

ACOLYTES NEEDED FOR 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP

Children and youth in **4th grade and older** are invited to serve as acolytes during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Serving as an acolyte is a meaningful way for young people to participate in worship and grow in their faith. Training is provided. Sign up at frontstreetumc.org/events or contact Ms. Melissa for more information.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help our youngest children experience the love of Christ by serving in the nursery **just once a month** during the **11:00 a.m. worship service**. If you enjoy caring for little ones and would like to support young families in our church, please contact Ms. Melissa for more information.

BACKPACK MINISTRY COLLECTION – AUGUST

This month we are collecting canned corn, canned fruit, and boxed macaroni and cheese. These items help provide weekend meals for local children facing food insecurity. **Please donate only standard-size cans.** Family -size or large cans are too heavy and do not fit in the children's backpacks. Thank you for your continued support!

CHILDREN’S SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL - AUGUST

There will be no Children's Sunday School in **August**. Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 13.

CEREAL SUNDAY

Today 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.

VBS Is NEXT WEEK!

Please keep our Vacation Bible School campers, volunteers, and leaders in your prayers as they spend the week discovering how God strengthens us through **Snowball Mountain Challenge**.

Then join us **next Sunday**, as our VBS children share what they learned by singing during the **9:00 a.m. Aldersgate** and **11:00 a.m. Sanctuary** worship services. Come celebrate a wonderful week of faith, fun, and learning!

SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE MISSION PROJECT

Support our VBS mission by donating gently used **coats, jackets, hats, gloves, mittens, boots, and scarves** for our unsheltered neighbors. Donations of ****any size—from infants through adults—****are welcome. Please place items in the collection boxes outside the church office by **August 9**. Thank you for helping our VBS children share Christ's love in our community!

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS: SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

As a new school year begins, all students (preschool through college), teachers, school staff, and administrators are invited to our Blessing of the Backpacks during both the **9:00 a.m.** and **11:00 a.m.** worship services. Bring your backpack, briefcase, tote, or laptop bag as we pray for and bless everyone beginning a new school year. We look forward to celebrating and encouraging you as you start this new season.

6TH GRADE WELCOME

All 6th graders and their parents are invited to join Daniel & Josh for our 6th Grade Welcome on **August 16** from 3-4 p.m.! We will take some time to get to know one another while enjoying ice cream before we kick off another year of Youth Group. We will meet at Front Street UMC at 3 p.m. and then walk down the street to Smitty's Ice Cream.

YOUTH KICKOFF w/PARENTS

All YOUTH AND PARENTS are invited to join us on **August 23** from 5:30-7p.m. in Aldersgate Hall for our Youth Kickoff! We will kick off youth this year by eating together, sharing in fellowship, having fun, and growing in faith. The fall youth calendar, release forms, and a snack supper sign up will also be provided. We look forward to seeing you at our Youth Kickoff w/Parents!

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 2, 2026

Sunday, August 2

9:00	Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary

Monday, August 3 - 7 Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, August 5

6:00	Bird and The Word	Chick-fil-A, 3102 Garden Rd.
7:00	Staff-Parish Relations Team Meeting	John Wesley Room

Thursday, August 6

9:30	Prayer Team Meeting	John Wesley Room
10:00	Creating for Christ Group	Room 405

Saturday, August 8

9:30	Little Lambs Toddler Playgroup	Aldersgate Hall
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Sunday, August 9

9:00	Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
3:00	Missions Team Meeting	John Wesley Room

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FRESH MOBILE MARKET | WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19 | 2-3:30 P.M.

We need helping hands to pack food, load cars, and direct traffic at our Fresh Mobile Market. Your time and energy make a direct impact—thank you for helping get food into the hands of the hungry! Volunteers, please arrive at the site at 1:15 p.m.

DISCIPLESHIP BOOK CLUB

Join us on **Sunday, August 23**, from 3:00–4:30 p.m. in Room 401 for our Discipleship Book Club discussion of *Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Come ready to share a meaningful quote and a discussion question as we grow together through thoughtful conversation and Christian fellowship. We'd love to have you join us!

If you have any questions, please contact Daniel at daniel@frontstreetumc.org.

