

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

Lay Reader: Mary Holden Burke

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

**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](mailto:prayer@frontstreetumc.org). We thank team members Mike and Margaret Mitchell, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the Prayer Request Cards.

**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 RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES**

A variety of resources to help your family grow in faith this Lent are now available in the Welcome Center. For more information, please contact Ms. Melissa.

**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 meets in Aldersgate Hall and via Zoom. All youth and adults are welcome. You are encouraged to read Book Two, pages 35-65, in preparation for Sunday, March 12. Our Lenten sermon series, “MY christianity,” will supplement this study.

**CEREAL SUNDAY**

**Today** 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.

**SPRING FORWARD**

Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour on **Saturday, March 11** before going to bed.

**SUMMER DAY CAMP REGISTRATION**

Summer Day Camp registration is now open! For more information and how to register, please visit our website [www.frontstreetumc.org/afterschool](http://www.frontstreetumc.org/afterschool) or contact Katie Porter at [afterschool@frontstreetumc.org](mailto:afterschool@frontstreetumc.org).

**PLAYSCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2023-24**

Front Street Playschool is now enrolling for the 2023-2024 school year! We are a morning preschool program for children who are 1, 2, 3, and 4 years of age. Our goal is to provide a safe, positive, loving environment in which children have the opportunity to learn and grow intellectually, socially, emotionally, spiritually, and physically. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming part of our family, please contact Rebecca Hurdle at [playschoolfs@gmail.com](mailto:playschoolfs@gmail.com) or 336-227-6603.

**VBS REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

Register your child or grandchild for VBS (June 26-30) now at [www.frontstreetumc.org](http://www.frontstreetumc.org). Register by **April 30** for early bird rates of \$20 per child/\$40 cap. After April 30, cost increases to \$25 per child/\$50 cap. Registration closes on June 4. Learn more at [www.frontstreetumc.org](http://www.frontstreetumc.org).

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 5, 2023		
<b><u>Sunday, March 5</u></b>		
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
<b><u>Monday, March 6</u></b>		
10:00	UMW/UWIF	Heritage Center & Chapel
<b><u>Tuesday, March 7</u></b>		
8:00	Men's Breakfast Bible Study	Heritage Center
9:30	Tuesday Bible Women's Bible Study	Room 401
6:15	Epworth Ringers	Bell Room
<b><u>Wednesday, March 8</u></b>		
7:30	Youth Breakfast Club	Biscuitville, 669 Huffman Mill Road
7:00	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
<b><u>Sunday, March 12</u></b>		
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
3:45	Youth Outing/Movie	AC Movie Theater

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **March 19 and 26 and April 9, 16, and 30**. For more information, please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081(cell) or [kpaul5@triad.rr.com](mailto:kpaul5@triad.rr.com).

**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](mailto: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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Follow Us



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.

## GATHERING AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**People: We are all part of a family.**

**People: We are all members of God's household.**

**People: Together we are a community of faith.**

## People: Amen.

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!  
The heavens are not too high, God's praise may thither fly;  
The earth is not too low, God's praises there may grow.  
Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!  
The church with psalms must shout: no door can keep them out.  
But, more than all, the heart must bear the longest part.  
Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!  
-George Herbert (1593-1633)

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 what your Word says to us today. Amen.

**\* SCRIPTURE LESSONS**                      **Luke 13:22-30**                      NT Page 76

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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).

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
Amazing grace! Amazing grace! So vast and yet so free!  
The Son of God, the righteous One, is crucified for me.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me  
home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the  
sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.  
Amazing grace! Amazing grace! So vast and yet so free.  
The Son of God, the righteous One, is crucified for me.  
-John Newton (1725-1807); st. 6 anon.  
Craig Courtney

\* **Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD 100<sup>th</sup>**  
**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

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.**

<b>SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION</b>	<b>UMH No. 24</b>
<b>The Great Thanksgiving</b>	<b>(Musical Setting E)</b>
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>	
<b>The Sharing of Bread and Cup</b>	

*If you are unable to come forward for communion, please  
acknowledge an usher to be served where you are seated.*

**COMMUNION MUSIC** **Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness**  
**How Can I Keep from Singing?**  
arr. Howard Helvey  
(b. 1968)

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (IN UNISON)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\* CLOSING HYMN UMH No. 389    Freely, Freely        FREELY, FREELY**

**\* BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**      **Prelude on “Old Hundredth”**    Healey Willan

**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 hosts this week are Mike and Margaret Mitchell.

**YOUNG DISCIPLES ON COMMUNION SUNDAY:** Today we celebrate communion, and there is no formal children's church during this service. All children are invited to remain in the service to participate in communion (i.e. community). The nursery will remain open for children up to age 5.

**MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD** serving in March are Nancy Long, Ruth Colville, Louise Cox, Beth Kelley, and Kathy Roberson.

**MEMBERS OF THE BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE** serving in March are Louise Cox, Martha, Brannock, Margaret Ann Freeman, Lisa Norton, Kathy Roberson, and Glynis Wilkes. If you are interested in serving on the Bereavement Committee, please contact Marie Crissman at [marie.crissman@gmail.com](mailto:marie.crissman@gmail.com) or 336-260-2512.