

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

Lay Reader: Julian Mims  
 Acolyte: Dorothy Gail McKinney

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

The United Methodist Women will resume in-person meetings in September. Circles 1, 2, and 4 will meet **tomorrow** at 10:00 a.m. in Aldersgate Hall. Circle 5 will meet on **Tuesday, September 14** at 7:00 p.m. in the Heritage Center. We look forward to an exciting year of revitalizing our fellowship and work in missions as we fulfill the UMW Purpose. Contact Doris Jefferson at jeffersondoris@aol.com for additional information.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY**

The Men's Breakfast Bible Study resumes for the new church year on **Tuesday, September 14** at 9 a.m. via Zoom. Jim Pace will again lead the Bible Study using the lectionary Bible readings for the Sunday that follows that week's Bible study. If you want your email added to the list receiving the Zoom link each week, contact the church office or Dex Peach directly at jdp838@aol.com.

**AGAPE CHRISTMAS BOXES**

It is time once again to begin filling Christmas boxes for refuge children in Armenia. For several years, the NC Conference has adopted Project AGAPE Christmas boxes as a conference-wide mission project. AGAPE Christmas boxes are one way Front Street UMC can share Christ's love with the children of Armenia. This year there are separate packing lists for boys and girls. Copies of the packing lists and instructions are available in the Welcome Center. Plastic shoe boxes are available in the Welcome Center for you to take and fill and return to the church **NO LATER THAN Sunday, September 26**.

**BEAT THE HEAT**

We are collecting items to provide cooling care kits for our brothers and sisters experiencing homelessness. Please pick up a list of needed items from the Welcome Center or visit the church website. Drop donations in the Welcome Center or make a monetary donation. Make checks payable to Front Street UMC with "Beat the Heat" in the memo line.

**CROP WALK**

Join the 2021 CROP Walk by signing up at the CROP table in the Welcome Center. Everyone can help either by giving or walking. Help feed the hungry worldwide and also support 5 local non-profits that have feeding programs. The walk has donated \$575,815. to these programs since 1979. All donations must be turned in by **October 2** at Front Street UMC from 9-11 a.m.

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

Date	Aldersgate	11:00	Total
8/15	36	99	135
8/22	38	143	181
8/29	28	109	137
9/5	38	88	126

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2021**

**Sunday, September 12**

8:45 Aldersgate Contemporary Worship Aldersgate Hall  
 9:45 Sunday School Classrooms  
 11:00 Traditional Worship Service Aldersgate Hall  
 12:00 Missions Team Meeting John Wesley Room  
 4:00 Children's Choir Choir Room  
 5:00 Wesley Ringers Room 406  
 5:00 Parent and Youth Meeting Aldersgate Hall  
 7:00 SPRC Meeting Zoom

**Monday, September 13**

10:00 UMW General Meeting Aldersgate Hall

**Tuesday, September 14**

9:00 Men's Breakfast Bible Study Zoom  
 6:00 Finance Team Zoom  
 6:15 Epworth Ringers Bell Room  
 7:00 UMW Circle 5 Heritage Center

**Wednesday, September 15**

7:30 Youth Breakfast Club Biscuitville on S. Church Street  
 6:00 Aldersgate Praise Band Aldersgate Hall  
 7:00 Chancel Choir Choir Room  
 7:00 Reckless Love Study Room 301  
 7:00 Wednesday Night Women's Bible Study Room 401

**Thursday, September 16**

9:30 Prayer Ministry Room 402  
 10:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry Room 405

**Sunday, September 19**

8:45 Aldersgate Contemporary Worship Aldersgate Hall  
 9:45 Sunday School Classrooms  
 11:00 Traditional Worship Service Aldersgate Hall  
 4:00 Children's Choir Choir Room  
 4:00 Welcome Back Youth Cookout Huneycutt's House  
 5:00 Wesley Ringers Room 406

