

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

FOOD COLLECTION FOR EASTLAWN BACKPACK MINISTRY
In October we are collecting canned meat, packs of oatmeal or grits, cups of ramen or soup, and rice (1 lb. or 2 lb. bags). Thank you for your continued support.

FRONT STREET KIDS AT THE PUMPKIN PATCH – RESCHEDULED!
Join us **Saturday, October 31**, from 10 a.m.–Noon for pumpkin picking, a hayride, fall crafts, and games at the farm at Camp Chestnut Ridge. Costumes are optional, and all ages are welcome! The farm is located at **2902 Mt. Willing Road, Efland, NC** (not the main camp entrance). Please RSVP or direct questions to Ms. Melissa at melissa@frontstreetumc.org.

EASTLAWN STAFF TREATS
Part of our C4C partnership with Eastlawn Elementary is supporting the staff and teachers at Eastlawn. One way we do that is bringing them special treats throughout the year. For **November**, we are providing apple themed treats. If you would like to participate in this by helping set up, clean up, or by providing a food item, please see the sign-up genius at frontstreetumc.org/ events or reach out to Ms. Melissa or Jen Klein.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS: NOVEMBER 8
On **November 8**, Bishop Connie Shelton and Rev. Dr. Joey Shelton will be leading us in worship and Sunday School! Bishop Connie Shelton will be preaching in our 9 a.m. and 11a.m. worship services. Between the two service, Rev. Dr. Joey Shelton will lead an Adult Sunday School presentation on *Understanding Christian Nationalism* beginning at 10 a.m. in Aldersgate Hall. We hope that you will join us on November 8 to worship and grow in our faith alongside Bishop Connie Shelton and Rev. Dr. Joey Shelton!

ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE
Front Street's annual charge conference is on **Sunday, November 8** 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 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Help with set-up and clean-up for Market for Missions on **November 14**. Set-up opportunities are also available in the days leading up to the event for those who can't help on the day itself. Sign up online to lend a hand! Visit frontstreetumc.org/M4M for details or contact Nancy Wilson at 336-675-2119.

FALL ON THE FARM
Join Front Street kids at Dinner Bell Farm on **Sunday, November 15**, from 4:00–6:00 p.m. for a relaxing fall afternoon with farm animals, fellowship, and s'mores around the fire. Take time to slow down, enjoy the season, and reconnect with one another. Please RSVP to melissa@frontstreetumc.org so we can plan accordingly. Additional details will be shared with those who RSVP.

FRONT STREET SENIOR: FRIENDSGIVING POTLUCK LUNCH
Front Street seniors (ages 65 and older) are invited to join us for our **3rd Annual Friendsgiving Potluck Lunch** on **Thursday, November 19**, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Heritage Center. The meal will begin at noon. Bring your favorite holiday dish to share as we gather for a special time of fellowship, friendship, and gratitude. Please RSVP to Leslie to let her know you will be attending. We look forward to celebrating with you!

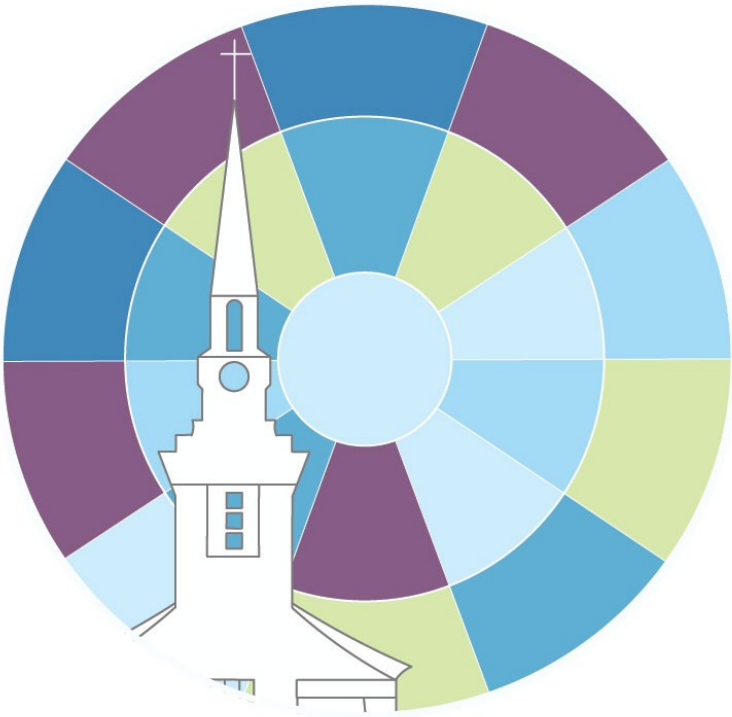
UPPER ROOM
The **November/December** issue of the Upper Room is available. Copies may be found in the Welcome Center and Narthex.

