Cross, Op. 21, No. 8

Paul Manz

TRURO

WELCOME! We're glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Following this service, there is a gathering in the Heritage Center for fellowship and refreshments. Please join us. Our hosts this week are Roger and Doris Jefferson.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in honor of Clara Clayton on her birthday by her family.