

## WHAT'S UP @ FRONT STREET? CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

June 7. Please take a few minutes to respond to the 5 questions. Your input will help guide the group's work.

While our staff has been doing a great job while working from home, as a first step toward something normal, we will be returning to limited office hours (9 a.m.-1 p.m.) beginning June 15. If you need to come by the church we will be glad to see you. Please take usual precautions, including wearing a mask.

I want to thank everyone who has helped Patrick and me maintain the life of the church, even if in an extraordinary new way. Marcy and Chris have done a great job keeping up with the children and youth. Our music staff, Matt, Clay, and Laura have helped us to have great music for the worship services. John Moran and Stephen Gable have done the technical work to make sure we can get worship online. Our Visitation Minister, Leslie, has been keeping up with our more senior members. The church office staff, Pamela, Tammy, and Joanna, have kept the finances and communication happening. Jackie, Joe, and Zack have been catching up on the project list of things that needed doing in the building. On top of all that, congregation members have done a great job of letting us know about concerns in the lives of other church members, and small group leaders have kept their groups engaged. Thank you to everyone!

Please continue to pray for our church as we discern the right course of action to take as we attempt to move forward. I know many of you wish I would go ahead and give a definite time when we will resume in-person worship, and I would love to be able to say we will resume, for example, on the first Sunday in July. However, you and I both know that this virus situation is fluid, changing weekly. And I hesitate to put a date out there right now that will create a false expectation. My commitment to you is this: we will watch to see if the activity of the Governor's 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase increases the spread of the virus. If it does not, we will set the date for resuming in-person worship – probably giving a few weeks notice – and we will communicate the precautions that the church will be taking, and those that we would hope that congregation members will follow. We don't want to be cavalier and rush things, and at the same time we know that a vaccine may be years away. Our goal is a reasonable middle ground as we seek the wisdom of the Lord, and we are grateful for your patience.

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Ross

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# FRONTLINE

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## WHAT'S UP @ FRONT STREET? (A COVID UPDATE)

Wow! Who knew when we decided to not have in-person worship for the 3 remaining Sundays in March that we would be away this long! But things like viruses have a way of affecting our lives in ways we couldn't have imagined. Many years from now, this time will hopefully just be the subject of hallway stories: "Do you remember the year we watched worship from home?" "Yep, it was strange, but we made it through, and are stronger for it."

Some of you are probably wondering how long we're going to live the life of the church as we presently are. Others of you are actually satisfied that you don't have to think about it, because you have enough other stuff occupying your mind. Either way, I wanted to give you an update on where we are.

I have asked 12 people to be part of a COVID Task Force. The group has met twice so far. Their job is to have conversation about how we can move forward in the life of the church in light of this corona virus. They are considering how we might ease back into in-person gatherings like small groups and worship. Along with those conversations, they are considering what precautions need to be put in place to keep folks as safe as reasonably possible. They will also advise the church's appointed clergy (Patrick and me) on a suggested timeline for re-starting in-person worship, with related precautions. As we have new information to announce, we will share it with the congregation.

As I write this article, we are constructing a survey that you will be asked to respond to. The survey is not a vote; but, the Task Force does value your voice and wants to hear what you have to say. It should be out to the congregation the week of continued



# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2020 GRADUATES:

## HIGH SCHOOL

### Bishop McGuiness High School

Stephen Clardy Andress  
Son of Mike and Lilly Andress

### Western Alamance High School

Margaret Claire Piatt  
Daughter of Jim and Amy Piatt

### Walter M. Williams High School

Evan Neaman Gilgo  
Son of Michael & Kelly Glick

## UNIVERSITY

### Charlotte Marie Adams

Bachelor of Science in Psychology with minors in Neuroscience and History  
from UNC Chapel Hill

Daughter of Jim and Mary-Virginia Adams

### Mary Alice Cox

Doctorate of Audiology  
from University of Tennessee  
Daughter of Randy and Louise Cox

