

**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 memory of Rick Sykes by the family.

**MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD** serving in June are Stephanie Huffstetter, Jane Bazemore, Jan Davis, Pat Freiburger, and Pat Pelt.

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

Communion Servers: Steve and Kathy Cecil  
Lay Reader: Tim Laverity

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

**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.

**BACKPACK MINISTRY UPDATE**

As we wrap up the school year, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who generously donated items for our Backpack Ministry. Your support has made such a difference for local students and families throughout the year.

**We will not be collecting food items during the month of June, but be sure to watch for the updated donation list returning in July** as we begin stocking the shelves for the start of the new school year in August. Thank you again for your continued generosity and support!

**CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS BEGIN**

The summer hours for the church office from **June 5 through September 4** will be: **Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., closed on Fridays**

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN (10-10:45 a.m.)**

During the **month of June**, Children's Sunday School for kids ages 4 years old through 5th grade will meet together in Room 302 from 10-10:45. We look forward to a fun month of learning, growing in faith, and building friendships together! Nursery care will be available for children under 4 years old. **During July**, children of any age are welcome to join us in the nursery between 10 and 10:45 a.m.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FRESH MOBILE MARKET | WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17 | 2-3:30 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! Volunteers, please arrive at the site at 1:15 p.m.

**ASP**

This year's Appalachia Service Project (ASP) team will be heading back to Nicholas County, West Virginia—**June 21-27**. The theme this year is *Love Your Neighbor* and includes scripture from Romans 12:12-13. Your prayers for our youth and leaders are much appreciated.

If you would like to write the youth during their week in West Virginia, the address is below:

ASP - Nicholas County Center  
Attn: Front Street - Chris Huneycutt  
St. Lukes UMC  
18001 Webster Road  
Craigsville, WV 26205

**IS YOUR CHILD REGISTERED FOR VBS - AUGUST 3-7, 9:00 A.M. TO NOON**

The VBS team is actively preparing for this summer's program, and we're excited for an amazing week together! To help us plan supplies, recruit volunteers, and organize activities, please register as soon as possible if your child plans to attend. Final registration deadline is **June 15**. Visit [www.frontstreetumc.org/events](http://www.frontstreetumc.org/events) to register children ages 4 years old through current 5th grade. For questions or scholarship needs, contact Ms. Melissa.

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 7, 2026**

**Sunday, June 7**

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

**Tuesday, June 9**

6:00	Finance Team Meeting	John Wesley Room
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**Thursday, June 11**

10:00	Knitting & Crocheting Group	Room 405
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**Sunday, June 14**

9:00	Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
3:00	Mission Team Meeting	John Wesley Room & Zoom

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE OUTREACH PROJECT**

This year's Annual Conference outreach project will focus on assembling school kits for students, helping ensure they have the essential supplies they need to learn, stay organized, and succeed in school.

You are invited to drop off the items listed below (individually or as completed kits) in our Donation Center (middle shelf) **by Tuesday, June 16**. Tom and Carol Sineath (Front Street's lay delegates) will deliver the items to Annual Conference on June 17. Your contribution helps support students and families in meaningful ways.

**School Kit Materials Needed:**

- **One pair blunt scissors** (Round tip only, no plastic scissors)
- **One box of 24 crayons**
- **Three one-subject notebooks** (No marble composition books; No 3 or 5-subject notebooks)
- **One pack of loose-leaf paper** (100-200 page packets, wide or college rule)
- **One hand-held pencil sharpener** (1-inch or longer)
- **One ruler** (12 inches or 30 centimeters long)
- **Six unsharpened pencils**
- **One eraser** (two inches or larger)
- **One two-gallon re-sealable plastic bag**

**Important Notes**

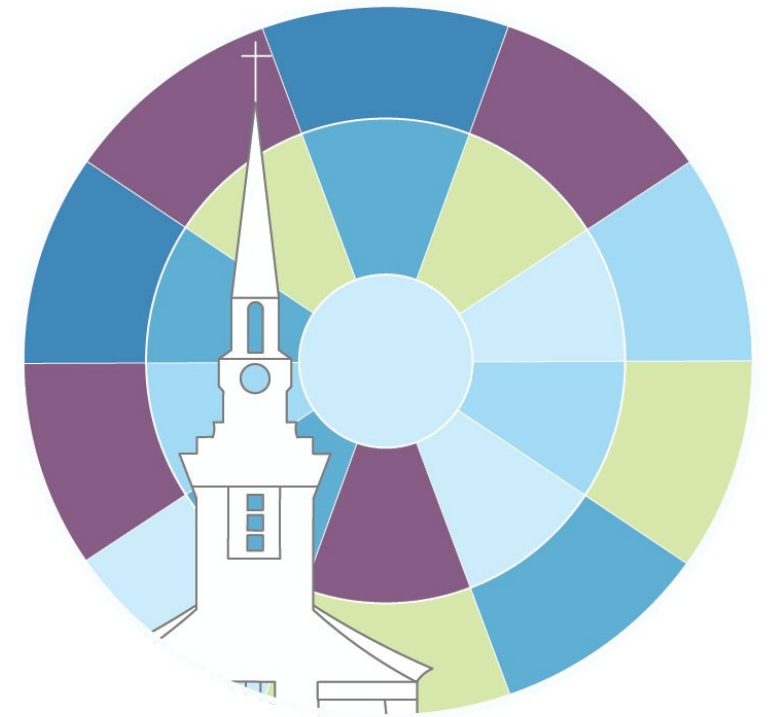
- *All items must be new.*
- *Contents of kits or the containers of kits should not be imprinted with cartoon characters, advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols*

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **July 5, 12, and 26**. 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 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.



