

MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD serving in December are Mary Ellen Cross, Marie Crissman, Beth Kelley, Margaret Pardue, and Pat Freiburger.

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

Acolyte: Sarah Moran
Lay Reader: Julia Huneycutt

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 Vickie Sykes, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the Prayer Request Cards.

DECEMBER FOOD COLLECTION FOR EASTLAWN BACKPACK MINISTRY
In **December**, we are collecting the following items: canned meat, canned vegetables, granola bars, oatmeal or grits packets and peanut butter (16 oz. plastic jars). Please deposit donations on the bottom shelf of the Donation Center located in the Reading Area.

TREES OF LOVE
Thank you to everyone who has adorned our Trees of Love to share Christ with our neighbors this season. Please return all items (unwrapped) to the trees by **today**. Note: if you are donating money or gift cards, please return them to the church office.

INVITATION TO SING WITH THE CHANCEL CHOIR ON CHRISTMAS EVE
Please join the choir for Christmas Eve. This is a one-time only special. Do you have children, grandchildren, or guests visiting? Anyone who can make the **Tuesday, December 23, 7 p.m.** rehearsal is invited to sing with the choir. Let Matt Estes, music minister, know if you want to sing Christmas Eve at matthew@frontstreetumc.org.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
December 24 at 2:00 p.m. in Aldersgate Hall (Family)

Children and grandchildren can dress up as angels, shepherds, sheep, donkeys, cows (costumes provided or bring your own), and can participate in worship at the Playground, Stable, sing songs, and celebrate the birth of Jesus! Come early to get dressed up and enjoy some Christmas treats!

December 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary (Traditional)

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING
A Christmas Eve offering will be taken. This year's Christmas offering will go towards the general budget and missions.

OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
The church office will be closed **December 24, 25, and 26** for Christmas and **January 1 and 2** for New Year's Day. Merry Christmas and happy new year!

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL DECEMBER 28
HOT COCOA & HOPES FOR THE NEW YEAR
Join us for a cozy and joyful Children's Sunday School gathering on Sunday, December 28! We'll meet in Room 302 at 9:45 a.m. for a special time of (semi) hot cocoa, conversation, and connection.

As we sip our cocoa, children will have a chance to share about their Christmas celebrations and talk together about their hopes and dreams for the new year. It's a warm, welcoming way to reflect on the joy of the season and look ahead with excitement and faith. We hope to see you there for this sweet start to the day!

2025 CONTRIBUTION DEADLINE
A friendly reminder from the Church Office: in order for contributions to be included as a contribution towards your 2025 statement, please have mail postmarked or dropped at the church office NO LATER THAN **December 31**. All contributions received after December 31 will be applied to your 2026 statement.

Please note: when you provide a check as payment, you authorize us either to use information from your check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your account or to process the payment as a check transaction.

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 21, 2025		
<u>Sunday, December 21</u>		
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
<u>Tuesday, December 23</u>		
7:00	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
<u>Wednesday, December 24 - Church Office Closed</u>		
2:00	Family Christmas Eve Service	Aldersgate Hall
7:00	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	Sanctuary
<u>Thursday, December 25, 26 - Church Office Closed</u>		
<u>Sunday, December 28</u>		
9:00	Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary

ACOLYTES IN 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP
Acolytes serve each week in the 11:00 a.m. worship service, offering children a meaningful way to participate in worship and grow in their faith through leadership and service. Acolyte service is open to children in 4th grade and older, and training is provided. Please consider signing your child up to serve. Questions? Contact Ms. Melissa or Lizzie Hill.

UPPER ROOM
The January-February issue of the Upper Room is available. Copies are located in the Narthex and Welcome Center.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS
The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **January 4, 18, and 25 and February 1, 8, 15, and 22, 2026**. Please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 or kpaul5@triad.rr.com for details or to sign up.

FAITHFUL FAMILIES
Parents/guardians of children and youth are invited to join Faithful Families, a Sunday School Group aiming to build Christian community that takes seriously going deeper in our relationships with God and one another. Starting **February 8**, Faithful Families will gather in Room 301 from 9:45 a.m.-10:45a.m. on Sunday mornings. Children are invited to join Children's Sunday School or Nursery on the 3rd floor, while youth (6th-12th grade) are invited to Room 303 as they build Christian community together. Contact Daniel Polito with any questions!

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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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in memory of Hilda Hedgecock and Rev. Stewart Crank by David Hedgecock and Marty Crank.