

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

At the Table: be sure to watch and share the latest *At the Table* video premiering Friday mornings on YouTube and Facebook.

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

COMMUNITY MEDICAL CLOSET EXPANDS – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our Community Medical Closet (CMC) has moved to a larger space and is now ready to receive donations from the wider Burlington community. As we anticipate more items coming in, we’re looking for volunteers to help Caroline Conner check, clean, and organize donations on an as-needed basis. If you’d like to be added to the volunteer list, please contact Caroline Conner at frontstreetcmc@gmail.com.

SUMMER FOOD COLLECTION FOR EASTLAWN BACKPACK MINISTRY

We’re focusing on collecting peanut butter and mac & cheese this summer to restock our shelves for the upcoming school year. Though bags won’t go out (except for summer school students), our supplies are depleted. Help us get ready—more items will be added in August!

SUNDAY MORNINGS FOR CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES

Nursery care is available each Sunday from 8:30 a.m. through the end of the 11:00 a.m. service. During the Sunday School hour (10:00–10:45 a.m.) we also offer care for children of all ages so that every child has a place to go while adults attend class (bring all children to the nursery room).

Stay tuned for details about our fall programming as we look ahead to a new school year of growing and learning together!

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 for details or to sign up.

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 20, 2025		
Sunday, July 20		
9:00	Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
Monday, July 21		
7:00	Worship Team Meeting	John Wesley Room
Wednesday, July 23		
7:00	SPRC Team Meeting	John Wesley Room
Thursday, July 24		
7:00	Visioning Team Meeting	Room 402
Sunday, July 27		
9:00	Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary

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.

FRONT STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Our Mission:

Knowing Christ • Growing in Christ • Sharing Christ



Pastors
Rev. Ray Warren
Rev. Stephan Margeson

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Melissa Miller

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD
JULY 20, 2025
SIXTH 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

PRELUDE	Adoration	Florence Price
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* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, tell the story, your story, around the banquet of hope and praise.

People: We come on your invitation Lord, seeking to be fed by you.

Leader: Hear and feed on the love of God in Jesus Christ.

People: We come on your invitation, needing healing.

Leader: Be healed by God's gracious mercy.

People: We come on your invitation, longing for your story of love and forgiveness.

Leader: Hear the story again. In the name of Jesus, you are loved, healed and forgiven.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship our Lord!

* OPENING HYMN UMH No. 100

God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us LAUDA ANIMA

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of all times and people and places. You have never wavered in your love for us. As we've changed through history you've found new ways to show us you haven't. We are fickle people who cling tightly to traditions that have been and could be. We claim that they are perfect, even after they are not. And in seasons of change we fight each other to determine who knows you better. Forgive us, Forever God! Forgive us for telling each other "your ways are wrong." Forgive us for hindering any generation from practicing worship. Remind us that you are far too big to be known by one way. Replace that thinking with excitement for everyone to know you in a tradition as particular as they are. In the name of the Spirit that dwells within each of us. 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.**

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jesus our Lord, you explained the scriptures and revealed yourself to the disciples who would stop and listen to your story. Now, by your Spirit, enlighten our minds to understand your story, their stories, their witness about you and your word and ignite our hearts to receive you in the stories of our lives. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Psalm 52:6-9 OT Page 521

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

The righteous will see, and fear, and will laugh at the evildoer, saying, "See the one who would not take refuge in God, but trusted in abundant riches, and sought refuge in wealth!" But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God. **I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever. I will thank you forever, because of what you have done.** In the presence of the faithful I will proclaim your name, for it is good.

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Luke 14:15-23 NT Page 77

SERMON **"Tell Us that Story Again"** Rev. Ray Warren

HYMN OF RESPONSE UMH No. 601 Thy Word Is a Lamp THY WORD

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 **Give Me Jesus** Spiritual

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. 598 O Word of God Incarnate
MUNICH

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Arrival of the Queen of Sheba (from Sampson)

George Frideric Handel

THANK YOU for adding to our worship of God today. Make sure to say hello to a greeter or Stephen Minister or usher with a name tag. Peace be with you.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in memory of Christine McCormick Harris, mother of Gary Harris and Amy Deal, by Gary and Marianna Harris and Amy and Ray Deal.

MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD serving in July are Ruth Colville, Susan Black, Louise Cox, Margaret Ann Freeman, and Janice Whitlatch.

WE THANK Rett Davis for serving as Lay Reader during this service.