# Front Street United Methodist Church

Our

*Knowing Christ • Growing in Christ • Sharing Christ*

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
JUNE 7, 2026  
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
COMMUNION SUNDAY

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 **Oh Had I Jubal's Lyre** George F. Handel  
Olivia Moore, soloist

*Note: Jubal is considered the first musician mentioned in the Bible.*

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Like Abram and Sarai, God calls us to go into the unknown, trusting that God's promises are true.

**People: Whether we are certain or full of doubts, God blesses us that we may be a blessing.**

Leader: God sends us into the world to journey by faith, believing that God's blessings are greater than anything we can imagine.

**People: Whether the path is straight or winding, God blesses us that we may be a blessing.**

Leader: God gathers us today with trusted companions, those who also follow God's call, even when it does not make sense to the world around us.

**People: Whether we journey with friends or feel all alone, God blesses us that we may be a blessing.**

Leader: As we gather to worship, may we remember that we are God's people, blessed by God to be a blessing to our world that is hurting and desperately in need of good news.

**All: God, form us today as a family of faith, that your blessings might flow out of us and into our world, drawing all people into your promise of abundant life and flourishing. Amen.**

\* OPENING HYMN UMH No. 384 **Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**  
BEECHER

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Gracious God, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit. As Your Word is read and proclaimed,**

**help us to know Jesus more deeply and follow Him more faithfully. Reveal to us the love, grace, and truth of Christ, that our lives may be transformed and our faith strengthened. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING **Psalm 33:1-12** CEB

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

All you who are righteous, shout joyfully to the Lord! It's right for those who do right to praise God. Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre! Sing praises to him with the ten-stringed harp! Sing to him a new song! Play your best with joyful shouts! **Because the Lord's word is right, his every act is done in good faith.** He loves righteousness and justice; the Lord's faithful love fills the whole earth. The skies were made by the Lord's word, all their starry multitude by the breath of his mouth. He gathered the ocean waters into a heap; he put the deep seas into storerooms. **All the earth honors the Lord; all the earth's inhabitants stand in awe of him.** Because when he spoke, it happened! When he commanded, there it was! The Lord overrules what the nations plan; he frustrates what the peoples intend to do. **But the Lord's plan stands forever; what he intends to do lasts from one generation to the next.** The nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom God has chosen as his possession, is truly happy!

\* SCRIPTURE READING **Luke 1:1-4** NT Page 56

SERMON **"Who is Jesus – In History?"** Rev. Ray Warren

WESLEY COVENANT PRAYER

**I am no longer my own, but thine.  
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.  
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.  
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,  
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.  
Let me be full, let me be empty.  
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.  
I freely and heartily yield all things  
to thy pleasure and disposal.  
And now, O glorious and blessed God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.  
And the covenant which I have made on earth,  
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 **Goodness of God** Fielding/Cash/  
Olivia Moore, soloist Ingram/Johnson

\* 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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, You have set before us the path, but we have wandered on our own to try to find our way. Sometimes we are like toddlers, and we hear Your call and come back. Other times, we are children testing boundaries, ignoring Your call until fear finally makes us look back. And still other times, we are full of youthful rebellion, demanding to be cut loose and set free, not knowing how much we still need to seek Your wisdom and guidance. But most of all, too often we think we are adults and have figured it all out and know our own way, only to stumble and stray so far. Remind us, parental God, that we are always Your children, that we are never fully grown up in Your sight, that we always have much to learn. Help us to seek You every day, to acknowledge that we need Your wisdom and guidance, and help us to return to the path and walk with You. In the name of Christ, who is our companion on this journey of faith, we pray. Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION Rev. Marshall Old  
**The Great Thanksgiving** UMH No. 17  
**The Lord's Prayer** (Musical Setting A)  
**The Sharing of Bread and Cup**

*If you are unable to come forward for communion, please acknowledge an usher to be served where you are seated.*

COMMUNION MUSIC **The Prayer** Foster/Sager  
Olivia Moore, soloist  
**Spirit, Come Dispel our Sadness** Joshua Leavitt  
piano solo

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Eternal God, we give You thanks for this holy mystery in which You have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of Your Spirit, to give ourselves for others. In the name of Jesus Christ our Risen Lord. Amen.**

\* CLOSING HYMN TFWS No. 2158 **Just a Closer Walk with Thee**  
CLOSER WALK

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE **Fanfare** William Mathias