

FOOD COLLECTION FOR EASTLAWN BACKPACK MINISTRY
In September we are collecting canned tuna, fruit cups, granola bars, and peanut butter (plastic jars NO BIGGER THAN 16 oz.) .

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.

MEN’S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY
Men’s Breakfast Bible Study will resume weekly meetings on **Tuesday, September 8, 2026**, at 8 a.m. in the Heritage Center. Arrive early and ham biscuits, coffee, and orange juice are available. This year, guided by Jim Pace, we will complete our study of Isaiah covering chapters 40-66. New members are welcome so come and bring a friend. A zoom option will be available if you cannot attend in person. If you have questions or want more information, contact Dex Peach (jdp838@aol.com or, 336-446-0664).

FRONT STREET FAMILY MORNING OUT
All ages are invited to join us for a morning of fellowship and fun at The Arboretum at Willowbrook Park on **Saturday, September 12, from 10 a.m.–noon**. Enjoy the park, take a walk, connect with friends, and share in some light refreshments. **Janice Burgess** (worked for more than ten years with New Leaf, The Arboretum, and Rett Davis) will be giving tours of the Arboretum during the event! **All generations are welcome!**

LITTLE LAMBS PLAYGROUP | SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 | 10:00 A.M.–12 NOON
Lambs families are invited to join us for Front Street Family Morning Out on Saturday, September 12, from 10 a.m.–Noon at The Arboretum at Willowbrook Park. Children birth–4 and their parents or caregivers, with siblings welcome, can enjoy a morning of play, fellowship, and fun. We hope you'll join us!

CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL
We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Sunday, September 13**, as we begin a new year of learning, growing, and having fun together in faith.
As we prepare for the new year, we are also implementing new security protocols to help keep our children safe. Please see the article in the September newsletter for more information about these important changes.

We’re excited to see our children back in Sunday School and can’t wait for another wonderful year together!

YOUTH GROUP BOWLING & ARCADE | SEPTEMBER 13
All youth are invited to join us for a FREE afternoon of bowling, arcade games, and fellowship at Buffaloe Lanes! Drop off at Front Street UMC at 3 p.m. Pick up at Front Street UMC at 5:30 p.m.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
The Morning Circle will meet on **Monday, September 14**, and Monday, October 5 at 10:00 a.m. in the Heritage Center. Our focus for both meetings will be preparations for Market for Missions (November 14, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.).

The Evening Circle will gather for a salad supper on **Tuesday, September 8**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Heritage Center. Bring a salad or dessert and enjoy a time of fellowship.

ASK THE EXPERTS: GETTING OUR DUCKS IN A ROW
Join us for **Ask the Experts: Getting Our Ducks in a Row**, a three-week series designed to help you navigate some of the most important decisions that come with aging.
Each session will take place at **10:00 a.m. in Room 404** and will include time for questions and answers with experienced local professionals. Attend one session or all three!

September 15 – Aging Well
September 22 – Financial Wealth Advice
September 29 – Downsizing & Relocation Tips

Light refreshments will be served at each session. Registration is now open! Please RSVP at frontstreetumc.org/events so we can plan accordingly. For more information, contact Leslie.

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2026		
Sunday, September 6		
9:00	Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
Monday, September 7 - Church Office Closed		
Tuesday, September 8		
8:00	Men's Breakfast Bible Study	Heritage Center
6:00	Finance Team Meeting	John Wesley Room
6:30	Circle 5 Meeting	Heritage Center
7:00	Handbell Rehearsal	Bell Room
Wednesday, September 9		
8:00	Youth Breakfast Club	Biscuitville, 669 Huffman Mill Rd
7:00	Lay Leadership/Nominations Committee Meeting	John Wesley Room
Thursday, September 10		
10:00	Creating for Christ Group	Room 405
Saturday, September 12		
10:00	Front Street Family Morning Out	The Arboretum
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3:00	Youth Group Bowling & Arcade	Meet at the Church

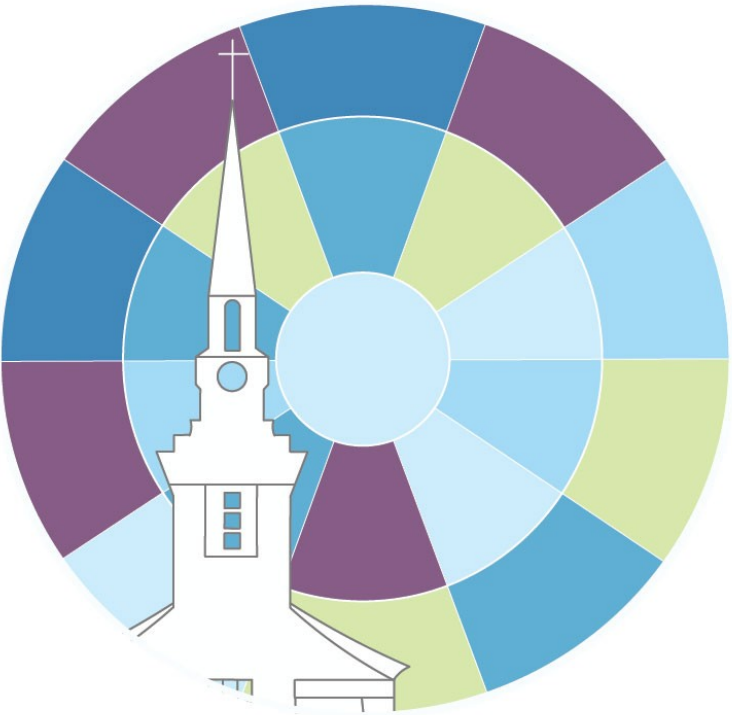
SANCTUARY FLOWERS
The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **September 13, 20, and 27**. Please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 or ldrose4717@gmail.com for details or to sign up.

