

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 members Don and Glenda Milligan, 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 will collect 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.

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.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OFFERING, TODAY

World Communion Sunday offering provides scholarships and leadership development opportunities for international students and U.S. racial-ethnic students who are pursuing advanced degrees. Pew envelopes may be used for your donation. Please include on the check in the memo section, “World Communion Offering.”

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The Morning Circle will meet **tomorrow, October 5** at 10:00 a.m. in the Heritage Center. Our focus for this meeting is about current Eastlawn initiatives and mission opportunities.

The Evening Circle will gather on **Tuesday, October 13**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Heritage Center. A representative from the Market for Missions committee will share ways to support this important mission opportunity.

CYNTHIA POWELL WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

The Tuesday morning Cynthia Powell Women’s Bible Study will again offer Bible study for women this fall. Our Fall session **will begin October 6**. Our focus will be the book of First Corinthians and we will meet each Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in Room 401. Study books are available in the church office. Please plan to join us! If you have questions, please contact Kathy Adams at 336-339-4872.

FIREFIGHTERS APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

In recognition of Fire Prevention Week, we will once again honor our next door firefighters and first responders. Members of Front Street UMC will serve breakfast to each shift change the mornings of **October 6, 7, and 8 beginning at 8 a.m.** This breakfast is funded entirely by donations. To make a financial contribution, please contact Rett Davis at rdavis133jd@gmail.com.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

Women are invited to a 7-week study of Ruth: Loss, Love & Legacy by Kelly Minter. Through This study will encourage us to trust God’s providence, recognize His faithfulness, and discover how He rescues, revives, and restores. The study begins **Wednesday, October 7**, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 404. Visit frontstreetumc.org/events to learn more.

Front Street Kids: Pumpkin Patch Fun

Join Front Street Kids for a fun fall morning at the farm at Camp Chestnut Ridge on **Saturday, October 10, from 10 a.m.–Noon!** Kids of all ages are invited to enjoy games, a craft, a hayride, and picking out their own pumpkin from the pumpkin patch. **Important:** The farm address is **2902 Mt. Willing Road, Efland, NC**. To RSVP or with questions, contact Ms. Melissa at melissa@frontstreetumc.org.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Front Street will host a blood drive on **Saturday, October 17**, 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. in Aldersgate Hall. Donors can sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org (sponsor code Front Street). Also, donors may text or call Gene Fonville at 336-260-8114 (cell) for more information or to schedule your appointment.

FEED THE HUNGER PACKATHON

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 | 3:00–5:00 P.M. | ALDERSGATE HALL

Join us for our 5th annual Youth-Sponsored Packathon as we come together to pack 17,200 meals for families in need! Our amazing youth will be leading the way—but we need your hands and hearts too. Everyone is welcome to pitch in, including younger children. Contact Daniel Haas-Polito (daniel@frontstreetumc.org) or Chris Huneycutt (chrishuneycutt75@gmail.com) with any questions.

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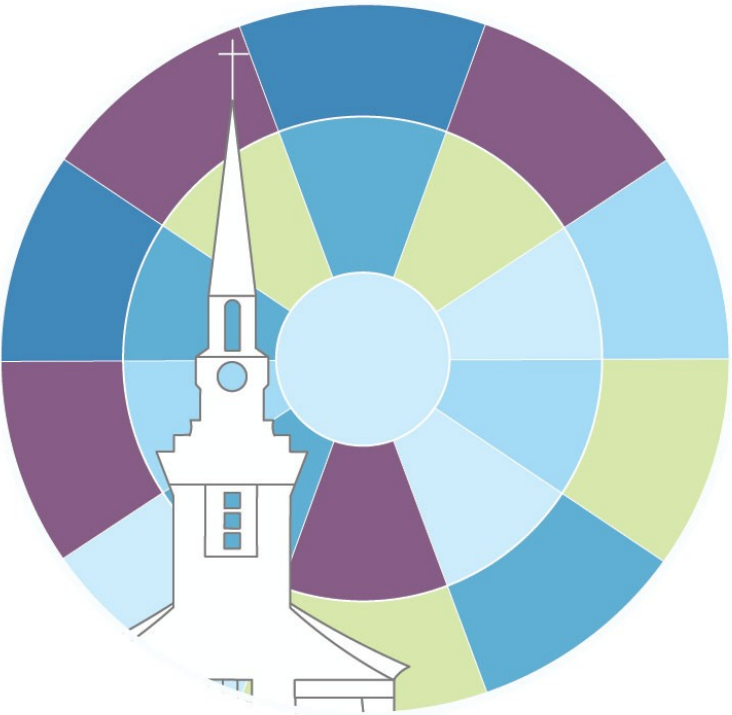
CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 4, 2026		
Sunday, October 4		
9:00	Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
10:00	Adult and Children's Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
3:00	Fall Discipleship Book Club	First UMC, Graham
5:30	Youth Group	Aldersgate Hall
Monday, October 5		
10:00	United Methodist Women	Heritage Center
Tuesday, October 6		
8:00	Firefighters Appreciation Breakfast	Aldersgate Hall
8:00	Men’s Breakfast Bible Study	Heritage Center
9:30	Cynthia Powell Women's Bible Study	Room 401
7:00	Handbell Rehearsal	Bell Room
Wednesday, October 7		
8:00	Firefighters Appreciation Breakfast	Aldersgate Hall
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
Thursday, October 8		
8:00	Firefighters Appreciation Breakfast	Aldersgate Hall
10:00	Creating for Christ Group	Room 405
7:00	Building and Grounds Team Meeting	John Wesley Room
Saturday, October 10		
10:00	Front Street Kids: Pumpkin Patch Fun	2902 Mt. Willing Rd, Efland, NC
Sunday, October 11		
9:00	Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
10:00	Adult and Children's Sunday School	Classrooms
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WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY PRESENTATION

