

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

Lay Reader: Martha Brannock

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.

JANUARY FOOD LIST FOR BACKPACK MINISTRY

This academic year, our Backpack Ministry supplies food for 200 children at Eastlawn Elementary. Here are our current needs:

- breakfast/cereal bars
- canned chili
- canned meat,
- canned vegetables (any variety)
- peanut butter in plastic jars.

Please deposit donations in the Welcome Center.

ALTAR FLOWERS 2023

The **2023** flower calendar is available in the Welcome Center. If you are interested in placing flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one, please write your name on the Sunday you wish to put flowers in the church. For more information, please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 (cell) or kpaul5@triad.rr.com (email).

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 for more details.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date	Aldersgate	11:00	Total
12/4	42	170	212
12/11	50	264	314
12/18	40	196	236

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 1, 2023

Sunday, January 1

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

Monday, January 2 - Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 3

6:15 Epworth Ringers	Bell Room
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Wednesday, January 4

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

Thursday, January 5

12:00 Social Justice Conversations	John Wesley Room
7:00 BMMT Meeting	John Wesley Room

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
6:00 UMYF	Aldersgate Hall

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD
JANUARY 1, 2023
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
HOLY COMMUNION

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 **Aria on 'Greensleeves'** James Biery
(b. 1956)

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)

Leader: When dangers invade our sense of safety and we wonder if our Redeemer cares, we hear the invitation:

People: Peace. Be still.

Leader: When we face job loss and financial downturns, and our sense of security is shaky, we hear the invitation:

People: Peace. Be still.

All: **When our lives feel chaotic, desolate, and lost because of illness, sorrow, fear, and out of control, we hear the invitation: Peace. Be still.**

*** OPENING HYMN UMH No. 219 What Child Is This GREENSLEEVES**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (IN UNISON)

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS **Isaiah 63:7-9** OT Page 693
 Numbers 13:1-2, 25-33 OT Page 130
 ***Mark 4:35-41** NT Page 39

SERMON **"Fear and Faith"** Rev. Ray Warren

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Gesu Bambino arr. Jay Rouse

*** 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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

Living God, today I confess that I allow my fear to drown out your voice. I am afraid of the unknown and things outside my control. Help me hand these items over to you every hour of the day. Help me be quiet and still, waiting for your will to be revealed rather than my running ahead of you. Keep my heart open to the Spirit's working. Remind me that I have daily bread from Heaven and a safe shelter in you when I am tempted to look elsewhere for hope and help. Through the power of the Lord Jesus, Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

UMH No. 24
(Musical Setting E)

The Great Thanksgiving
The Lord's Prayer
The Sharing of Bread and Cup

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

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. 251 Go, Tell It on the Mountain**
GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Angels We Have Heard on High

Dale Wood
(1934-2003)

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in memory of Virginia Beth Ellington by Jeff Ellington, Frances and Brandon Gutierrez, Rebecca and Yeirdon Ingle, and Jefferson and Elizabeth Ellington.

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 January are Stacey Lahey, Clara Clayton, Janie Crouch, Mary Zeta Hornaday, and Robin Mann.

MEMBERS OF THE BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE serving in January are Jean Minton, Donna Beardon, Marty Crank, Hy Harris, Doris Jefferson, and Jenna Johnson. If you are interested in serving on the Bereavement Committee, please contact Marie Crissman at marie.crissman@gmail.com or 336-260-2512.

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