**FRONT STREET  
 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**Our Mission:**

*Knowing Christ • Growing in Christ • Sharing Christ*

**ALIVE AGAIN:**



**A TIME TO REMEMBER YOUR  
 SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

**Pastors**

Rev. Ross Carter  
 Rev. Stephan Margeson

**Youth Minister**

Chris Huneycutt

**Minister of Visitation**

Leslie B. Peavy

**Organist/Director of Music**

Dr. Matt Brittain

**Choir Director**

Dr. Brad Logan

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**SEPTEMBER 12, 2021**  
**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*Welcome: It's time to celebrate, we are in the presence of God. We invite you to joyfully prepare your hearts to receive God's love and to feel connected to the Body of Christ this day. Please take a moment to sign the pew pads. We'd like to keep you informed of what we are doing, so please give us your email, too.*

*All in attendance are required to wear a mask regardless of vaccination status.*

\* Please stand as you are able.

**ELEVEN O'CLOCK**

**GATHERING AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

**PRELUDE** **Fantasia in E-flat Major** G. P. Telemann  
(1681-1767)

**OPENING PRAYER (IN UNISON)**

Loving and caring God, we come this morning seeking wisdom and guidance for our lives. Open us to your words of life and love and truth. May we proclaim with our tongues what we know in our hearts. In this time of worship, help us more fully understand what it means to truly be a disciple, a follower of the way of Jesus, a follower of the path of wisdom.

\* **OPENING HYMN No. 98 To God Be the Glory**  
**TO GOD BE THE GLORY**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

We are the people of God, but Scripture reminds us that we still sin. We need to confess our failures, knowing that the Lord Jesus intercedes for us with the Father, who freely forgives us, through his infinite goodness and mercy. So let us draw near to God with sincerity and confidence, and pray together.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)**

**Lord, it is easy for us to say that we will follow you; and then turn our backs and act as though our commitment to you does not mean anything to us. Jesus challenges us to take up our crosses, and when we don't understand what that means, we just shrug and turn away. Forgive us for our lack of commitment and faith. Heal us of our greed and fears. Give us courage to be disciples, and enable us to joyfully worship—proclaiming your healing mercies and your transformational love. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.**

**PERSONAL CONFESSION AND MEDITATION (IN SILENCE)**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE (IN RESPONSE TO CONFESSION)**

Leader: Receive the healing love of Jesus. Give your lives to his worship by serving and caring for others. Be at peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**All: Glory to God. Amen.**

**TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

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

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (IN UNISON)**

**O God, your Word is more precious than fine gold, and sweeter than purest honey. As we turn to Scripture, send your Holy Spirit to infuse your Word with truth and grace, so that we cannot help but respond with wonder, faith, and trust. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** **Ephesians 4:1-16**

**SERMON** **"Heart of Worship"** Rev. Ross Carter

**CALL TO PRAYER**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Let us pray.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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** **God Is Our Refuge** Allen Pote  
Chancel Choir (b. 1945)

God is our refuge and strength;  
A present help in time of trouble.  
Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,  
Though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear.

Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God.  
He is in the midst of his people, in all the earth.  
He is the Word, we are his hands, he will lead us.  
He is the air, we are his song, we will celebrate his presence all the day long.

Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God.  
He is in the midst of his people, in all the earth.  
He is the rain, we are the stones, he will cleanse us.  
He is the air, we are his song, we will celebrate his presence all the day long.

-Paraphrase of Psalm 46 by Jay Johnson

**\* DOXOLOGY**

**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

**LASST UNS ERFREUEN**

**\* THE APOSTLES' CREED (IN UNISON)**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\* **HYMN No. 664 Sent Forth by God's Blessing**  
**THE ASH GROVE**

**\* BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** **The Ash Grove** Anne Krentz Organ  
(b. 1960)

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in honor of our children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and our 70th wedding anniversary by Roy and Peggy Harris.

**MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD** serving in September are Marianna Harris, JoAnn Barbour, Margaret Blackwell, Susanne Conlon, Mary Ann Garrison, and Suzanne Troxler.

**THE PRAYER REQUEST CARDS** are located on the tables in the narthex and may be placed in the offering plate or in the prayer request box in the narthex area, or you may email the prayer ministry team at prayer@frontstreetumc.org. A member of the prayer team will collect requests and offer prayers for requests given on the prayer request cards.