

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

Acolyte: Sarah Moran
Communion Servers: Taylor and Nancy Wilson
Lay Reader: Jan Davis

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

MAY FOOD COLLECTION FOR EASTLAWN BACKPACK MINISTRY

In **May**, we are collecting the following items: black beans, canned tuna, and peanut butter in plastic jars. Please deposit donations on the bottom shelf of the Donation Center located in the Reading Area.

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 meets **tomorrow** at 10:30 a.m. for a covered dish luncheon. Drop dishes in Aldersgate before a 11:00 a.m. musical program in the Chapel featuring Matt Estes with Easter music and hymn singing. Lunch will follow in Aldersgate. All women welcome.

UMW Evening Circle meets **Tuesday, May 12** at 6:30 p.m. for a salad dinner. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER – MAY 7, 2026

Join us for the National Day of Prayer on **Thursday, May 7**. This year's theme from 1 Chronicles 16:24 invites us to unite in prayer for our country. We encourage you to set aside 30 minutes to pray—either at church or wherever you are—and sign up to participate. Weekly prayer cards are available in the narthex to encourage you as we prepare this week leading up to the National Day of Prayer. Learn more and sign up at frontstreetumc.org/events.

PAYC FUNDRAISING BANQUET – MAY 7

The Positive Attitude Youth Center (PAYC) will celebrate 32 years of ministry with a fundraising banquet on **May 7 at 6:30 p.m.** This year's theme, "Keep Moving Forward," highlights their ongoing work serving children and families in our community. All are invited to attend and support PAYC's programs. Learn more and RSVP at frontstreetumc.org/missions. Please keep this ministry in your prayers.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FRESH MOBILE MARKET | WEDNESDAY, MAY 20 | 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.

2026 COLLEGE GRADUATES

Do you have a loved one who is a new college graduate? We'd like to recognize them. Share their name, alma mater, and degree earned with us. Complete an online graduate form at frontstreetumc.org/grads2026 by **Friday, May 22**. Don't miss out! We'll feature the 2026 grads in our June newsletter.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

Our Front Street family would like to invite those of you who regularly take part in worship and ministry here, to become full members of our community of faith on **Pentecost Sunday - May 24**. As members, we journey alongside one another throughout our lives of faith and commit to participating in the life and ministries of Front Street UMC through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. If you're interested, Daniel would be glad to meet with you—reach out at daniel@frontstreetumc.org.

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 3, 2026

Sunday, May 3

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

Monday, May 4

10:30	United Methodist Women	Chapel
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Tuesday, May 5

9:30	Cynthia Powell Women's Bible Study	Room 401
7:00	Epworth Ringers	Bell Room

Wednesday, May 6

8:00	Youth Breakfast Club	Biscuitville, 669 Huffman Mill Road
7:00	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
7:00	Staff-Parish Relations Team Meeting	John Wesley Room

Thursday, May 7

	National Day of Prayer	Chapel, Prayer Room
9:30	Prayer Team Meeting	John Wesley Room
10:00	Knitting & Crocheting Group	Room 405
1:30	Genealogy Workshop	Room 402

Sunday, May 10

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

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **May 10 and June 14, 21, and 28**. Please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 or ldrose4717@gmail.com for details or to sign up.

CHILDREN'S SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

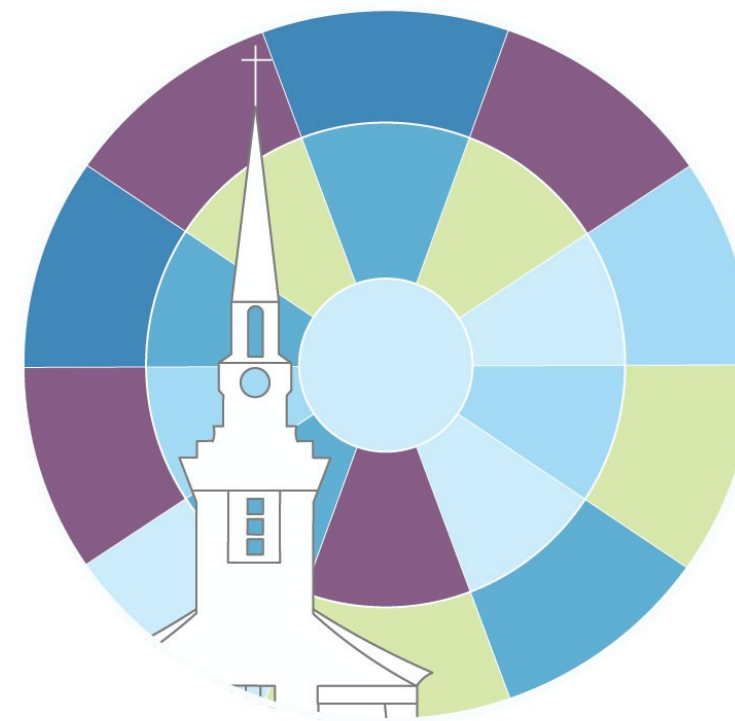
Summer is approaching, and our Sunday School teachers will be taking a well-deserved break. The last day of Sunday School will be **May 31**. We hope to continue children's Sunday School throughout the summer and are looking for volunteers to help teach or assist on select Sundays. No experience is needed—lessons and supplies will be provided. If you're interested, learn more at frontstreetumc.org/events or contact Ms. Melissa.

