

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

Lay Reader: Julia Huneycutt

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. We thank team members Sandra Hughey and Betty Huneycutt, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the Prayer Request Cards.

UPDATED FOOD LIST FOR BACKPACK MINISTRY

This academic year, our Backpack Ministry supplies food for 200 children at Eastlawn Elementary. In January we are collecting the following items: breakfast/cereal bars, canned chili, canned meat, canned vegetables (any variety), and peanut butter in plastic jars. Please deposit donations outside the church office.

SCRIPTURE SNOWMAN FAMILY DEVOTIONS

Let's build a Scripture Snowman! This is a simple, hands-on way to read, write, and live out God's Word. These snowman activities for kids will help them learn what Jesus teaches about forgiveness. Pick up your copy in the Welcome Center or contact Ms. Melissa.

2023 LAY LEADERSHIP

The list of the 2023 lay leadership is available in the Welcome Center.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN/WOMEN IN FAITH

Join us **tomorrow** for the first meeting of the year of UMW/UWIF. We gather at 10:00 a.m. in the Heritage Center for fellowship, 10:30 a.m. in the chapel for a program, and at 11:00 a.m. circles gather. Please come prepared with your 2023 Pledge Form, which can be found in your UMW directory on Page 21. Circle #4 will serve as hosts during fellowship. Circle 5 will meet on **Tuesday, January 10** at 7 p.m. in the Heritage Center. Bring a friend!

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed **Monday, January 16** in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.

TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study will begin a new study on the Book of Acts on **Tuesday, January 17** at 9:30 a.m. in Room 401. All women are invited to join us. For more information, contact Patty Diming at 336-570-9739 or email Beth McPhaul at emcphaul@aol.com.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

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

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date	Aldersgate	11:00	Total
12/11/2022	50	264	314
12/18/2022	40	196	236
12/25/2022	-	27	27
1/1/2023	35	88	123

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 8, 2023

Sunday, January 8

8:45 Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
9:45 Sunday School	Classrooms
9:45 Aldersgate Praise Band Rehearsal	Chapel
11:00 Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
4:00 Children's Choir	Sanctuary

Monday, January 9

10:00 UMW/WIF	Heritage Center, Chapel
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Tuesday, January 10

8:00 Men's Breakfast Bible Study	Heritage Center
9:30 Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study	Room 401
6:15 Epworth Ringers	Bell Room
7:00 Circle 5	Heritage Center

Wednesday, January 11

7:30 Youth Breakfast Club	Biscuitville, 669 Huffman Mill Road
7:00 Chancel Choir	Choir Room

Sunday, January 15

8:45 Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
9:45 Sunday School	Classrooms
9:45 Aldersgate Praise Band Rehearsal	Chapel
11:00 Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
6:00 UMYF	Aldersgate Hall

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 wherever you find podcasts to listen to past sermons.

FRONT STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Our Mission:

Knowing Christ • Growing in Christ • Sharing Christ



Pastors

Rev. Ray Warren
Rev. Stephan Margeson

Children's Minister
Melissa Miller

Youth Minister
Chris Huneycutt

Minister of Visitation
Leslie B. Peavy

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD
JANUARY 8, 2023
BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY

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.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

GATHERING AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS

PRELUDE **Chorale Prelude on 'St. Elizabeth'**
Aaron David Miller
(b. 1972)

CALL TO WORSHIP (PSALM 65)

Pastor: Grand God of the cosmos, all your wonders are on display in your trophy room:
People: earth-tamer, ocean-pourer, mountain-maker, hill-dresser, muzzled of the sea storm and wave crash and mobs of noisy riot.
Pastor: Far and wild they'll come to a stop,
People: they'll stare in awe, in wonder.
Pastor: Dawn and dusk take turns calling,
All: Come and worship!

* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH No. 189 Fairest Lord Jesus ST. ELIZABETH**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God, I bless you every chance I get; my lungs expand with your praise! I live and breathe you, God!
So if things aren't going well; when things aren't going well...when the world does not seem to be big enough to have me; when the plans I make fall through; when the opportunities ahead of me seem fruitless or non-existent; when the people around me fail me, or worse, when I fail the people around me;

In all these things, Lord, and even more that could be, let me hear the words of scripture and be happy: "God met me more than halfway, and God freed me from my anxious fears."

~ based on Psalm 34:1-4

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

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

ANTHEM

O Little One
Chancel Choir

Samuel Scheidt
(1587-1654)

O little one sweet, O little one mild,
Thy Father's purpose thou hast fulfilled;
Thou camest from heaven to mortal ken,
Equal to be with us poor men,
O little one sweet, O little one mild.
O little one sweet, O little one mild,
With joy thou hast the whole world filled;
Thou camest here from heaven's domain,
To bring men comfort in their pain,
O little one sweet, O little one mild.
O little one sweet, O little one mild,
In thee love's beauties are all distilled;
Then light in us thy love's bright flame,
That we may give thee back the same,
O little one sweet, O little one mild.
O little one sweet, O little one mild,
Help us to do as thou hast willed.
Lo, all we have belongs to thee!
Ah, keep us in our fealty!
O little one sweet, O little one mild.

-Samuel Scheidt; tr. O. B. C.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy and perfect God, rest us in the comfort of your Word. Open our hearts so we don't fail to read, open our ears so we don't fail to hear, open our minds so we don't fail to understand, open our hearts so we don't fail to feel the magnitude of your love. In Jesus name, amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 29
*Matthew 14:25-31

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SERMON

Fear and Faith

Rev. Ray Warren

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

The Kings
Jack Wolverton, baritone

Peter Cornelius
(1824-1874)/
Philipp Nicolai
(1556-1608)
arr. K. Lee Scott
(b. 1950)

Three kings from Persian lands afar
To Jordan follow the pointing star:
And this the quest of the travelers there,
Where the newborn King of the Jews may be.
Full royal gifts they bear for the King;
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

The star shines out with a steadfast ray;
The kings to Bethlehem make their way,
And there in worship they bend the knee,
As Mary's child in her lap they see;
Their royal gifts they show to the King,
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

O earthly child, lo, to Bethlehem
The kings are traveling, travel with them!
The star of mercy, the star of grace
Shall lead thy heart to its resting place.
Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring;
Offer thy heart to the infant King!

-Peter Cornelius; tr. Herbert Newell Bate (1871-1941)

*** 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

UMH No. 881

*** CLOSING HYMN TFWS No. 2241 The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve LAND OF REST**

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE **The Covington Toccata**

Daniel E. Gawthrop
(b. 1949)

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 Lee and Emily Conner.

MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD serving in January are Stacey Lahey, Clara Clayton, Janie Crouch, Mary Zeta Hornaday, and Robin Mann.