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 25, 2026		
<u>Sunday, October 25</u>		
9:00	Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
10:00	Adult & Children's Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
3:00	Mission Team Meeting	John Wesley Room
5:30	Youth Group	Aldersgate Hall
<u>Monday, October 26</u>		
7:00	Board of Trustees Meeting	John Wesley Room
<u>Tuesday, October 27</u>		
8:00	Men's Breakfast Bible Study Group	Heritage Center
9:30	Cynthia Powell Women's Bible Study	Room 401
7:00	Handbell Rehearsal	Bell Room
<u>Wednesday, October 28</u>		
8:00	Youth Breakfast Club	Biscuitville, 669 Huffman Mill Rd
9:30	Women's Bible Study: Study of Ruth	Room 401
7:00	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
<u>Thursday, October 29</u>		
10:00	Creating for Christ Group	Room 405
<u>Saturday, October 31</u>		
10:00	Front Street Kids at the Pumpkin Patch	Efland, NC
<u>Sunday, November 1</u>		
9:00	Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
10:00	Adult & Children's Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
5:30	Youth Group	Aldersgate Hall

SANCTUARY FLOWERS
The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **November 22 and December 13, 24, and 27**. 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.



Front Street United Methodist Church

Our Mission:
Knowing Christ • Growing in Christ • Sharing Christ

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

OCTOBER 25, 2026

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Prelude No. 1 in C major

J. S. Bach

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us worship the One who created all things and holds the world in His hands.

People: The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it; all that we are and all that we have belongs to Him.

Leader: Step away from the weight of ownership and the exhausting race for more. Open your hands to the Giver of life.

People: We come to shift our vision from what we lack to the incredible abundance of God's track record.

Leader: Let your hearts be filled with thankfulness, for gratitude silences our deepest fears.

All: Let us worship God with open hearts and open hands, ready to receive His running-over joy!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH NO. 66

Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven LAUDA ANIMA

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

All: Faithful God, we confess how tightly we clutch our lives. We often live with the anxious mindset of owners rather than the joyful freedom of stewards. Forgive us for letting fear drive our choices. Forgive us for hoarding out of scarcity, hesitating to be generous, and forgetting Your track record of faithfulness. Chip away at our selfishness and our need for control. Turn our defensive hearts into grateful hearts, and open our hands to the riches of Your Kingdom.

Leader: Hear the good news: God's grace is a fountain that never runs dry. In Christ, you are forgiven, you are provided for, and you are free to live a life that is truly alive.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. 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.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

MISSION MOMENT

Women’s Habitat Build

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, Your Word is a gift that guides our lives. As we open Your Scriptures today, quiet the anxious chatter of our minds and drive away our fears of scarcity. Open our ears and soften our hearts. Do not let us listen merely out of duty, but receive Your truth with deep gratitude. Press Your Word down into our souls and let it run over into our daily lives, transforming us into a living reflection of Your extravagant love. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 1:1-6

CEB

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

The truly happy person doesn't follow wicked advice, doesn't stand on the road of sinners, and doesn't sit with the disrespectful. Instead of doing those things, **these persons love the Lord’s Instruction, and they recite God’s Instruction day and night! They are like a tree replanted by streams of water**, which bears fruit at just the right time and whose leaves don't fade. Whatever they do succeeds. That's not true for the wicked! They are like dust that the wind blows away. And that's why the wicked will have no standing in the court of justice—neither will sinners in the assembly of the righteous. **The Lord is intimately acquainted with the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is destroyed.**

* SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 6:27-33, 35-38

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SERMON

“Journey of Grace and Gratitude”

Rev. Ray Warren

HYMN OF RESPONSE UMH No. 399

Take My Life, and Let It Be (v. 3) MESSIAH

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.

PLEDGE COMMITMENT GIVING 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

Simple Gifts

Shaker Tune 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!

UMH No. 94

* CLOSING HYMN UMH No. 381

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us BRADBURY

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

Gordon Young

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 Liz Lohmann and Mike and Margaret Mitchell.

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

WE THANK Cate Hill for serving as lay reader during our worship service.