

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

Lay Reader: Martha Brannock
 Crucifer: Ace McAteer

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

All children and youth are invited to bring their backpacks to church with them on **Sunday, August 22**. We will be having a "Blessing of the Backpacks" at the Aldersgate and 11 a.m. services to bless all learners and teachers in our church and in our community.

BIBLE PRESENTATION

During the 11:00 a.m. service on **August 22**, Bibles will be presented to our two-year olds and second graders. If you have a child who is a **rising 2 year old or rising second grader**, and you have NOT received an email from Marcy McAdams about your child being presented with a Bible, please contact her at marcy@frontstreetumc.org with the full name of your child. There will be **NO Sunday School for Children or Youth** on this day.

ALIVE AGAIN

On **August 22**, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Webb Ave. parking lot (weather permitting), we will hold an event called Alive Again! Here we will join in fun and fellowship for the whole family with a mini food truck rodeo, ministry fair, and games for the children. This is a free event – we will be accepting donations for the food with all proceeds going to Youth missions. Everyone is welcome! Why not take this opportunity to invite a friend to join you? Please park in the Front/Davis St. parking lot and wear a mask.

REGISTRATION FOR CHILDREN'S CHOIRS NOW OPEN

We are excited to announce that our children's choir and Wesley ringers will resume after an 18 month hiatus. Rehearsals will take place on Sunday afternoons beginning September 12.

Children's Choir (K-grade 5): 4:00 -5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary
 Wesley Ringers (grades 2-5): 5:00-6:00 p.m. in Room 406

For more information or to register your child, visit www.frontstreetumc.org/music. Please register by **August 30**.

Dr. Matt will need one adult helper for each of the choir rehearsals. Our Safe Sanctuary guidelines require that when working with children, two adults be present in the room. If you are interested in assisting in this way on a weekly or monthly basis, contact Dr. Matt at matt@frontstreetumc.org.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date	Aldersgate	11:00	Total
7/18	35	132	167
7/25	32	114	146
8/1	28	104	132
8/8	38	112	150

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 15, 2021

Sunday, August 15

8:45 Aldersgate Service Aldersgate Hall
 11:00 Worship Service Sanctuary

Monday, August 16

7:00 SPRC Meeting John Wesley Room

Tuesday, August 17

6:00 Finance Team Zoom

Wednesday, August 18

6:00 Aldersgate Praise Band Aldersgate Hall
 7:00 Lay Leadership and Nominations Meeting John Wesley Room

Thursday, August 19

9:30 Prayer Ministry Room 402

Sunday, August 22

8:45 Aldersgate Service Aldersgate Hall
 11:00 Worship Service Sanctuary
 4:00 Alive Again Event Webb Ave. Parking Lot

AFTERSCHOOL REGISTRATION OPEN

We are accepting applications for our Afterschool (Grades K-5) and Underground (Grades 6-8) programs! Please visit our website, www.frontstreetumc.org/afterschool for more information and the application form, or contact Katie Porter at afterschool@frontstreetumc.org.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The following dates are available to place flowers in the sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **August 29 and September 5, 12, 19, and 26**. For more information, please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 (cell) or kpaul5@triad.rr.com (email).

THE UPPER ROOM

The September-October issue of *The Upper Room* is available. Copies are located in the Welcome Center and Narthex.

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. The balcony is also available for non-video seating. If you have any questions about this service, please feel free to speak with Pastor Ross.

FRONT STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Our Mission:

Knowing Christ • Growing in Christ • Sharing Christ



Pastors

Rev. Ross Carter
 Rev. Stephan Margeson

Youth Minister

Chris Huneycutt

Minister of Visitation

Leslie B. Peavy

Organist/Director of Music

Dr. Matt Brittain

Director of Children's Ministries

Marcella Z. McAdams

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
AUGUST 15, 2021
TWELVETH 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 **'He Leadeth Me'** Gilbert Martin

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)

Leader: God invites us to journey into our destiny!

People: We're moving! God is our guide!

Leader: Can you sense it? God is moving us to unexpected greatness!

People: We are here to move God with our praise! Let the praise begin!

* **OPENING HYMN 73** **O Worship the King** **LYONS**

CALL TO CONFESSION

As often as possible we come to God with a hard request. Search me and know me. To the God who sees our whole selves, we offer our confessions.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

Gracious God, you must shake your head in wonder at our ways. How can we claim to follow you, when we walk the slippery roads of the world? How can we desire your great and steadfast love, when the simple seductions of our society are in full view every day? How can you have mercy on such unwise and unfaithful people, Perfect Wisdom? Yet, that is exactly what you do: and our greed turns to gratitude, our pettiness to praise, our tantrums to thanksgiving, as hope and joy become our blessing through the One we call our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen

PERSONAL CONFESSION AND MEDITATION (IN SILENCE)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (IN RESPONSE TO CONFESSION)

Leader: In Christ, God sent redemption for all. We give thanks to God for everything: forgiveness, hope, new life.

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

All: Glory to God. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (IN UNISON)

Holy Father, we come to the One who offers the Bread of Life, the promise of redemption, and the grace of forgiveness. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Ephesians 5:15-20** NT Page 194

SERMON **"Thanksgiving"** Rev. Stephan Margeson

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 **Mediation** Jacques Lemmens

* **DOXOLOGY** **LASST UNS ERFREUEN**

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

* **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. 451** **Be Thou My Vision** **SLANE**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE **Sortie** Alexandre Guilmant

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Stephan Margeson by Gary and Marianna Harris.

MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD serving in August are Doris Jefferson, Linda Paul, Chris Presley, Ellen Ritter, Nancy Sain, and Susan Taylor.

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.