

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

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my wife, Lynn Chandler, on our anniversary by Tom Chandler.

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

WE THANK John Lewis for serving as lay reader during our worship service.

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.

FOOD COLLECTION FOR EASTLAWN BACKPACK MINISTRY
In September we will collect canned tuna, fruit cups, granola bars, and peanut butter (plastic jars NO BIGGER THAN 16 oz.!) .

CEREAL SUNDAY
Don't forget **September 6** is Cereal Sunday at FSUMC! Please deposit cereal or other canned/dry goods in the tubs in the cabinet in the Welcome Center. Thank you!

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY
Good Christian men rejoice and mark your calendars. Men's Breakfast Bible Study will resume weekly meetings on **Tuesday, September 8, 2026**, at 8 a.m. in the Heritage Center. Arrive early and ham biscuits, coffee, and orange juice are available. This year, guided by Jim Pace, we will complete our study of Isaiah covering chapters 40-66. New members are welcome so come and bring a friend. Enjoy great Christian fellowship. A zoom option will be available if you cannot attend in person. If you have questions or want more information, contact Dex Peach (jdp838@aol.com or, 336-446-0664).

FRONT STREET FAMILY MORNING OUT
ALL are invited to join us on **September 12** from 10 a.m. to noon for a Front Street Family Morning Out at The Arboretum at Willowbrook Park! This is a great opportunity for all generations to get together for fellowship as we settle into old and new rhythms. Kids can play at the park, parents can mingle, friends can go on a walk, and all can enjoy light refreshments. We have reserved the picnic tables at the Commons Building so that there is access to seating and shade. There are also restrooms on site. We hope to see you there! Reach out to Leslie, Daniel, or Melissa with any questions.

LITTLE LAMBS PLAYGROUP | SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 | 10:00 A.M.–12 NOON
Lambs families are invited to join us for Front Street Family Morning Out on Saturday, September 12, from 10 AM–Noon at The Arboretum at Willowbrook Park. Everyone is welcome! Children birth–4 and their parents or caregivers, with siblings welcome, can enjoy a morning of play, fellowship, and fun. We hope you'll join us!

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL
We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Sunday, September 13**, as we begin a new year of learning, growing, and having fun together in faith. As we prepare for the new year, we are also implementing new security protocols to help keep our children safe. Please see the article in the September newsletter for more information about these important changes. We're excited to see our children back in Sunday School and can't wait for another wonderful year together!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
The Morning Circle will meet on **Monday, September 14**, and Monday, October 5 at 10:00 a.m. in the Heritage Center. Our focus for both meetings will be preparations for Market for Missions (November 14, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.).

The Evening Circle will gather for a salad supper on **Tuesday, September 8**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Heritage Center. Bring a salad or dessert and enjoy a time of fellowship.

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 30, 2026		
<u>Sunday, August 30</u>		
9:00	Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
10:00	Celebrating Josh and Laura Abraham	Aldersgate Hall
11:00	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
5:30	Youth Group	Aldersgate Hall
<u>Wednesday, September 2</u>		
8:00	Youth Breakfast Club	Biscuitville, 669 Huffman Mill Rd
<u>Thursday, September 3</u>		
9:30	Prayer Team	John Wesley Room
10:00	Creating for Christ Group	Room 405
6:00	Playschool Parent Orientation	Aldersgate Hall
<u>Sunday, September 6</u>		
9:00	Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary

YOUTH GROUP BOWLING & ARCADE | SEPTEMBER 13

All youth are invited to join us for a FREE afternoon of bowling, arcade games, and fellowship at Buffaloe Lanes! Drop off at Front Street UMC at 3 p.m. Pick up at Front Street UMC at 5:30 p.m. Please RSVP to daniel@frontstreetumc.org by 9/10.

ASK THE EXPERTS: GETTING OUR DUCKS IN A ROW

None of us knows exactly what the future holds, but planning ahead can bring peace of mind for ourselves and those we love. Join us for **Ask the Experts: Getting Our Ducks in a Row**, a three-week series designed to help you navigate some of the most important decisions that come with aging.

Each session will take place at **10:00 a.m. in Room 404** and will include time for questions and answers with experienced local professionals. Attend one session or all three!

September 15 – Aging Well
September 22 – Financial Wealth Advice
September 29 – Downsizing & Relocation Tips

Light refreshments will be served at each session.

Registration is now open! Please RSVP at frontstreetumc.org/events so we can plan accordingly. For more information, contact Leslie.

FRESH MOBILE MARKET | WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 | 1:15–3:30 PM.