### Margaret Caroline Dyer

Bachelor of Science in Political Science  
from UNC Greensboro  
Granddaughter of Margaret Freeman

### John Sheehan "Jack" Ellington

Masters of Business in Business Finance  
from SMU Cox School of Business  
Grandson of Helen Ellington

### Isley Marie Jepko

Bachelor of Arts from Hussman School of Journalism and Media with an emphasis in Public Relations and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science  
from UNC Chapel Hill  
Daughter of Rob and Amy Jepko

### Benjamin James Piatt

from Elon University  
Bachelor of Arts, major in Communications (Media Analytics), minor in Sociology  
Son of Jim and Amy Piatt

### Rebecca Elaine Thomas

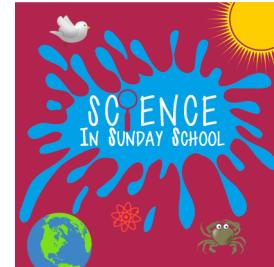
Bachelor of Science, Biomedical Engineering  
from North Carolina State University  
Daughter of Scott and Nancy Thomas

### Is there a name missing from the list above?

If so, please email Pamela at [pamela@frontstreetumc.org](mailto:pamela@frontstreetumc.org).

## SCIENCE IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

This summer Ms. Marcy will host an 8- week online Sunday School class showing us the awesomeness of God's creation



through science. The videos will incorporate cartoons, as well as real life footage from Ms. Marcy. Join Ms. Marcy on weekly adventures and learn about the amazing world God has made. There's something for everyone! Look out for her videos on Sunday mornings (beginning June 21) at 10:30 a.m. on YouTube and Facebook. More details to follow.

## CEREAL AND CANNED GOODS FOR THE SALVATION ARMY

We are continuing to collect cereal and canned/dry goods for the Salvation Army. Please feel free to drop off these items any time during the month. You may deposit cereal or other canned/dry goods in the tubs in the cabinet in the Welcome Center. Thank you for your continued support of stocking the food pantry at the Salvation Army.



Giving  
Hope  
Today

## THE UPPER ROOM

The July-August issue of The Upper Room is available. Please feel free to stop by the church and pick up a copy. Copies are located in the Welcome Center.

## Prayers

- **Steve and Jennifer Smith** upon the death of her uncle, Phillip James "Jimmy" Anthony, on 5/29

### Continued prayers

- Lynn Chandler
- Clara Clayton
- John McDonald
- June West

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Tom and Suzie Lambeth upon the birth of their grandson, David Thomas Lambeth, IV, born on 4/23.

## WORSHIP @ HOME

The service is available on Facebook and YouTube. The links can be found on our website. Visit [www.frontstreetumc.org](http://www.frontstreetumc.org) and click on the green "worship @ home" image.

## OFFICE CLOSED



The church office will be closed **Friday, July 3** in observance of Independence Day.

## FINANCIAL GIVING UPDATE AS OF 6/5/2020

YTD Actual Giving - \$476,699.17

YTD Budgeted Giving - \$632,011.38

## STAFF

**Senior Pastor**  
Ross Carter

**Pastor of Discipleship**  
Patrick Murphy

Youth Minister  
Chris Huneycutt

**Director of Children's Ministry**  
Marcy McAdams

**Minister of Visitation**  
Leslie Peavy

**Organist/Director of Music**  
Matt Brittain

**Chormaster**  
Laura Sam

**Director of Aldersgate Music**  
Clay Stevenson

**Finance Manager**  
Tammy Page

**Administrative Assistant**  
Pamela Shields

**Communications Coordinator**  
Joanna Strelow

**Building Superintendent**  
Jackie Long

**Maintenance**  
Joe Peloquin  
Zach Mace

**Playschool/Babies Morning Out Director**  
Rebecca Hurdle

**Afterschool Director**  
Catherine Mills