

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

Lay Reader: Beverly Smith

FEBRUARY FOOD LIST FOR BACKPACK MINISTRY

This academic year, our Backpack Ministry supplies food for 200 children at Eastlawn Elementary. In February, we are collecting the following items: canned chili, mac and cheese, peanut butter in plastic jars, and soup. Please deposit donations outside the church office.

LOGO REFRESH LAUNCH CELEBRATION

Everyone is invited to join us **today** following 11:00 a.m. worship in Aldersgate Hall for the unveiling of the refreshed FSUMC logo! Come, relax, and refresh. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.

CEREAL SUNDAY

Don't forget **February 5** 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.

REFUGEE MINISTRY

Our friends at Church World Services (the organization behind CROP Hunger Walk) have asked us to participate in a new program here in Burlington that assists refugee families as they settle into the area. If you've read the paper lately, you know there is a growing need for this. Some of our leadership have gone through the mass of information provided and would like to invite you to come and learn more. You're invited to a gathering of interested people on **Sunday, February 5** following the 11 a.m. service in the coffee/lounge area (outside the John Wesley Room) to discuss one or two ideas in which we would like to start participating and how we imagine that might work. Questions? Contact Pastor Stephan at stephan@frontstreetumc.org.

VALENTINE'S DANCE

Calling all kids aged 4 years old -5th grade. Grab your special someone, put on your party clothes, and join us for a Valentine's Dance on **Friday, February 10** from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in Aldersgate Hall. There will be snacks, crafts, and, of course, dancing. Come spend an evening of fun with us! Questions? Contact Ms. Melissa at melissa@frontstreetumc.org.

PANCAKE SUPPER

The Connections Sunday School Class will sponsor a Pancake Supper on **Sunday, February 19** from 5-7 p.m. in Aldersgate Hall. Proceeds will benefit Front Street UMC ministries and missions. Tickets are on sale in the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings or from a Connections Sunday School Class member. Tickets are also available for purchase from the church office, Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to noon (please bring correct change or a check) or reserve your tickets online at www.frontstreetumc.org for pick up at a time convenient to you. Tickets are \$7 individual/\$20 family.

BLOOD DRIVE

Front Street will have a blood drive on **Saturday, February 25** from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in Aldersgate Hall. Donors can go ahead and sign up now online at 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.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Many hands make light work. Ms. Melissa is in need of someone to help coordinate VBS this summer. If you (and a friend) are interested in helping to plan this fun event, please contact her at melissa@frontstreetumc.org.

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 29, 2023

Sunday, January 29

8:45 Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
9:45 Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00 Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:00 Logo Launch Celebration	Aldersgate Hall

Tuesday, January 31

8:00 Men's Breakfast Bible Study	Heritage Center
9:30 Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study	Room 401
7:30 Board of Trustees Meeting	John Wesley Room

Wednesday, February 1

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

Thursday, February 2

9:30 Prayer Team Ministry	Room 402
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Sunday, February 5

8:45 Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
9:45 Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00 Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:00 Refugee information Meeting	Reading Area
4:00 Children's Choir	Sanctuary
6:00 Missions Meeting	John Wesley Room
6:00 UMYF/Souper Bowl	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.

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Follow Us



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
JANUARY 29, 2023
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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 **Children of the Heavenly Father** Swedish
Janet Van Sant, piano Folk Melody
arr. Howard Helvey
(b. 1968)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God of the open road,
People: of the twisting path,
Leader: of the narrow and upward way,
People: we are gathered for worship!
Leader: In this hour, give us provision for heart and mind in our journey.
People: Give us courage and faith and compassion, and endurance to face any hardship.
Leader: Open our eyes to see you walking beside us, protecting us, encouraging us, loving us.
All: May we know the certainty of your hope, in the name of Jesus, who moves in us, Amen.

* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH No. 708 Rejoice in God's Saints**
HANOVER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you are our hope! When the world is crashing down around us; when the obstacles we face are too big; when we fall flat on our face; we look up to you and cry out, "O God you are our hope! O God you are our hope!" Over and over again we call you our hope, and yet we run through the business of our lives thinking our hopes are like dreams that may never happen. Empower us to believe and to know that our hopes, if they be in your will, are just as real as you are! Teach us to pray boldly, "O

God you are our hope!", until one day we pray, "O Hope send me to make this real for your kingdom!" In the name of Christ, who acted not on knowledge in the future but on hope in the Father. Amen.

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

All My Trials arr. Norman Luboff
Chancel Choir (1917-1987)
Margaret Dalton, soprano

If religion was a thing that money could buy,
The rich would live and the poor would die.
All my trials, Lord, soon be over.
Too late, my brothers.
Too late, but never mind.
All my trials, Lord, soon be over.
Now hush, little baby, don't you cry.
You know that man is born to die.
All my trials, Lord, soon be over.
-Bahamian Spiritual

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: Open our ears
People: to hear your word.
Leader: Open our eyes
People: to see your presence.
Leader: Open our arms
People: to embrace all who we encounter.
Leader: Open our hearts
All: to act and embrace the joy of your life in and for us today.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 40:31 OT Page 668
Jeremiah 29:11 OT Page 731
Zechariah 9:12 OT Page 884
Romans 8:18-25 NT Page 158

SERMON

Hope's Responsibility: Held for Hope

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 Water Is Wide
Janet Van Sant, piano

Appalachian
Folk Melody
arr. Howard Helvey

* **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

* **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

* **CLOSING HYMN UMH No. 584**

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ABBOT'S LEIGH

* **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE **Invention in F Major, BWV 779** J. S. Bach
Janet Van Sant, piano (1685-1750)

WELCOME! We're glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Following this service, there is a Logo Launch Celebration in Aldersgate Hall. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. Please join us.

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

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 member Beverly Thomas, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the Prayer Request Cards.

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