

**Minutes of the Visioning Committee
Front Street United Methodist Church
April 23, 2026**

The Visioning Committee met at 7:00 p.m. in Room 402 with the following persons in attendance:

Lee Conner, Chair	Daniel Polito	Mellisa Miller
Steve Cecil	Gary Harris	Marianna Harris
Chris Huneycutt	Tom Sineath	Carol Sineath
Dex Peach	Betty Massey	

OPENING

Lee greeted everyone and Betty Massey offered an opening prayer.

FEBRUARY MINUTE APPROVAL

As no meeting was held during March, a motion was made by Tom and seconded by Steve to accept the February 2026 minutes as written and was unanimously passed.

YOUTH MINISTER

Chris started the committee reports by offering kudos to Daniel for his involvement with our youth. Daniel has integrated seamlessly and will take over leading the youth after Chris “retires” following ASP.

Chris also shared that our youth are a very active bunch. He attends as many activities that our youth are involved in as possible—just this past week he watched 4-5 boys competing in golf, 3-4 playing Lacross, tennis, girls’ softball and soccer, etc! It’s important that we support our youth in all activities and Chris certainly has been the face of Front Street UMC and sharing Christ with his presence in their extra—curricular activities, not just at church!

Beach trip this year has a large number of youth participating next weekend.

Senior Sunday will be May 31st and later that day, the end-of-the-year party will be at the Klein’s who have graciously offered to host our youth at their house again!

Pray for our youth as Proms begin, that our young people will make good decisions. Chris has consistently demonstrated careful stewardship of the youth funds, spending wisely and conserving resources. Of the \$12,000 budget, only \$2,000 has been used this year, allowing the remaining funds to be carried forward so Daniel will have greater flexibility next year. The youth group also chose not to sell stock this year, recognizing that additional funds were unnecessary and remaining mindful of other church expenses and projects.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Melissa highlighted a full schedule of activities, starting with Easter being a very good and busy time with the Lenten children's Bible study, Palm Sunday palm branch processions at both services, and an egg hunt conducted throughout the church on Easter Sunday between services! Summer is gearing up for Vacation Bible School (still need volunteers, please) and Camp Chestnut Ridge. Sunday School attendance is still strong. Aldersgate service has around 10-15 children present each Sunday, in addition to several kids attending 11:00 a.m. traditional service.

C4C is gearing up at Eastlawn Elementary for end-of-year and will host a teachers' lunch during teacher appreciation week.

Fresh Mobile Market continues monthly. Will continue to pack weekend backpacks for students (serving 100+ families weekly)—still need food items through mid-June to meet the needs, as once school is out for the summer, we will not provide backpacks (note: summer is a good time to stock the shelves – keep those donations coming!)

Eastlawn 5th grade promotion will again be held in the sanctuary, and this year there will be a practice day prior to the service. Volunteers will be needed—be on the lookout for information.

Playschool Sunday was held last week at the 11:00 service – great attendance by Playschool families. The children sang 2 songs for the congregation and many in the congregation commented on how wonderful it was to have the sanctuary filled with children and families sharing fellowship! Melissa will be following up with some of the families that do not have a regular church family. The children's art show continues downstairs.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

In Matt's absence, Lee shared his report which began with reminding us that Easter is not just a single day, but rather a 50 day season celebrating new life, joy and resurrection. Also, we thank David Moran for his outstanding contribution during the Easter Sunday service and look forward to hearing more from him as he shares his percussion talents with us again soon.

On May 10th, both the children's choir and handbell choir will perform during the 11:00 a.m. traditional service. During the summer months while the handbells on are break, the handbell room will house the materials for the sanctuary pipe repairs and will be locked. Matt commended the organ committee for their foresight in planning for ongoing repairs and maintenance. Thanks to their preparation, issues such as several non-functioning pipes can now be addressed, with the pipes scheduled for removal and repair.

TRUSTEES

Jan was not present, but Lee shared that the Heritage Center refurbishment is scheduled to start the first of June with painting, carpeting and furniture.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE / WHEELCHAIR RAMP MINISTRY

Tom reminded us that Annual Conference is coming up in June and that he and Carol will be representing Front Street UMC. He also shared that he and Steve were able to disassemble wheelchair access ramp #419 and reinstall it at a new location as ramp #426! It is a blessing when prior ramps can be reused and gives new meaning to recycling!

FELLOWSHIP

Carol stated that our next 5th Sunday is actually Senior Sunday on May 31st, so in recognition of our seniors and their families, they will host refreshments immediately following the 11:00 AM service rather than during the Sunday School hour.

Also, as our community has grown, she now is baking larger communion loaves! Great news!

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY

Dex advised that the meetings will break at the end of April for the summer and start back after Labor Day. Jim Pace has agreed to lead the Bible study for another year and will continue the study of Isaiah – Part 2!

MINISTER OF DISCIPLESHIP

Daniel reported on behalf of discipleship that we had a great Lenten Bible study with a good consistent group of participants. He is planning to host a book club which will meet once a month over the summer.

Faithful Families—continues to meet Sunday mornings and the gathering folks have even started their own Bible study. Great news that this group is moving forward together!

Market 4 Missions is moving forward, and the Missions Team is actively recruiting leaders for key areas. Strong leadership is essential to bringing this effort together this year, so please consider making yourself available to volunteer.

Youth will have some offerings this summer. Since school will be out, instead of the Wednesday morning “Biscuitville Breakfast Club”, Daniel is looking into a Chik-Fil-A Wednesday evening meal, perhaps billed as “The Bird & The Word” (Steve suggested “The

Fowl & The Father”) provide an opportunity for our youth to gather in fellowship and be nourished both physically and spiritually.

Confirmation Sunday is May 17th at the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

May 24th is Pentecost and will be inviting new members to join the church. Please pass the word to anyone that may be interested to contact Daniel to discuss.

May 31st is Senior Sunday and all seniors will be recognized—please contact church office with names of all graduates.

On a side note, it was great to have a younger child, Georgia, read Scripture during an Aldersgate worship service recently. Kudos to the Sineaths for sharing their faith with their grandchildren!

LEAD PASTOR

Daniel shared (on behalf of Pastor Ray who could not be present) that this coming Sunday we will hear from our District Superintendent, Claire Clayburn, who will be bringing our message during both worship services.

FINANCE

No-one from the finance committee was present, but Lee shared that the finances this year are trending positive! The hard work and tough decisions made over the past 2 years is now producing a better more stable cashflow. This is good news.

CLOSING

Lee reminded the committee that we will meet in May, but as previously discussed, but not during June and July unless a special need arises. Lee asked for prayers for his daughter, Caroline, for her back issues and for his son, James, as he continues to regain his health. Daniel offered the closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty Massey
Recording Secretary