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: David Hedgecock

Acolyte: 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 Carol Hoxie, 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.

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.

FEED THE HUNGER PACKATHON

On **Sunday, November 9** from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m., everyone is invited to join us 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. Mark your calendar and 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 (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.

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 Idrose4717@gmail.com for details or to sign up.

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 26, 2025

Sunday, October 26

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, October 27

7:30 Board of Trustees Meeting John Wesley Room

Tuesday, October 28

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, October 29

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

Thursday, October 30

10:00 Knitting and Crocheting Group Bride's Room

<u>Saturday, November 1</u>

10:00 Knitting and Crocheting Group Bride's Room

Sunday, November 2

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
3:00	Annual Charge Conference	Aldersgate Hall
3:00	MYF/Movie	Meet at Southeast Cinemas

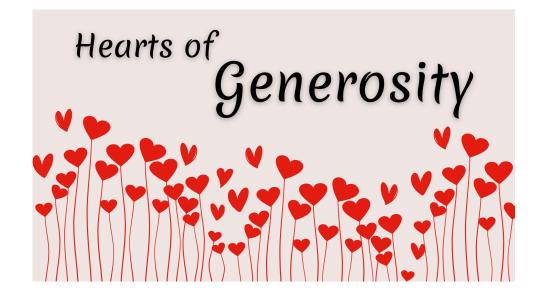
LIVE-STREAMING

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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Our Mission:

Knowing Christ • Growing in Christ • Sharing Christ



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Rev. Ray Warren Rev. Marshall Old, Interim

> Children's Minister Melissa Miller

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> Youth Minister Chris Huneycutt

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD OCTOBER 26, 2025 TWENTIETH 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 Prelude on Lattimer (This Little Light)

arr. Charles Callahan

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Grace and peace to you from God our Father, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing that comes from heaven: who knew you before the world began; who has brought you from darkness into light and filled you with his glorious power; who has prepared an inheritance for you that will never spoil or fade; who comforts you in times of troubles, so that you can comfort others.

People: This is our God, the source of all good things, and

the One for whom we live.

All: Let's worship our Lord together!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH No. 139 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty LOBE DEN HERREN

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you are closer than our own thoughts—yet we often struggle to speak with you deeply. We make small talk, thanking you for sun and rain, gentle breezes and clear skies. We are grateful, but we know such talk belongs to casual acquaintances, not to those who know and love you. You've given us rich vocabularies for our work and friendships, but too often we fail to use them to draw nearer to you. Forgive us when we are shallow—seeking quick blessings without offering true commitment. Forgive us when we ask for mercy and compassion but do not extend them to others. Forgive us when we seek your guidance yet ignore your direction, when we cry out with questions but fail to listen for your answers. Give us another chance, Lord, to rest in the fullness of your love. Help us lay aside self-interest and find joy in serving your will. Hear us, forgive us, transform us, and use us for your purpose. Amen.

* THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

UMH No. 881

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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

Mary Moorhouse

Children ages 4 – first grade may depart for Children's Church in Room 309.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Loving God, we pause to ask that you open our hearts and minds, that we may hear your Spirit speak to us now. Open our hearts to receive your word with honesty and hope. Clear away our distractions, calm our thoughts, and help us hear what you want us to know today. Let your truth take root in us and shape the way we live. In Jesus' name, Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Psalm 65:1-8

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

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed, O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come. When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions. Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple. By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth. and of the farthest seas. By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might. You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples. Those who live

at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

* New Testament Scripture Matthew 6:29-34

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SERMON "Hearts of Generosity—For a Fulfilling Life"

Rev. Ray Warren

HYMN OF RESPONSE UMH No. 354 | Surrender All (verses | & 3) SURRENDER

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

How Firm a Foundation

Handbell Choir arr. Sandra Eithun

* Doxology

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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. 140 Great Is Thy Faithfulness FAITHFULNESS

* BENEDICTION

Postlude Hornpipe George Frideric Handel

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 Jim and Ruth Colville.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in memory of James W. and Lucile A. Johnson by Henry A. and Jenna V. Johnson.