Join Front Street Seniors on **Thursday, October 22** at 2 p.m. in room 404 for a special presentation by wildlife photographer Bob Finley. Bob will share a collection of stunning photographs captured in North Carolina and around the world, offering a glimpse into the beauty and diversity of wildlife through his lens. All are welcome! Please RSVP to Leslie at lesliebpeavy@gmail.com.

CALLED CHARGE CONFERENCE

A called Charge Conference will be held during the **October 22** Visioning Team meeting for the sole purpose of approving Pastor Daniel Polito's continuing education compensation.



Front Street United Methodist Church

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

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD
OCTOBER 4, 2026
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
WORLD 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 Christians Join and Sing**
David Moran, marimba arr. David Gillingham

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**
Leader: Come, all who have received the goodness of the Lord! Come, you who are filled with God's abundant grace.
People: We come to praise the One who pours out blessings upon our lives.
Leader: God has not blessed us so that we may hoard His gifts in secret corners. He has filled our cups so that they may overflow into a thirsty world.
People: We are called to be conduits of grace, instruments of peace, and vessels of hope.
Leader: Let us worship the God who loves us, equips us, and sends us out.
All: Together, let us offer our praise and be a blessing to all people!

* **OPENING HYMN UMH No. 89 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**
HYMN TO JOY

* **PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
God of Infinite Wisdom, Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. As these Scriptures are read and proclaimed today, quiet the noise of our own agendas and open our minds by Your Holy Spirit. Do not let us merely hear Your words, but graft them deeply into our hearts. May Your truth illuminate the dark spaces within us and show us how to walk in the world. Speak to us clearly today, Lord. Teach us not only how to receive Your blessings, but how to actively live as a blessing to everyone we encounter. We pray this in the name of the Living Word, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING **Psalm 19:1-11** CEB
(Please read the bold aloud with the lay speaker.)

Heaven is declaring God's glory; the sky is proclaiming his handiwork. One day gushes the news to the next, and one night informs another what needs to be known. Of course, **there’s no speech, no words—their voices can’t be heard—but their sound extends throughout the world; their words reach the ends of the earth.** God has made a tent in heaven for the sun. The sun is like a groom coming out of his honeymoon suite; like a warrior, it thrills at running its course. It rises in one end of the sky; its circuit is complete at the other. Nothing escapes its heat. The Lord’s Instruction is perfect, reviving one’s very being. The Lord’s laws are faithful, making naive people wise. The Lord’s regulations are right, gladdening the heart. The Lord’s commands are pure, giving light to the eyes. Honoring the Lord is correct, lasting forever. The Lord’s judgments are true. **All of these are righteous! They are more desirable than gold—than tons of pure gold! They are sweeter than honey—even dripping off the honeycomb! No doubt about it: your servant is enlightened by them; there is great reward in keeping them.**

* **SCRIPTURE READING** **Mark 7:24-30** NT Page 42

SERMON Rev. Jay Helms

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 **A Joyful Noise** John Ness Beck
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 AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON
All: Merciful and Generous God, we come before You acknowledging how easily we forget the purpose of Your goodness. You load us daily with benefits, yet we often grip Your blessings with tight fists. We confess that we have taken Your grace for granted and kept Your light hidden under a bushel. We have enjoyed our comfort while turning a blind eye to our neighbors in need. We have spoken words of judgment instead of words of life. Forgive us for our selfishness, for the times

we have stalled the flow of Your love, and for failing to love others as You have loved us. Open our hearts and loosen our hands. Transform our gratitude into radical generosity, that our lives may genuinely mirror Your limitless grace. In the merciful name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Leader: Hear the good news! God's mercy is a fountain that never runs dry. He forgives our shortcomings, heals our brokenness, and restores us to our true calling. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and set free to live anew.
People: Thanks be to God! We are forgiven, renewed, and sent out to bless the world.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
The Great Thanksgiving **UMH No. 17**
The Lord’s Prayer **(Musical Setting A)**
The Sharing of Bread and Cup

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

COMMUNION MUSIC **How Beautiful** Larry Shackley

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 UMH No. 620 One Bread, One Body**
ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

* **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE **Sonata in G Mvt 1**
Ludwig Van Beethoven

WELCOME! We're glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Following this service, there is a gathering in the Welcome Center for fellowship and refreshments. Please join us. Our hosts this week are Pat Pelt and Elaine Williams.

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:

Communion Servers: Ted and Teresa Chandler, Rett and Jan Davis, and George and Nancy Yates
Lay Reader: Mary Moorhouse