

## JANUARY FOOD DRIVE

Just a reminder that we are in the midst of our January Food Drive in support of our Backpack Ministry! We're collecting specific items which will help feed food-insecure families at Eastlawn Elementary.

- canned beans, fruits, soup, and vegetables
- canned meat: chicken, or tuna
- dry or canned pasta
- granola, fruit, or other healthy bars
- individual cereal, oatmeal, or grits (instant or regular)
- macaroni and cheese
- pasta sauce (no glass jars please)
- peanut butter and crackers

Please deposit your donations in the Welcome Center by **January 31**. As always, thank you for your support. To learn more about our C4C ministry with Eastlawn Elementary or to volunteer, please contact Ms. Melissa.



## NEW OPPORTUNITIES....CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

the process of beginning a mentoring program with Eastlawn and a tutoring/reading partner program with them that will start once COVID regulations have been relaxed. If you are interested in being involved in any of these ways, please contact me at [melissa@frontstreetumc.org](mailto:melissa@frontstreetumc.org) and we will talk!

This ministry is so impactful, and I appreciate all that have been involved and all who will be involved going forward.

Grace and Peace,  
Ms. Melissa  
Children's Minister

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of Front Street UMC

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## NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN OUR C4C MINISTRY

Congregations for Children (C4C) is an initiative that was started at the North Carolina United Methodist Annual Conference in 2013. The focus of C4C is to reflect the love of Christ to our neighbors, by helping children in public schools who live in poverty. Front Street has been partnering with Eastlawn Elementary school for several years. The free and reduced lunch rate at Eastlawn is a staggering 100%, so this ministry is so important.

One of the ways that Front Street ministers to the families at Eastlawn is by providing food for 75 of their families each week through a backpack food program run by Out of the Garden in Greensboro. This is where YOU come in. We need volunteers each week to drive to Out of the Garden, pick up the bags of food, and bring them back to the church. Each bag weighs between 6-8 pounds and the bags will fit in the trunk and the back seat of most mid-sized cars. If you are able to help with picking up the food, please sign up at [frontstreetumc.org](http://frontstreetumc.org)



Providing food for children that are food insecure is only one way that Front Street ministers to Eastlawn. We also provide treats for the teachers each month. And we are in

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# A LOOK AHEAD:

## KNOWING CHRIST

### 5TH SUNDAY BRUNCH

Due to COVID, the Discipleship Team has decided to not go forward with the 5th Sunday Brunch in January. Watch this space for details of our first 5th Sunday brunch later in the year.

## GROWING IN CHRIST

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Happy New Year from United Methodist Women. We hope the new year has found you healthy and safe. After weather concerns on the first Monday of January, our group met in a delayed meeting on January 10 with a good attendance to hear about the Congregations 4 Children program from two

### United Methodist



special guests. Our Children's Minister, Melissa Miller, shared how the program serves the population at Eastlawn Elementary here in Burlington. Ms. Jones, the social worker for Eastlawn, joined us also to share about the needs of this school community. The group was encouraged to participate in the

Backpack program here at Front Street which provides weekend meals for the most food insecure families of the school. Any church member can drop canned food items into the bins in the Welcome Center here at Front Street.

January is the month that UMW makes Pledges to Mission. These pledges are the foundation for our mission work through UMW. See page 21 of your directory for information, and if you were unable to attend the meeting, please send your pledge and check to the treasurer, Martha Bannock, at 214 Forestview Dr., Elon, NC 27244.

The next meeting of UMW will be on **February 7** in the Heritage Center at 10:00 a.m. for fellowship and then our program at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel, followed by small circle groups where mission possibilities are discussed. We hope to see you then. Bring a friend! Circle#5 will meet on **February 15** in the Heritage Center.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN AND GROW COMING IN MARCH

### New Members Class

The Discipleship Team has created a course for new members

and those who have yet to become members! We want to make sure everyone feels included in the wonderful family of Front Street UMC. It can take time to learn the practices of a new church and group. To help with this, we want to teach you what you need to know to be comfortable in this Church home. This course will explain what it means to be a United Methodist, a member at Front Street, and a servant of Christ here in Burlington. Again, this is for those who have recently become members, and for anyone who is still curious about becoming a member. This class will meet each Sunday in the month of March during the Sunday School hour in room TBD.

### Wonderful Wednesdays

Lent is sure to be a wonderful season here at Front Street UMC. We will begin with an Ash Wednesday service on **Wednesday, March 2**. The other Wednesdays in March will be WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS!! We will gather around a meal at 5:30 p.m., and then join together in a study. Pastor Ross and Pastor Stephan have created a beautiful devotional called "Rediscover Your First Love." In these lessons we will center ourselves in Christ as we remember what it is like to find love for the first time, with all of the beauty and awkwardness that comes along! During this study children are encouraged to go with our wonderful Children's Minister Melissa for a time of devotion and play of their own. Mark your calendars for these dates, and look out for more information in the coming weeks!

## SHARING CHRIST

### SAVE THE DATE - BLOOD DRIVE

Front Street will have a blood drive on **Saturday, February 26**

from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in Aldersgate Hall. Note: donors can go ahead and sign up now online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://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.



## Prayers

- **Richard Blue** who is recovering from back surgery
- **Steve and Kathy Cecil** upon the death of her sister-in-law, Darlene Long
- **Jennie Hawks and family** upon the death of her husband, Bill, on 1/12
- **Brad and Caitlyn Pullins** upon the death of her father, Bennett Warren Hawthorne, Jr., on 11/28/21
- **Buddy and Lisa Smith** upon the death of his father, Boyd Smith, on 12/27

### Continued prayers:

- **Jennie Hawks**

## Thank You

Dear Front Street UMC,  
On behalf of Family Abuse Services, I would like to give our sincerest thank you for your continued support (Tree of Hope). There is no way we would be able to continue serving victims without the generous support from your congregation. Please continue to keep us in your thoughts as we will you. Wishing you all the very best in the new year.

Sincerely, Calvetta Watlington  
Interim Executive Director  
Family Abuse Services

## FINANCIAL GIVING UPDATE FOR 1/14/2022

YTD Actual Giving - \$101,149.16  
YTD Budgeted Giving - \$107,562.46

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