

**WE THANK** the following for their service during our worship service:

Acolytes: Cate Hill and Sarah Moran  
Lay Reader: Willard Haggins

**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](mailto:prayer@frontstreetumc.org). We thank team member Suzie Lambeth, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the Prayer Request Cards.

**APRIL FOOD COLLECTION FOR EASTLAWN BACKPACK MINISTRY**

In **April**, we are collecting the following items: canned carrots, fruit bars, fruit cups, and peanut butter crackers. Please deposit donations on the bottom shelf of the Donation Center located in the Reading Area.

**FAITHFUL FAMILIES**

Parents and guardians of children and youth are invited to join Faithful Families, a Sunday School group focused on building Christian community and growing deeper in our relationships with God and one another. The group meets **Sunday mornings** from 9:45–10:45 a.m. in Room 301 to continue a study of "Unafraid" by Adam Hamilton. During this time, children may attend Children's Sunday School or Nursery on the 3rd floor, and youth (grades 6–12) will gather in Room 303 to build community together.

**CEREAL SUNDAY**

**Sunday, May 3** is Cereal Sunday at FSUMC! Please deposit cereal or other canned/dry goods on the top shelf of the Donation Center in the Reading Area. Feel free to drop off these items any time during the month.

**United Methodist Women**

Morning Circle meets **Monday, May 4** at 10:30 a.m. for a covered dish luncheon. Drop dishes in Aldersgate before a 11:00 a.m. musical program in the Chapel featuring Matt Estes with Easter music and hymn singing. Lunch will follow in Aldersgate. All women welcome.

UMW Evening Circle meets **Tuesday, May 12** at 6:30 p.m. for a salad dinner. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER – MAY 7, 2026**

Join us for the National Day of Prayer on **Thursday, May 7**. This year's theme from 1 Chronicles 16:24 invites us to unite in prayer for our country. We encourage you to set aside 30 minutes to pray—either at church or wherever you are—and sign up to participate. Weekly prayer cards are available in the narthex to encourage you as we prepare in the weeks leading up to the National Day of Prayer. Learn more and sign up at [frontstreetumc.org/events](http://frontstreetumc.org/events).

**PAYC Fundraising Banquet – May 7**

The Positive Attitude Youth Center (PAYC) will celebrate 32 years of ministry with a fundraising banquet on **May 7 at 6:30 p.m.** This year's theme, "Keep Moving Forward," highlights their ongoing work serving children and families in our community. All are invited to attend and support PAYC's programs. Learn more and RSVP at [frontstreetumc.org/missions](http://frontstreetumc.org/missions). Please keep this ministry in your prayers.

**2026 College Graduates**

Do you have a loved one who is a new college graduate? We'd like to recognize them. Share their name, alma mater, and degree earned with us. Complete an online graduate form at [frontstreetumc.org/grads2026](http://frontstreetumc.org/grads2026) by **Friday, May 22**. Don't miss out! We'll feature the 2026 grads in our June newsletter.

**NEW MEMBER SUNDAY**

Our Front Street family would like to invite those of you who regularly take part in worship and ministry here, to become full members of our community of faith on **Pentecost Sunday - May 24**. As members, we journey alongside one another throughout our lives of faith and commit to participating in the life and ministries of Front Street UMC through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. If you're interested, Daniel would be glad to meet with you—reach out at [daniel@frontstreetumc.org](mailto:daniel@frontstreetumc.org).

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**CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF  
APRIL 26, 2026**

**Sunday, April 26**

9:00	Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
9:30	Children's Choir	Choir Room
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
5:00	Confirmation Class	Youth Suite
6:00	MYF	Aldersgate Hall

**Monday, April 27**

7:00	Board of Trustees	John Wesley Room
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**Tuesday, April 28**

8:00	Men's Breakfast Bible Study	Heritage Center
9:30	Cynthia Powell Women's Bible Study	Room 401
7:00	Epworth Ringers	Bell Room

**Wednesday, April 29**

8:00	Youth Breakfast Club	Biscuitville, 669 Huffman Mill Road
7:00	Chancel Choir	Choir Room

**Thursday, April 30**

10:00	Coffee and Conversation	Heritage Center
10:00	Knitting and Crocheting Group	Room 405

**Friday, May 1 - 3/MYF Beach Trip**

9:00	Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
9:30	Children's Choir	Choir Room
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary

**Summer Sunday School Volunteers Needed**

Summer is approaching, and our Sunday School teachers will be taking a well-deserved break. The last day of Sunday School will be **May 31**. We hope to continue children's Sunday School throughout the summer and are looking for volunteers to help teach or assist on select Sundays. No experience is needed—lessons and supplies will be provided. If you're interested, learn more at [frontstreetumc.org/events](http://frontstreetumc.org/events) or contact Ms. Melissa.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **May 10 and 24 and June 14, 21, and 28**. Please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 or [ldrose4717@gmail.com](mailto:ldrose4717@gmail.com) for details or to sign up.