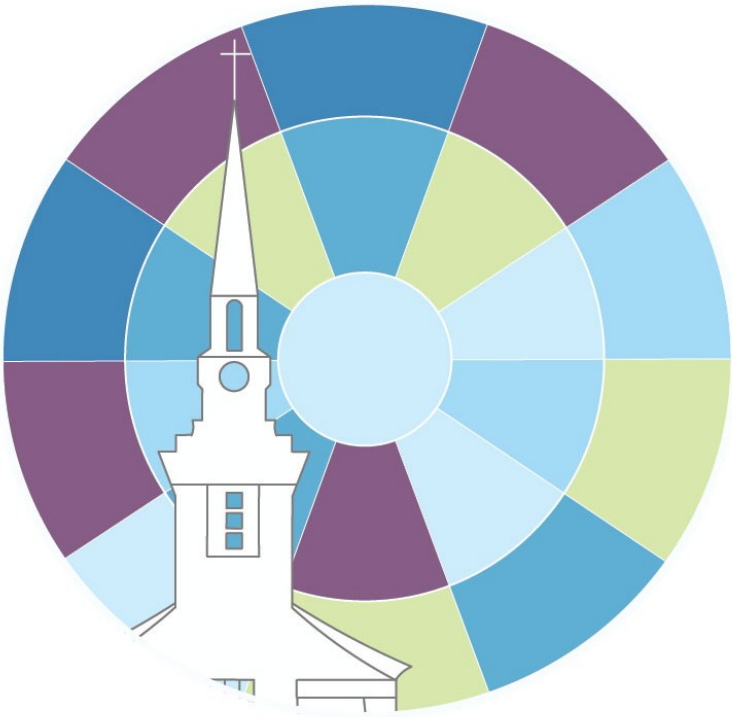
We need helping hands to pack food, load cars, and direct traffic at our Fresh Mobile Market. Your time and energy make a direct impact—thank you for helping get food into the hands of the hungry!

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **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.



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Our Mission:

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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 **Partita on “Christ is Risen”: Scherzetto**
Brenda Portman

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We come before the God who knows us completely—our strengths, our failures, our hopes, and our fears.

People: And still, God calls us, loves us, and gives us another chance.

Leader: As Jesus asked Peter, “Do you love me?”

People: Lord, you know our hearts. You know that we love you.

Leader: Then hear Christ's invitation: "Feed my sheep. Follow me."

People: We are here to follow Jesus—not because we are perfect, but because we are loved.

Leader: Come, let us worship the One whose grace is greater than our failures, whose love gives us new purpose, and whose call invites us forward.

All: We come to worship, to receive grace, and to follow Jesus wherever He leads.

*** OPENING HYMN UMH No. 398 Jesus Calls Us** **GALILEE**

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You know our love for you, but you also know our failures, our fears, and the times we have turned away. Like Peter, we have promised more than we have lived. We have been silent when we should have spoken, hesitated when we should have acted, and chosen our own way when you called us to follow. Forgive us, gracious God. Thank you that our failures do not have the final word. Restore us with your grace, renew our love for you, and give us courage to hear your call again. Teach us to love you by loving others, to follow you by serving

others, and to trust that your grace can transform even our failures into opportunities for faithfulness. In the name of Jesus Christ, who never gives up on us, we pray. 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** **MEINEKE**

**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

THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

Eva Cross	Olivia Venable
Edward Duszlak	Quinn Venable
Mary Martin Hill	Georgia Walter
Paige Huneycutt	

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, open our hearts to hear your Word today. As you asked Peter, "Do you love me?" help us hear that question addressed to us. Where we have failed, remind us of your grace. Where we have wandered, call us home. Where we have grown comfortable, awaken us to follow. Give us ears to hear your voice, hearts ready to receive your truth, and courage to respond to your call. Through Jesus Christ, who meets us in our weakness and invites us again to follow. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING **Psalms 138:1-8** CEB

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

I give thanks to you with all my heart, Lord. I sing your praise before all other gods. I bow toward your holy

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temple and thank your name for your loyal love and faithfulness because you have made your name and word greater than everything else. **On the day I cried out, you answered me. You encouraged me with inner strength.** Let all the earth's rulers give thanks to you, Lord, when they hear what you say. Let them sing about the Lord's ways because the Lord's glory is so great! Even though the Lord is high, he can still see the lowly, but God keeps his distance from the arrogant. **Whenever I am in deep trouble, you make me live again;** you send your power against my enemies' wrath; you save me with your strong hand. The Lord will do all this for my sake. **Your faithful love lasts forever, Lord! Don't let go of what your hands have made.**

* SCRIPTURE READING John 21:15-19 NT Page 116

SERMON **"Peter"** Josh Abraham

**HYMN OF RESPONSE UMH No. 453 More Love to Thee, O Christ
MORE LOVE TO THEE**

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 **Simple Gifts** arr. Stephen DeCesare
Cate Hill, soloist

* 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!**

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*** CLOSING HYMN UMH No. 670 Go Forth for God GENEVA 124**

*** BENEDICTION**

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