

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. We thank team member Carol Hoxie, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the Prayer Request Cards.

MARCH FOOD COLLECTION FOR EASTLAWN BACKPACK MINISTRY

In **March**, we are collecting the following items: canned green beans, canned meat, granola bars, and macaroni and cheese. Please deposit donations on the bottom shelf of the Donation Center located in the Reading Area.

FAITHFUL FAMILIES

Parents and guardians of children and youth are invited to join Faithful Families, a Sunday School group focused on building Christian community and growing deeper in our relationships with God and one another. The group meets **Sunday mornings** from 9:45–10:45 a.m. in Room 301.

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.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Morning Circle will meet tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. in the Heritage Center for coffee and fellowship, then adjourn at 10:30 a.m. to the Chapel for our meeting. Andrew Stanford of NCASC will join us to share an update on the status of refugee settlement in our community. We anticipate a meaningful time of fellowship together.

Circle 5 will meet on **Tuesday, March 10**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Heritage Center. We are pleased to welcome Matt Estes, who will speak about the music ministry at Front Street. All women are welcome!

LITTLE LAMBS TODDLER PLAYGROUP

You are invited to Little Lambs, a relaxed Saturday morning playgroup at church for our youngest friends and their grown-ups. Little Lambs is open to children from birth through four years old, with siblings welcome, along with their parents and caregivers. The playgroup will meet on **Saturday, March 7**, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in Room 304. Little Lambs is a sweet space for play, connection, and fellowship, where children can explore and play together while parents enjoy conversation and community. If you plan to attend, please let us know by emailing Kelby Hardy at kelbywest@gmail.com.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

Daylight saving time begins on **Sunday, March 8**. Don't forget to turn your clocks forward!

WHEELCHAIR RAMP #424

The next wheelchair ramp build is scheduled for **Saturday, March 14**. Youth and adults are welcome. No experience necessary. If you'd like to volunteer or need more details, contact Tom Sineath. at tom.sineath@gmail.com.

UMCOR SUNDAY OFFERING, MARCH 15

This offering is collected on the fourth Sunday in Lent and provides major support for immediate assistance in the wake of natural and human-caused disasters and helps support ongoing ministries of food, shelter, health, and peace. Pew offering envelopes may be used for your contribution. Please note "UMCOR" on the envelope.

GROWING GREAT GIRLS AT DINNER BELL FARM

Girls 2nd-5th grade are invited to spend an inspiring afternoon at Dinner Bell Farm on **Saturday, April 19**, from 2:00–5:00 p.m.. This hands-on event connects girls to the land through agriculture while building confidence, leadership, and an appreciation for where our food comes from. Mothers are welcome too. The church will sponsor the group and cover the full cost.

Please RSVP to Ms. Melissa by the end of today, letting her know if your daughter would like to attend and ride the church van, or if you and your daughter plan to attend together. Learn more at frontstreetumc.org/events.

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 1, 2026

Sunday, March 1

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
5:00	Confirmation Class	Youth Suite
6:00	MYF	Aldersgate Hall

Monday, March 2

10:00	UMW	Heritage Center
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Tuesday, March 3

8:00	Men's Breakfast Bible Study	Heritage Center
9:30	Cynthia Powell Women's Bible Study	Room 401
7:00	Epworth Ringers	Bell Room

Wednesday, March 4

8:00	Youth Breakfast Club	Biscuitville, 669 Huffman Mill Rd
9:30	Ladies Bible Study - <i>Tame Your Thoughts</i>	Room 404
6:00	Lenten Children's Bible Study	Room 302
7:00	<i>An Unlikely Lent</i> Bible Study	Room 402
7:00	Chancel Choir	Choir Room

Thursday, March 5

9:30	Prayer Team Meeting	John Wesley Room
10:00	Knitting & Crocheting Group	Bride's room
1:30	Genealogy Workshop	Room 402

Saturday, March 7

10:00	Little Lambs Toddler Playgroup	Room 304
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Sunday, March 8

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	MYF/Lazer X	Burlington, NC

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **March 22 and 29 and April 5, 12, 19, and 26**. Please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 or kpaul5@triad.rr.com for details or to sign up.