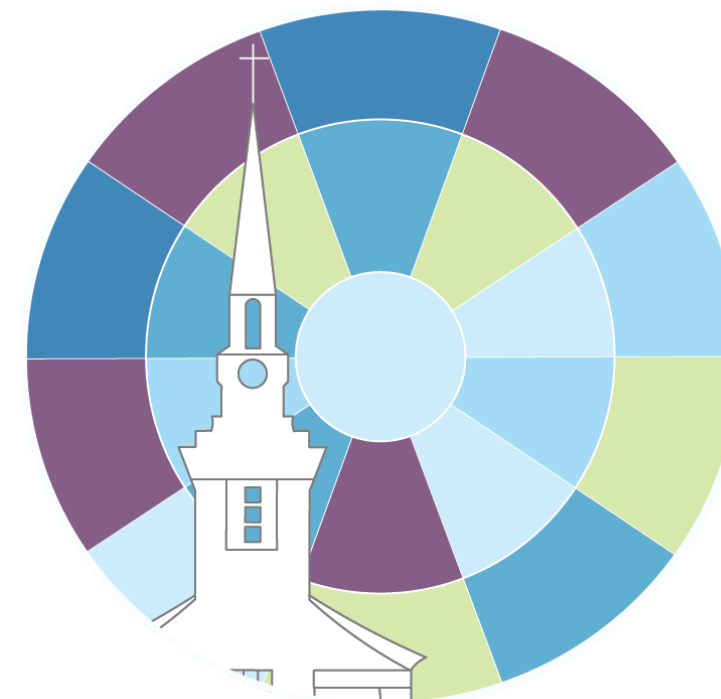
**LIVE-STREAMING**

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.

# FRONT STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Our Mission:**

*Knowing Christ • Growing in Christ • Sharing Christ*



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**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**APRIL 26, 2026**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Welcome to worship at Front Street! Please fill out the attendance pad found at the end of each pew. You can receive a digital worship kit by texting "Worship" to 833-337-8517. During the worship service we invite you to stand as you are able (indicated by \*) and join your voice in reading, singing, or praying the **bold** text.

**All children** are invited to remain in the service to participate in worship. The nursery in Room 308 is open for children up to age 5.

**ELEVEN O'CLOCK**

**GATHERING AND COMMUNITY MATTERS**

**PRELUDE**                      **This Joyful Eastertide**      Brenda Portman

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Praise be to God,

**People: who rescues us from the power of darkness; who redeems us, and sets us free!**

Leader: Praise be to Jesus Christ, the first born of all creation,

**People: through whom all things were made, in heaven and on the earth.**

Leader: Praise be to the Spirit of God,

**People: whose presence sustains us, and whose breath renews all creation.**

Leader: Behold! I am making all things new!

**All: Come, O God, and make your home among us. Pour out your Spirit, upon us and make us new, a different people in Your image, not our own—but Yours.**

**\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH NO. 310 He Lives**                      **ACKLEY**

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious Lord, you sent your Son to die and rise to new life in order that death might be brought to an end and that we might live a new life in Him. Yet we confess that we too often have chosen to remain captive to doubt and fear and ways that lead to death. By our thoughts, words, and actions, we have scorned your love, diminished the lives of others, and warped your image into our own. Father, forgive us for Jesus' sake, and enable us by His resurrection power to live no longer for ourselves but for Him who died and rose again for us. Amen.**

**\* THE APOSTLES' CREED**

UMH No. 881

**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**

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**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.**

**\* PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Children up to first grade may depart for Children's Church in Room 309.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**O God, who always listens to us, who breathes new life into us, help us to hear and listen to you! We are surrounded by a world of death and despair, a world where we lose hope in our structures, ourselves, and you. We pray for ourselves and our world who desperately need your Word: for all the people in it . . . for those of us who know you. . . for those of us who thirst for hope . . . Let us hear your Word for us today. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Psalm 23**

(Please read the bold aloud with the lay speaker.)

The Lord is my shepherd. I lack nothing. He lets me rest in grassy meadows; he leads me to restful waters; he keeps me alive. He guides me in proper paths for the sake of his good name. Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no danger because you are with me. **Your rod and your staff—they protect me.** You set a table for me right in front of my enemies. You bathe my head in oil; my cup is so full it spills over! **Yes, goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the Lord's house as long as I live.**

**\* SCRIPTURE READING**

**John 10:1-10**

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**SERMON**

Rev. Claire Clyburn  
District Superintendent  
Corridor District

**HYMN OF RESPONSE Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Lord**      see insert  
Alleluia No. 1

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

(Please feel comfortable praying the words of your tradition.)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**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**

**The Lord is My Shepherd**

John Rutter

Chancel Choir

**\* 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! Alleluia!**

UMH No. 94

**\* CLOSING HYMN TFWS No. 2115 Christ Has Risen**      **HOLY MANNA**

**\* BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**A Resurrection Fanfare**

Lani Smith

**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 John and Allison Moran.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Sammy and Cindy McIntyre's 41st wedding anniversary by the McIntyres.

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