

We thank the following for their service during our worship service:

Lay Reader: Gary Harris

MARCH FOOD LIST FOR BACKPACK MINISTRY

This academic year, our Backpack Ministry supplies food for 200 children at Eastlawn Elementary. In March, we are collecting the following items: breakfast or granola bars, canned meat, mac and cheese, peanut butter (plastic jars), protein beans such as black beans or garbanzo beans. Please deposit donations outside the church office.

LENTEN SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. throughout Lent for a special Sunday School class on "Mere Christianity" taught by Dr. Jim Pace. This class began **today** in Aldersgate Hall and via Zoom. All youth and adults are welcome. You are encouraged to read Book One, pages 3-32 in preparation for the second week. Our Lenten sermon series, "MY Christianity," will supplement this study.

HANDBELL CONCERT AT THE VILLAGE AT BROOKWOOD

Do you live at the Village at Brookwood? Come and support the Epworth Ringers, our adult handbell choir, on **Tuesday, February 28** at 6:30 p.m. in the Gathering Area at the Village at Brookwood. This concert will include fun and familiar music. All are welcome!

CEREAL SUNDAY

Don't forget **March 5** is Cereal Sunday at FSUMC! Please deposit cereal or other canned/dry goods in the tubs in the cabinet in the Welcome Center. Thank you.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN/UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

On **Monday, March 6**, Circle #2 will serve as hosts for our UMW/UWIF meeting. Fellowship will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Heritage Center followed by a Lenten program in the Chapel at 10:30 a.m. Bring a friend! Circle #5 will meet on **Tuesday, March 14** in the Heritage Center. Guest speaker will be Rev. Ray Warren.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **March 5, 12, 19, and 26**. For more information, please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 (cell) or kpaul5@triad.rr.com.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS is scheduled for **June 26-30** for children (preschool* – 5th grade). More information to come. *Must be born by August 31, 2019.

OPERATION DO SOMETHING DRIVE

Several of our youth are participating in the Williams Student Council/Operation Do Something donation drive and will be collecting the following new and unopened items for our homeless in the community: socks, travel-size toiletries, travel-size toothbrush/toothpaste, gallon Ziploc bags, plastic ponchos, non-perishable snack foods. Donations can be dropped off outside the church office.

COAT HOOKS IN NARTHEX

Coat hooks are now available in the Narthex. They are located on the right-hand side coming into the Narthex from Front Street.

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 26, 2023

Sunday, February 26

8:45 Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
9:45 Children's Sunday School	Classrooms/3rd Floor
9:45 Lenten Sunday School Class	Aldersgate Hall
11:00 Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
4:00 Children's Choir	Sanctuary
6:00 UMYF	Aldersgate Hall

Tuesday, February 28

8:00 Men's Breakfast Bible Study	Heritage Center
9:30 Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study	Room 401
6:30 Epworth Ringers Concert	Village at Brookwood

Wednesday, March 1

7:30 Youth Breakfast Club	Biscuitville, 669 Huffman Mill Road
6:00 Front Street Market for Missions Planning Meeting	Room 401
7:00 Chancel Choir	Choir Room

Thursday, March 2

9:30 Prayer Team Ministry	Room 402
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Sunday, March 5

8:45 Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
9:45 Children's Sunday School	Classrooms/3rd Floor
9:45 Lenten Sunday School Class	Aldersgate Hall
11:00 Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
4:00 Children's Choir	Sanctuary
6:00 UMYF	Aldersgate Hall

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. For Aldersgate sermons, search Aldersgate@FSUMC wherever you find podcasts to listen to past sermons.

FRONT STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Our Mission:

Knowing Christ • Growing in Christ • Sharing Christ



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Rev. Stephan Margeson

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Josh Abraham

Youth Minister
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THE WORSHIP OF GOD
FEBRUARY 26, 2023
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Welcome: At Front Street, we follow a rhythm of prayer and worship found in *The United Methodist Hymnal*. *The United Methodist Hymnal* (UMH) is the red, hardbound book found in the pew racks. *The Faith*

We Sing (TFWS) is the black, softbound book located behind the UMH in the pew racks. An asterisk (*) indicates to stand, where able.

The people's responses are printed in **bold**. Before the worship service, we invite you to prepare your hearts to receive God's love and to feel connected to the Body of Christ. Please take a moment

to sign the pew pads. After the worship service, green recycling boxes can be found in the narthex for disposal of worship guides.

Thank you for helping us with our creation care.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

GATHERING AND COMMUNITY CONCERNs

PRELUDE **Fantasia in C Minor, BWV 537/i** J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In our richness, we have believed that we are the ones who have all the answers to life'.

People: But when those who have little offer all they have; we are put to shame.

Leader: In our power, we believe that might is right.

People: But when those who are powerless offer love and mercy; we are put to shame.

Leader: Joy fills our lives when we center our lives on Jesus Christ. Hope fills our hearts when we focus on our Savior.

People: Comfort fills our spirits when we believe in the Lord. Peace fills our souls when we seek to do God's work.

All: **Let us worship.**

*** PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH No. 269**

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days LAND OF REST

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Oh You, who answers my prayer, again I petition you to hear me; respond to me. I'm not alone in praying to you. I know there are others in the Psalms and even near me, and yet my prayers are often quiet, solemn, and short.

Oh You, who answers the prayers of millions, stir within me a desire to truly cry out to you! Despite your desire to hear my voice, build my desire to make my voice loud and clear in the midst of the masses. And then when I can finally hear my cry to you, open my ears to hear the same cries of all your children. Help me listen to them until I realize my prayer is our prayer.

Oh You, who answers the prayers of one people, my sins are too much for me. Forgive our sins. Amen.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

All children are invited to come forward to the chancel steps.
Children ages 4 – first grade may then depart
for Children's Church in Room 309.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, reveal your presence to us this day as we journey this path with your Son. Through all of life's trials and tribulations, your word sustains us for the journey ahead. Send your Spirit upon us that we might listen, discern, and take heart your word. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Psalm 32:1-11
*Luke 9:51-62**

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SERMON

MY Christianity

Rev. Ray Warren

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM

**Our Father, Op. 14
Chancel Choir**

Maurice Duruflé
(1902-1986)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.
-Matthew 6:9-13

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

What Wondrous Love Is This? arr. Brian Childers
Epworth Ringers
(b. 1971)

*** DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD 100th**

All Singing: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye
heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
UMH No. 95

UMH No. 881

*** THE APOSTLES' CREED**

*** CLOSING HYMN UMH No. 299 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
ROCKINGHAM**

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Fugue in C Minor, BWV 537/ii

J. S. Bach

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 host this week is Elaine Williams.

MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD serving in February are Glenda Milligan, Nancy Bell, Glenda Blue, Hy Harris, and Carol Pace.

THE 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 area, 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.

AT THE TABLE: be sure to check out the latest *At the Table* video premiering Saturday morning at 6:00 a.m. on YouTube and Facebook.