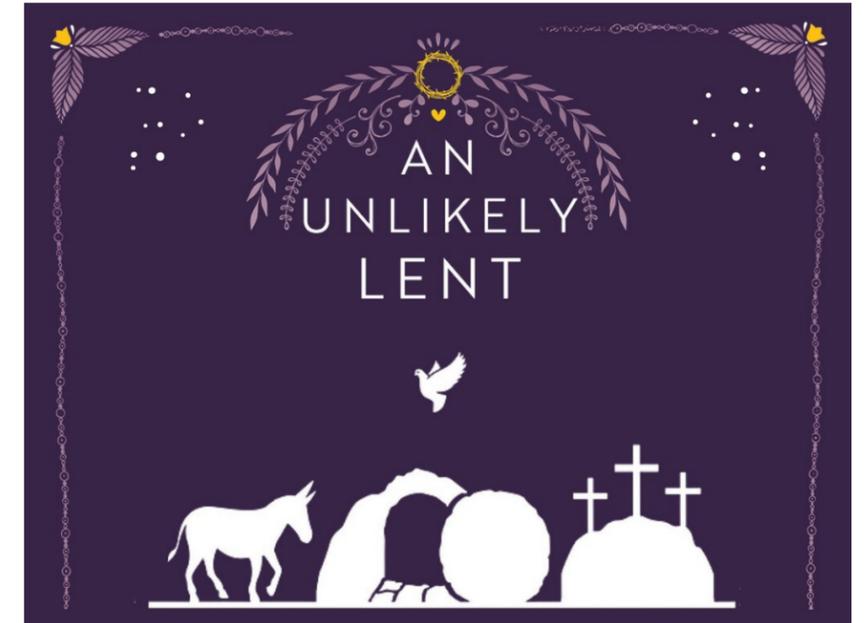
LIVE-STREAMING

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 Mission:

Knowing Christ • Growing in Christ • Sharing Christ



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THE WORSHIP OF GOD
MARCH 1, 2026
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
COMMUNION SUNDAY

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 **What Wondrous Love Is This**
arr. Larry Shackley

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: God does not deal with us according to our sins, but forgives us and receives us as God's beloved.

Leader: Come, let us walk in the light of God,

People: that God may teach us God's ways, and lead us in God's paths.

Leader: Create a new heart in us, O God, and put within us a new and right spirit.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, and transform us by your grace.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH No. 116 **The God of Abraham Praise LEONI**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING **Psalms 121** OT Page 571

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

I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. **The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.** The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all evil;

he will keep your life. **The Lord will keep you going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.**

ANTHEM **Ave Verum (Jesus, Word of God Incarnate)**
Chancel Choir Mozart

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE **Mark 14:53-72** NT Page 52

SERMON **"An Unlikely Lent: Unlikely Opposition"** Daniel Polito

HYMN OF RESPONSE UMH No. 292 **What Wondrous Love Is This WONDROUS LOVE**

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 HYMN No. 405 **Seek Ye First SEEK YE**
Children's Choir

* DOXOLOGY **Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD 100th**
All Singing: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. UMH No. 95

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, help us. When we have run away, when we have turned our backs on love, when we have sought immediate satisfaction and not long-term healing, help us. Merciful God, forgive us. When we have been selfish, when we have been mean, when we have neglected the cries of others, forgive us. Powerful God, heal us. When we are so broken we cannot move, when we don't know how to stem the bleeding of our wounds, when we are too ashamed to seek community, heal us. Give us the courage, the strength, and the hope to accept your grace and embrace your call in Christ. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

What Wondrous Love Is This Mark Hayes

HYMN TFWS No. 2267 **Taste and See TASTE AND SEE**

Refrain: Congregation
Soloist: Margaret Dalton, v.1
Soloist: Braedon Wright, v. 2
Soloist: Selena Karungi, v. 3

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 Lord. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN UMH No. 520 **Nobody Knows the Trouble I See DUBOIS**

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE **Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Things**
Dakota Indian Tune

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 Don and Glenda Milligan.

YOUNG DISCIPLES ON COMMUNION SUNDAY: Today, we celebrate communion, and there is no formal children's church during this service. All children are invited to remain in the service to participate in communion (i.e. community). The nursery will remain open for children up to age 5.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in memory of Hy Harris, to honor her spirit and commitment to her faith, her family, her church, and her friends; given with utmost love and respect by Dr. Paul and Lorraine Harris and Dr. Michelle and Ted Mottinger.

THE ROSEBUD is given to the glory of God and in honor of Ellis McCamie Tate Miller, son of Christopher and Katherine Grace Miller, born on February 6, 2026. Proud grandparents are Howard and Rebecca Miller.

MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD serving in March are Nancy Long, Ruth Colville, Louise Cox, Beth Kelley, and Kathy Roberson.

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

Communion Servers: Rett and Jan Davis
Lay Reader: Susan Taylor