CELEBRATING NEW BEGINNINGS – 5TH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

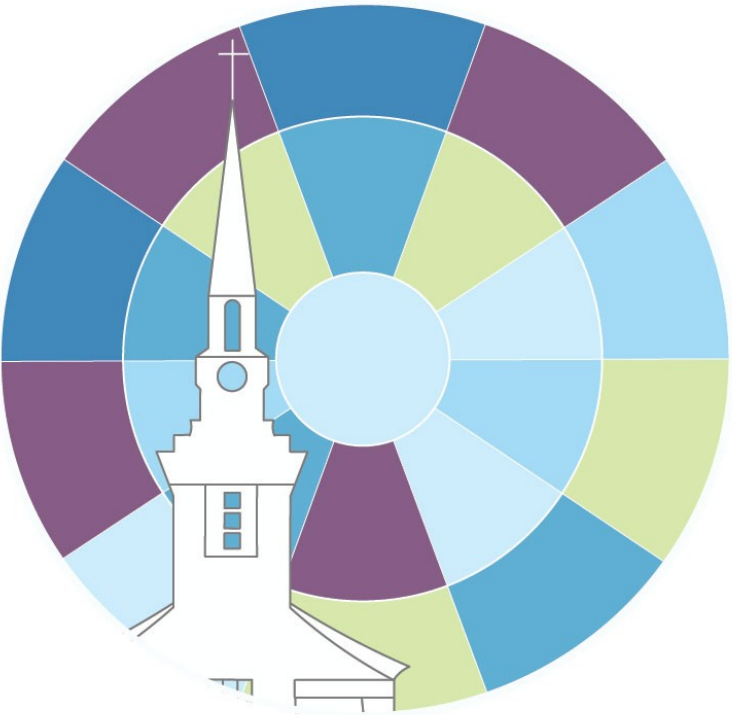
Join us on **Sunday, August 30, from 10:00–10:45 a.m. in Aldersgate Hall** for our **5th Sunday Fellowship** as we celebrate Josh and Laura's new chapter and the upcoming arrival of their baby. Enjoy refreshments, share your well wishes, and let their family know how much they mean to Front Street. **Baby gifts are welcome but optional.** We hope you'll join us for this special time of fellowship and celebration!

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **August 9 and September 6, 13, 20, and 27**. Please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 or 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
AUGUST 2, 2026
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
COMMUNION SUNDAY

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 **I Love Thee, My Lord** George Shearing

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When we stand beside those seeking justice...

People: God is with us.

Leader: When we comfort the grieving...

People: God is with us.

Leader: When we welcome strangers...

People: God is with us.

Leader: When we forgive.

People: When we serve.

Leader: When we love.

People: God is with us.

All: When we gather for worship, God is with us!

* OPENING HYMN UMH No. 529 How Firm a Foundation
FOUNDATION

* PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as your Word is read and proclaimed, we may hear not only with our ears but receive it deep within our hearts. Give us the courage to respond with faith, to live what we learn, to love as Christ loves, and to follow where you lead—even when the path is challenging. May your Word not simply inform us, but transform us into faithful disciples. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 40:5-8 CEB
(Please read the bold aloud with the lay speaker.)

You, Lord my God! You've done so many things—your wonderful deeds and your plans for us—**no one can compare with you! If I were to proclaim and talk about all of them, they would be too numerous to count!** You don't relish sacrifices or offerings; you don't require entirely burned offerings or compensation offerings—but you have given me ears! So I said, **“Here I come! I'm inscribed in the written scroll. I want to do your will, my God. Your instruction is deep within me.”**

SCRIPTURE READINGS **Philippians 1:5-11** NT Page 196
 Judges 6:11-16 OT Page 223

SERMON “Gideon” Rev. Ray Warren

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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'll Fly Away** arr. Raymond Henry

* 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!
UMH No. 94

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus The Christ, we confess that we do not always understand your ways. We are easily discouraged when life takes unexpected turns and our carefully laid plans and dreams come to nothing. We confess that we are quick to give up when things get difficult, and quick to question your presence and your power. Forgive us. Grant us patience to wait for your good timing. Open our eyes to recognize your leading in our lives—to listen for your gentle whisper when we least expect it. And then give us courage to step out in faith and obedience, trusting in your leading even when we cannot yet see the outcome. We praise you for your faithful love, and pray that you would make us worthy to bear your name. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
The Great Thanksgiving
The Lord's Prayer UMH No. 17
The Sharing of Bread and Cup (Musical Setting A)

If you are unable to come forward for communion, please acknowledge an usher to be served where you are seated.

COMMUNION MUSIC **Goodness of God** arr. Sean Kim

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others. In the name of Jesus Christ our Risen Lord. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN UMH No. 618 Let Us Break Bread Together
LET US BREAK BREAD

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE **Scherzo** Eugene Gigout

WELCOME! We're glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. We invite you to worship with us again.

MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD serving in August are Doris Jefferson, Linda Paul, Ellen Ritter, Nancy Sain, and Susan Taylor.

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

Communion Servers: Roger and Doris Jefferson
Lay Reader: Rett Davis

THE PRAYER REQUEST CARDS in the pews may be placed in the offering plate or in the Prayer Request Boxes in the reading area and the narthex area, or you may email the Prayer Ministry Team at prayer@frontstreetumc.org. We thank team members David and Nancy Hamby, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the Prayer Request Cards.