

MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD serving in November are Martha Brannock, Margaret Mitchell, Linda Weavil, and Nancy Wilson.

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

Lay Reader: Susan Taylor
Acolytes: Cate Hill
Sarah Moran

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

NOVEMBER FOOD COLLECTION FOR EASTLAWN BACKPACK MINISTRY
In **November**, we are collecting the following items: canned corn, canned soup, fruit bars, and oatmeal packets. Please deposit donations on the bottom shelf of the Donation Center located in the Reading Area.

FEED THE HUNGER PACKATHON
Join us **today** from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. in Aldersgate Hall for our 4th annual youth -sponsored packathon. This exciting event brings our community together with the shared goal of packing 17,200 meals for those in need. To reach our goal, we will need the help of 40-50 volunteers. Plan to be part of this opportunity to serve others!

2ND ANNUAL FRIENDSGIVING POTLUCK LUNCH
Front Street seniors (ages 65 and older) are invited to join us for our 2nd Annual Friendsgiving Potluck Lunch. The event will be held on **Thursday, November 13**, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Heritage Center, with the meal beginning at noon.

Please bring your favorite holiday dish to share as we enjoy a time of fellowship and friendship. Kindly RSVP to Leslie (lesliebeavy@gmail.com) to let us know that you will be attending.

COLUMBARIUM DEDICATION—SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16
The Columbarium will be dedicated immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service on November 16. All are invited to attend this special moment of reflection and blessing.

THANKSGIVING MEALS FOR EASTLAWN FAMILIES
Thanksgiving is right around the corner! Eastlawn Elementary (our C4C partner school) provides Thanksgiving meals for some of the most food insecure families in their school. Front Street has agreed to purchase the turkeys and sides for these meals. We are asking for donations of \$40.00 to cover the cost of the turkey meal. Please make checks payable to Front Street UMC with “turkey” in the memo line and turn into the church office by **November 14**.

Volunteers are needed to assist with distributing the turkeys on **November 21** at Eastlawn’s annual Turkey Trot. Please contact Ms. Melissa at melissa@frontstreetumc.org to volunteer.

POINSETTIA ORDERS
This year's poinsettias will be provided by a new supplier, and we are pleased to share that we received an excellent value on these beautiful plants. You are invited to purchase a poinsettia (\$20) in honor or in memory of a loved one. These poinsettias will adorn our sanctuary on December 7. The deadline to purchase is November 23. To place an order, please complete the order form at frontstreetumc.org/events or pick up an order form from the Welcome Center. *Please note that orders are not confirmed until payment is received.*

ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP
Join us on **Sunday, November 30** (9:45-10:45AM) for our Family Advent Wreath Workshop and make an Advent wreath to enjoy this Advent season. There will be activities for kids, families, and adults, as well as food and fellowship. Advent devotional materials will be available to take with you. Everyone is welcome to join us for this event. All materials are provided, and there is no cost to attend.

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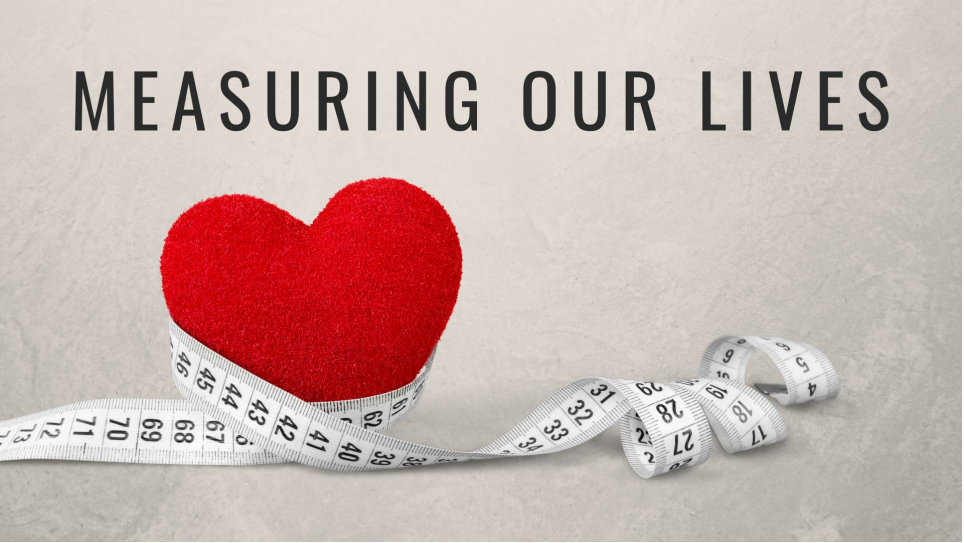
CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 9, 2025		
<u>Sunday, November 9</u>		
9:00	Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
9:30	Children's Choir	Choir Room
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
9:45	Dr. Kirstin Boswell to Speak	Aldersgate Hall
11:00	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
3:00	Feed the Hunger Packathon	Aldersgate Hall
<u>Tuesday, November 11</u>		
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
<u>Wednesday, November 12</u>		
8:00	Youth Breakfast Club	Biscuitville, 669 Huffman Mill Rd
9:30	Women's Bible Study: The Way of Wisdom	Room 401
7:00	Staff-Parish Relations Committee	John Wesley Room
7:00	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
<u>Thursday, November 13</u>		
10:00	Knitting and Crocheting Group	Bride's Room
11:30	Friendsgiving Potluck Lunch	Heritage Center
<u>Saturday, November 14</u>		
8:30	Wheelchair Ramp Build	
10:00	Knitting and Crocheting Group	Bride's Room
<u>Sunday, November 16</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
6:00	MYF	Aldersgate Hall

