

MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD serving in October are Teresa Chandler, Marianna Harris, Betty Huneycutt, and Margaret Pardue.

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

Lay Reader: Jennifer Sanders
Acolytes: Levy and Wesley Gable

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

OCTOBER FOOD COLLECTION FOR EASTLAWN BACKPACK MINISTRY
In **October**, we are collecting the following items: canned vegetables, fruit cups, peanut butter crackers, and rice (1 lb. bags). Please deposit donations on the bottom shelf of the Donation Center located in the Reading Area.

C4C HELP NEEDED
Now that school is back in session, things are getting busy with our C4C partner, Eastlawn Elementary. The food bags deliveries have begun on Fridays, and we could use your help delivering. If you want more details or are available to help for about 45 minutes on Friday mornings, please contact Melissa Miller at frontstreetumc.org. Stay tuned for more ways to support this very important mission.

BLESSING BAGS
Our youth have assembled Blessing Bags packed full of hygiene items, snacks, and water. Next time you're at the church, please pick up a few to keep in your car and give out to those in our community who are homeless, hungry, or in need of basic necessities. The bags can be found outside the Church Office.

Note: The hand sanitizer shipment was delayed. When you pick up your bags, please take some hand sanitizer as well and add one to each bag you distribute.

ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE
Front Street's annual charge conference is on **Sunday, November 2** at 3:00 p.m. in Aldersgate Hall. Charge Conference is a time for us to celebrate the life of the church in preparation for a new year. The members of the Visioning Council are the voting members of the charge conference.

MARKET FOR MISSIONS, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 10 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M. AT FSUMC
Mark your calendar for another great day of fellowship, food & shopping. We will host unique vendors and offer creative silent auction items. Kids of all ages can whisper in Santa's ear, there will be craft activities for children, and a prayer station for all. Visit www.frontstreetumc.org/M4M to volunteer or for additional information.

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 (lesliebpeavy@gmail.com) to let us know that you will be attending.

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.

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 19, 2025		
<u>Sunday, October 19</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
3:45	Genesis/Rachel Vogler SS/Concert in Greensboro	Leave from the Church
6:00	MYF	Aldersgate Hall
<u>Monday, October 20</u>		
7:00	God's Attributes Small Group Study	Heritage Center
7:00	Worship Team	John Wesley Room
<u>Tuesday, October 21</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, October 25</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	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
<u>Thursday, October 23</u>		
10:00	Knitting and Crocheting Group	Bride's Room
7:00	Visioning Team	Room 401
<u>Saturday, October 25</u>		
10:00	Knitting and Crocheting Group	Bride's Room
<u>Sunday, October 26</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

SANCTUARY FLOWERS
The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **November 30 and December 14 and 28**. Please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 or 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.

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD
OCTOBER 19, 2025
NINETEENTH 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 Pie Jesu from Requiem Faure
 Soprano Soloist: Gwen Baier

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Extravagant God, you call us to hospitality;
 to give as generously to others as you have given to us.

People: For there are angels among us.

Leader: Loving God, you call us to give you glory in the compassion we show to one another.

People: To love without judgment, and to love as you first loved us.

Leader: We gather as one Body, seeking to walk in the way you have set for us.

All: We gather as one body, to worship the one who loves generously, extravagantly all who seek.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH NO. 399 Take My Life, and Let It Be MESSIAH

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we share the conviction of the Psalmist that you are our stronghold in times of trouble and we rejoice over the evidence of such care for us and for all people which we experience in Jesus. Yet, we confess how easily we fear when we are caught in the storms of life; like the Disciples before us, our faith falters and our anxiety levels soar when life becomes too turbulent for us. We fail to remember that Jesus demonstrated that your power, O God, can bring peace even into the stormiest situations. And so, time and again, the stresses of living and working and learning threaten to swamp us. Our lives sometimes feel as though they are spinning out of control with worries over health, relationships, finances, the state of the world.... We forget that Jesus is

in our midst calming our fears and strengthening us especially when we feel most vulnerable and fearful and weak. Forgive us Lord and let us always see your strength and hope.

* 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

God of extravagant grace, may your Spirit refresh our hearts through the reading of the scriptures that we may perceive all the good we can do for your kingdom come on earth and grow in faith toward our Lord Jesus. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Psalm 9 (selected)

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

The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know your name trust in you, **for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.** Sing the praises of the Lord, enthroned in Zion; proclaim among the nations what he has done. Lord, see how my enemies persecute me! **Have mercy and lift me up from the gates of death, that I may declare your praises in the gates of Daughter Zion, and there rejoice in your salvation.** The Lord is known by his acts of justice; the wicked are ensnared by the work of their hands. The

wicked go down to the realm of the dead, all the nations that forget God. But **God will never forget the needy; the hope of the afflicted will never perish.** Arise, Lord, do not let mortals triumph; let the nations be judged in your presence.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 NT Page 183

SERMON “Hearts of Generosity—More Than We Could Imagine”
Rev. Ray Warren

HYMN OF RESPONSE UMH No. 389 Freely, Freely FREELY, FREELY

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 **Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling** arr. Keesecker
Women’s Quartet with solo by Gwen Baier

* 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. 451 Be Thou My Vision SLANE

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Prelude and Fuga in C-major Bach

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 John and Susan Black.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in memory of Ken Paul on his birthday by his family.