VBS REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Get ready for Vacation Bible School, **August 3-7**, for kids entering 4 year old preschool through 5th grade. Visit frontstreetumc.org/events to learn more and register.

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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Rev. Ray Warren

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Daniel Polito

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD
MAY 3, 2026
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
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 **Come Away to the Skies**
George Shearing

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Here, in this place, God welcomes all;

People: the dreamers, the doubters, the worriers and wanderers can call on God by name.

Leader: Here, in this time, we can remember all the ways God has graced us:

People: Here, in these moments, we are reminded that God is with us, always!

Leader: Here are gathered those daring enough to step out of comfort into the unknown:

All: Here, in this faith space, we will find the courage to cry out, 'God help us!' 'God, save us!' 'Praise You God of all!' in all circumstances and in every situation. Thanks be to God who we worship for eternity.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH No. 327 **Crown Him with Many Crowns**
DIADEMATA

* PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Help us, O God, to hear Your Word proclaimed this day. Open our minds and hearts to be changed. Free us from the spirits of worry, fear, destruction, and pride. Teach us, Lord, that we may follow You more faithfully.

OLD TESTAMENT READING **Psalm 33** The Message

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

Good people, cheer God! Right-living people sound best when praising. Use guitars to reinforce your Hallelujahs! Play his praise on a grand piano! Compose your own new song to him; give him a trumpet fanfare. **For God's Word is solid to the core; everything he makes is sound inside and out.** He loves it when everything fits, when his world is in plumb-line true. **Earth is drenched in God's affectionate satisfaction.** We're depending on God; he's everything we need. What's more, our hearts brim with joy since we've taken for our own his holy name. **Love us, God, with all you've got—that's what we're hoping for and depending upon!**

ANTHEM **Easter Introit** John Ferguson
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING **Genesis 37:23-28** OT Page 34

SERMON **"Imprisoned, Enslaved, Salvation"**
Rev. Ray Warren

HYMN OF RESPONSE TFWS NO. 2025 **As the Deer AS THE DEER**

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 **With High Delight** arr. Todd Wilson
Chancel Choir

* 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

God, we confess that we do not always understand Your ways. Too, we are often easily discouraged when life takes unexpected turns and our carefully laid plans and dreams come to nothing. We confess that we are often quick to give up when things don't go the way we think they ought, and quick to question Your presence, Your power, Your wisdom. Forgive us. Grant us patience to wait

for Your good timing. Open our eyes to recognize Your leading in our lives—to listen for Your gentle whisper when we least expect it. And then give us courage to step out in faith and obedience, trusting in Your leading even when we cannot yet see the outcome. We praise You for Your faithful love, and pray that You would make us worthy to bear Your name. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving
The Lord's Prayer
The Sharing of Bread and Cup

UMH No. 17
(Musical Setting A)

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

COMMUNION MUSIC **Gather Us In** Marty Haugen
This is the Day of New Beginnings Carlton Young

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. 2130 **The Summons** **KELVINGROVE**

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE **Diademata** Christopher Tambling

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 Steve and Betty Massey.

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 loving memory of Jerry A. Long by his family: Nancy Long, Leslie and Lauren Phillips, Riley Watson, Julie, Stephen and Lily Gray Flournoy, and Alex, Beth and Ava Long.

MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD serving in May are Marianna Harris, Teresa Chandler, Nancy Hamby, and Susan Taylor.