FIFTH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30
Join us for our new Fifth Sunday Fellowship on **Sunday, November 30**, between the Aldersgate and Traditional services during the Sunday School hour. Everyone—children, adults, members, and guests—is welcome! It will be even better because the Advent Wreath Workshop will be in the same space - Aldersgate Hall! One stop shop for food, fun, fellowship!!! What more could you want? Come and enjoy light snacks and connect with friends from both worship services.

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 WORSHIP OF GOD
NOVEMBER 9, 2025
TWENTY-SECOND 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	How Firm A Foundation	Sandra Eithun Handbell Choir
* CALL TO WORSHIP		
Leader: We gather to worship the One who crafted creation out of chaos, People: our cries of joy join the anthems of the universe. Leader: We gather to lift our praise to the God who gives us voice, People: we bring the songs which have echoed in our hearts all week long. Leader: We gather as the children of God, our joy unbroken in God's love. All: Young and old, tone deaf and perfect-pitched, lift the new songs of faith as we worship our Lord Jesus, The Christ.		
* PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH NO. 545		
	The Church is One Foundation	AURELIA
* PRAYER OF CONFESSION		
Loving and merciful Lord, we thank you for the community in which you have placed us, for the brothers and sisters with whom we walk this pilgrim journey. Yet, we confess that we fail to love as you love. We push aside those whom we believe are the least in your Kingdom. We fail to see your Kingdom in parables because we fail to see your Kingdom in each other. Form in us a new vision of community in which there is neither East nor West, neither South nor North. We pray for the sake of your Kingdom that both is and is yet to come. 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.		
MISSION MOMENT		
Children ages 4 – first grade may depart for Children's Church in Room 309.		
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		
O Lord, save us from hardness of heart, where your word cannot take root. Save us from shallowness of mind, where your word withers away. Lord, save us from the deceitfulness of riches, where your word is choked by everyday cares. Lord, grant that our hearts may be fertile soil, where your word flourishes and yields a harvest, bringing salvation to ourselves and those about us. Amen.		
OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Psalm 46:1-10		NIV
(Please read the bold aloud with the lay speaker.)		
God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear , though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Come and see what the Lord has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. He says, “ Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth. ”		

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Matthew 13:1-9		NT Page 13
SERMON	“The Essence of Us: How Do You Love?”	Rev. Ray Warren
HYMN OF RESPONSE TFWS NO. 2086 Open Our Eyes		
OPEN OUR EYES		
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	If Ye Love Me	Thomas Tallis
	Chancel Choir	
* DOXOLOGY		
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!		UMH No. 94
* CLOSING HYMN UMH NO. 437 This Is My Song		
FINLANDIA		
* BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	Prelude and Fugue in B-Flat	J.S. Bach
WELCOME! We're glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Following this service, there is a reception in the Heritage Center to welcome our new Playschool Director, Staci Poplin, and honor our Playschool staff. Please join us. Our hosts this week are John and Paula Reardon.		
THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in memory of Bob, Betty, and Robin Smith by Todd, Beverly, Alexis , Matt Smith and Leigh Jones.		