

We Thank the following for their service during our worship service:
Acolyte: Sarah Moran
Lay Reader: Susan Taylor

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 Gene and Elizabeth Fonville, 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 September we will collect canned tuna, fruit cups, granola bars, and peanut butter (plastic jars NO BIGGER THAN 16 oz.).

HELP NEEDED WITH EASTLAWN BACKPACK MINISTRY
If you would like to be part of the team delivering the backpack meals to Eastlawn on Friday mornings beginning in October, contact Ms. Melissa.

FALL DISCIPLESHIP BOOK CLUB | FIRST UMC GRAHAM
SEPTEMBER 20, 27, OCTOBER 4 & 11 | 3:00–4:30 P.M.
Join United Methodists from the Corridor District and Alamance County for a four-week study of *Building Beloved Community: The Courage to Love in the Face of Tyranny*. We'll explore how love, rather than fear, can be a response to division, injustice, and authoritarianism. Please read Part 1 before the first session. RSVP at frontstreetumc.org/events. Questions? Contact Daniel Polito.

ASK THE EXPERTS: GETTING OUR DUCKS IN A ROW
Join us for the second session of **Ask the Experts: Getting Our Ducks in a Row**. Each session begins at **10:00 a.m. in Room 404** and will include time for questions and answers with experienced local professionals. Light refreshments will be served at each session.

September 22 – Financial Wealth Advice
September 29 – Downsizing & Relocation Tips

Please RSVP at frontstreetumc.org/events so we can plan accordingly. For more information, contact Leslie.

CALLED CHARGE CONFERENCE
A called Charge Conference will be held during the **September 24** Visioning Team meeting for the sole purpose of approving Pastor Daniel Polito's continuing education compensation.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS
The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **September 27 and October 4, 11, 18, and 25**. Please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 or ldrose4717@gmail.com for details or to sign up.

CROP WALK, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 AT TRINITY WORSHIP CENTER
Come join Alamance County to walk for global hunger and disaster relief. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. and the walk kicks off at 9:00 a.m. Stop by the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings to learn more.

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 am**. This breakfast is funded entirely by donations. **If you would like to make a financial contribution toward the breakfasts, please contact Rett Davis at rdavis133jd@gmail.com.**

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

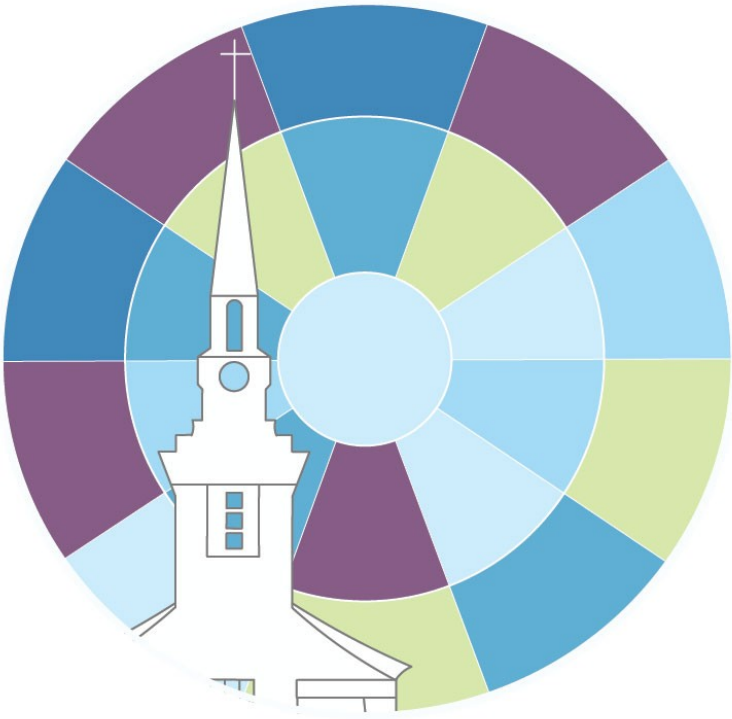
CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2026		
<u>Sunday, September 20</u>		
9:00	Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
3:00	Fall Discipleship Book Club	First UMC, Graham
5:30	Youth Group	Aldersgate Hall
<u>Tuesday, September 22</u>		
8:00	Men's Breakfast Bible Study Group	Heritage Center
10:00	Ask the Experts: Aging Well Workshop	Room 404
7:00	Handbell Rehearsal	Bell Room
<u>Wednesday, September 23</u>		
8:00	Youth Breakfast Club	Biscuitville, 669 Huffman Mill Rd
7:00	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
<u>Thursday, September 24</u>		
10:00	Creating for Christ Group	Room 405
7:00	Visioning Team Meeting	Room 402
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WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
Women are invited to a 7-week study of Ruth: Loss, Love & Legacy by Kelly Minter. Through Ruth's story of loss, loyalty, redemption, and love, we'll explore how God remains faithful—even when circumstances are difficult or the future is uncertain. 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 401. 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 has a different address from the main Camp Chestnut Ridge entrance. Please use **2902 Mt. Willing Road, Efland, NC** for this event. RSVPs are helpful so we can plan accordingly, but they are not required. 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.

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.



Front Street United Methodist Church

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

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Follow Us



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.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

PRELUDE **Hallelujah** *Thomas Keesecker*

Gracious and Loving God, we confess that we easily forget our identity as Your beloved children. We confess that we often search for blessing in all the wrong places. We chase the applause of others, build our worth on our résumés, and let our mistakes or successes dictate who we are. When life gets difficult or painful, we mistakenly believe You have abandoned us. We allow fear and a spirit of scarcity to take root in our hearts, becoming defensive, protective, and hesitant to share Your grace. Forgive us, Lord. Quiet the competing voices of the world that tell us we are only valuable if we are useful. Remind us who we are when no one is applauding. Open our

I will lift you up high, my God, the true king. I will bless your name forever and always. I will bless you every day. I will praise your name forever and always. The Lord is great and so worthy of praise! **God's greatness can't be grasped. One generation will praise your works to the next one, proclaiming your mighty acts.** They will talk all

MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD serving in September are Marianna Harris, Nancy Hamby, Carol Pace, Pat Pelt, and Suzanne Troxler.