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

Lay Reader: Julian Mims Acolyte: Cate Hill

**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 members Jim and Kathy Roberson, 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

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.

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) or Ed Moser (emoser42@aol.com).

#### SEPTEMBER FOOD COLLECTION FOR EASTLAWN BACKPACK MINISTRY

In **September**, we are collecting the following items: canned corn, canned tuna, granola bars, and rice (1 lb. bags). Please deposit donations on the bottom shelf of the Donation Center located in the Reading Area.

#### CHURH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed **tomorrow** in observance of Labor Day. Have a safe and happy Holiday!

#### REGULAR OFFICE HOURS RESUME

Beginning this week, our regular office hours will be:

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Friday: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

#### ADULT CHOIRS RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

Our adult choirs are back next month! The **Chancel Choir** resumes **Wednesday**, **September 3** at 7:00 p.m., and the **Epworth Ringers** return **Tuesday**, **September 9** at 6:15 p.m. Both choirs will be led initially by our interim organist, Tim Baker, until a permanent Director of Music is appointed and has assumed their duties.

## **CEREAL SUNDAY**

Don't forget **September 7** 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!

#### KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES SEPTEMBER 7!

Join us as Sunday School kicks off with a new **Incentive Program!** Kids can earn badges for regular attendance to display on their Sunday School stoles—a fun way to celebrate learning and growing in Christ each week.

#### **SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **September 7, 14, and 28.** Please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 or Idrose4717@gmail.com for details or to sign up.

#### United Women in Faith

The Morning Circle will meet on **September 8 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Heritage Center. Suzie Lambeth will share about the November Market for Missions and our new Frozen Casserole Ministry.

Circle 5 will meet on **September 9 at 6:30 pm.** in the Heritage Center. Instead of our usual salad supper, we'll enjoy a Casserole Tasting Party and hear more about the Market for Missions.

# MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY

Resumes **Tuesday**, **September 9, 2025 •** 8 a.m. • Heritage Center Join us for fellowship, ham biscuits, coffee, and a study of Isaiah led by Jim Pace. New members welcome! A Zoom option is available. For details, contact Dex Peach (jdp838@aol.com, 336-446-0664). More information will be in our September newsletter.

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# CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 31, 2025

# Sunday, August 31

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

# Monday, September 1 - Church Office Closed

# Wednesday, September 3

8:00 Youth Breakfast Club

Biscuitville, 669
Huffman Mill Rd
7:00 Chancel Choir

Choir Room

# Thursday, September 4

9:30 Prayer Team Meeting John Wesley Room
10:00 Knitting and Crocheting Group Reading Area

#### <u>Saturday, September 6</u>

10:00 Knitting and Crocheting Group Reading Area

# Sunday, September 7

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
6:00 Parents and Youth Meet and Greet
Aldersgate Hall

#### CYNTHIA POWELL WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY TO RESUME SEPTEMBER 9

The Cynthia Powell Women's Bible Study meets Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. **beginning September 9** in Room 401. This fall's study is *Blessed* by Nancy Guthrie. Books are available in the church office for \$10.29 (exact change or check). All women are invited! Contact Patty Diming (336-570-9739) or Salley Bradford at salleybradford@yahoo.com for more information.

# CELEBRATING JACKIE LONG'S RETIREMENT

Jackie Long retired from full-time service on July 31 after 24 years as our Building Superintendent. He will continue part-time with us on the maintenance team.

Join us to honor Jackie at the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, September 21, with a reception to follow in the Heritage Center.

We are also collecting a "Love Offering" to show our appreciation. Gifts can be mailed, dropped off at the church office, or placed in the offering plate. Please make checks payable to Front Street UMC with "Gift for Jackie Long" in the memo by end of day Wednesday, September 17.

# **CENTENNIAL MURAL: STORIES ON THE WALL** - A FRONT STREET SENIORS EVENT

Calling all Front Street Seniors—Join us on **Thursday, September 18 at 2:00 p.m. in Aldersgate Hall** for a special Front Street Seniors gathering as watch Centennial Mural Documentary: A History of Burlington's 100 Years.

Popcorn and drinks will be served, so come ready to enjoy a great film, good company, and meaningful conversation. Please let us know you're coming by emailing Leslie at lesliebpeavy@gmail.com or call the church office **by Monday**, **September 15**.

#### 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.

# FRONT STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# **Our Mission:**

Knowing Christ • Growing in Christ • Sharing Christ



# **Pastors**

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> Youth Minister Chris Huneycutt

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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD **AUGUST 31, 2025** TWELVETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Welcome to the traditional worship service of Front Street! Please take a moment to 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. As you prepare for worship please feel encouraged to say hello to your neighbors, or spend a moment in solitude with God.

# **ELEVEN O'CLOCK**

# GATHERING AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Louis Vierne PRELUDE Berceuse

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come and hear what God has done! People: God has listened to all our prayers.

Leader: When we pass through the torrent of deep

troubles,

People: God turns the sea to dry land.

Leader: When we are tangled in the web of life,

People: God does not let our feet slip.

Leader: When we are tested.

People: God keeps us in the land of the living. Leader: When we go through fire and water, People: God brings us to a spacious place.

Come and hear what God has done! For indeed,

God surrounds us with steadfast love! Let us

worship our Lord!

\* OPENING HYMN UMH No. 147 All Things Bright and Beautiful **ROYAL OAK** 

# \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, Lord, that we excuse ourselves from reaching out to those who need your care. We often prefer our desires above yours. We take your words—that there will always be unmet needs—as a reason not to try to meet the needs we can. Forgive us, and help us to change. Renew our determination to live as faithful followers, faithful disciples of our Lord Jesus the Christ. Help us work with you for the well-being of all people, that the fortunes of your people may be restored. Amen.

\* 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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Sprunt and Beth Hill

Children ages 4 – first grade may depart for Children's Church in Room 309.

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of extravagant grace, may Your Spirit refresh our hearts through the reading of the scriptures that we may perceive all You are doing for us and the good we can do for Christ's Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Psalm 66:1-7

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

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise. Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you. All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name." Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals. He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There we rejoiced in him, who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations—let the rebellious not exalt themselves.

\* New Testament Scripture Matthew 26:6-16

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"Stay in Motion" **SERMON** 

Rev. Ray Warren

HYMN OF RESPONSE UMH NO. 399, VERSE 3 ONLY Take My Life, and Let It Be

**MESSIAH** 

# 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** Oh, Had I Jubal's Lyre George Frideric Handel Katie Kinkade, 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! UMH No. 94

- \* CLOSING HYMN UMH No. 438 Forth In Thy Name, O Lord **DUKE STREET**
- \* BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** Carillon de Longpont Louis Vierne

**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.

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