FRESH MOBILE MARKET | WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 | 1:15–3:30 PM.
We need helping hands to pack food, load cars, and direct traffic at our Fresh Mobile Market. Your time and energy make a direct impact—thank you for helping get food into the hands of the hungry!

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.

CYNTHIA POWELL WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY
The Tuesday morning Cynthia Powell Women's Bible Study will again offer Bible study for women this fall. In an effort to allow our members to also participate in the “Ask The Experts” series which will be meeting on Tuesday mornings in September, our Fall session **will begin October 6**. Our focus will 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.

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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THE WORSHIP OF GOD
SEPTEMBER 6, 2026
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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 **Let Us Cheer the Weary Traveler**
Margaret Dalton, soloist arr. Harry T. Burleigh

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**
Leader: Come, for the God who created us sees us and knows us.
People: We come as beloved children of God.
Leader: Come, for Jesus calls us to see those whom the world overlooks.
People: Open our eyes, Lord, that we may truly see.
Leader: Come, not because we must earn God's love, but because God has loved us first.
People: We come to respond to grace with grateful hearts.
Leader: “We must work the works of him who sent me.”
People: Lord, send us into your world to do your work.
All: We worship the God who sees, the Christ who heals, and the Spirit who calls us to love our neighbors. Let us worship God together!

* **OPENING HYMN UMH No. 156 I Love to Tell the Story HANKEY**

* **PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Gracious God, open our eyes today as Jesus opened the eyes of the man born blind. Help us to see your Word, to see our neighbors, and to see the work you are calling us to do. Remind us that every person bears your image and that every act of love, mercy, justice, and kindness can become an expression of your grace. Speak to us now through your Word, and show us how we can join in the work of God. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING **Psalm 119:33-40** CEB
(Please read the bold aloud with the lay speaker.)

Lord, teach me what your statutes are about, and I will guard every part of them. Help me understand so I can guard your Instruction and keep it with all my heart. **Lead me on the trail of your commandments because that is what I want. Turn my heart to your laws, not to greedy gain. Turn my eyes away from looking at worthless things.** Make me live by your way. Confirm your promise to your servant—the promise that is for all those who honor you. Remove the insults that I dread because your rules are good. Look how I desire your precepts! Make me live by your righteousness.

* **SCRIPTURE READING** **John 9:1-7** NT Page 102

SERMON **“The Work of God”** Rev. Ray Warren

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 **Beautiful Savior** Silesian Folksong
Marty Crank, Margaret Dalton, and Jan Peach, trio

* **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
Gracious God, we confess that too often we see what is wrong before we see the person who is hurting. We are quick to ask, “Who is to blame?” when Jesus asks, “What can we do?” Forgive us when we judge by appearances, when we measure people by their jobs, their success, their productivity, or their circumstances. Forgive us when we overlook those who are struggling, when we fail to notice the lonely, the hungry, the disabled, the forgotten, and those whose dignity has been diminished. Open our eyes to see as Jesus sees. Open our hearts to love as Jesus loves. In the name of Jesus Christ, who sees us, loves us, and calls us to serve. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION Rev. Marshall Old
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 **For the Beauty of the Earth** Beth West
For the Beauty of the Earth Greg D'Amato

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. 408 The Gift of Love GIFT OF LOVE**

* **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE **Serenade** Derek Bourgeois

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 David and Nancy Hamby.

THE ROSEBUD is given to the glory of God and in honor of Hayes Marshall Chappell, son of Alex and Caroline Chappell, born on August 26, 2026. Proud grandparents are Marshall and Catherine Anderson.

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

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

Communion Servers: Willard and Carolyn Haggins
Lay Reader: Tim Lavery

THE PRAYER REQUEST CARDS in the pews may be placed in the offering plate or in the Prayer Request Boxes in the reading area and the narthex area, or you may email the Prayer Ministry Team at prayer@frontstreetumc.org. We thank team members Tom and Suzie Lambeth and Liz Lohmann, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the Prayer Request Cards.