

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

**THE 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 area, or you may email the Prayer Ministry Team at [prayer@frontstreetumc.org](mailto:prayer@frontstreetumc.org). We thank team member Sharon Beal, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the Prayer Request Cards.

**STEPHEN MINISTRY: BRINGING CHRIST’S CARE TO ONE ANOTHER**

We like to think of summer as being a relaxing, enjoyable time. But hurts, struggles, crises, and problems don't take a vacation. Many times our difficulties seem even worse during the summer because everyone else seems to be enjoying life while you are feeling down. If you are experiencing a difficult time—emotionally, spiritually, or relationally—you don't have to suffer alone. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and provide one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing. Men are matched with male Stephen Ministers, and women are matched with female Stephen Ministers. It's free. It's confidential. And it will make a difference in your life!

To find out more about Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders: Mike Mitchell ([mmitchell.nc.usa@gmail.com](mailto:mmitchell.nc.usa@gmail.com)) or Ed Moser ([emoser42@aol.com](mailto:emoser42@aol.com)).

**AUGUST FOOD COLLECTION FOR EASTLAWN BACKPACK MINISTRY**

In **August**, we are collecting the following items: canned veggies (any variety), canned meat, and granola bars. Please deposit donations on the bottom shelf of the Donation Center located in the Reading Area.

**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.

**CELEBRATING THE MINISTRY OF PASTOR STEPHAN AND HIS FAMILY**

As many of you know, Pastor Stephan, along with Sierra, Gemma, and Ellie, will soon be leaving Front Street as they continue their journey as disciples of Jesus Christ. Pastor Stephan has been appointed to serve a new community in partnership with New Faith Communities of the North Carolina Conference—our denomination’s church planting and renewal initiative.

We will celebrate Pastor Stephan's ministry among us on **Sunday, August 17**, during both worship services. A reception will be held in the Heritage Center during the Sunday School hour from **10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.**, and all are invited to attend. Please make plans to join us for this special time of thanksgiving and farewell.

**ACOLYTE MINISTRY**

We’re restarting our Acolyte Ministry and invite all 4th & 5th graders (and anyone older who would like to serve) to join! Acolytes serve once a month at the 11:00 a.m. service, and training will be provided. Interested? Contact Melissa at [melissa@frontstreetumc.org](mailto:melissa@frontstreetumc.org) by **August 10** to get scheduled for training. Questions welcome!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FRESH MOBILE MARKET | WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20 | 2:00-3:30 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!

**CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE | SUNDAY, AUGUST 24 | 9:45–10:30 A.M.**

Parents and kids—come check out what's new for the Sunday School year! Meet your teachers and get a sneak peek at what's in store. We'll begin together in Room 302 with an overview of the year ahead, followed by time to explore and connect.

*Please note: There will be no Children's Sunday School on **Sunday, August 31**. Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 7.*

**CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 3, 2025**

**Sunday, August 3**

9:00	Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
6:00	Missions Team Meeting	John Wesley Room

**Monday, August 4**

10:00	Teachers Meeting/Cynthia Powell Women's BS	Room 401
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**Thursday, August 7**

9:30	Prayer Team Meeting	John Wesley Room
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**Sunday, August 10**

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

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS | SUNDAY, AUGUST 24**

As a new school year begins, we want to send our students and teachers off with encouragement, love, and prayer. All students—from preschoolers to college students—as well as teachers, school staff, and administrators are invited to join us for our Blessing of the Backpacks on **Sunday, August 24** during both the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services.

Bring your backpack, briefcase, tote bag, or laptop bag and receive a special blessing as we lift up everyone heading back to school. This meaningful moment is a way for our church family to support and pray for all those involved in education as they begin a new year of learning and growth.

**CHILDREN’S CHOIR REGISTRATION OPEN**

Children’s Choir resumes Sunday, September 7! Open to K–5th graders, with rehearsals Sundays from 9:30–10:00 AM in the Choir Room. The choir will be led by Interim Organist Tim Baker until a permanent Director of Music is appointed. Please register by August 24 at [frontstreetumc.org/events](http://frontstreetumc.org/events). For more info, contact Ms. Melissa at 336-227-6263 or [melissa@frontstreetumc.org](mailto: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: **August 10, 24, and 31**. 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 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services 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 or Pastor Stephan.

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