VALENTINE'S DANCE

Calling all kids 4 years old – 5th grade! Grab your special someone (adult), put on your party clothes, and join us for a Valentine's Dance on **Friday, February 10**, 6-7:30 p.m. in Aldersgate Hall. There will be snacks, crafts, and of course dancing. Come spend an evening of fun with us! To help us with planning, please RSVP by February 3 at www.frontstreetumc.org

HELP WITH OUR VALENTINE'S DANCE

Would you like to help with our dance? The following opportunities are available: set up, clean up, supply food, or help during the dance. Learn more and sign up at www.frontstreetumc.org. Thank you for your support!

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.

GIVE BLOOD SAVE LIFE

American Red Cross

WELCOME CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

how to break down the walls we have put up, and let the Holy Spirit move through us. Josh is a Certified Candidate for Ordained Ministry in the United Methodist Church, and one day hopes to serve the church as an Elder. He also enjoys spending time with his wife Laura, cooking new foods, Duke basketball, and Carolina Hurricanes hockey!

Please welcome Josh and his wife Laura as they join us for their first Sunday on February 12.

In Christ's hope,
your pastoral team!

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW WORSHIP AND FAMILY MINISTER

Brothers and sisters of Front Street UMC! It is with great excitement and honor that we announce to you, Josh Abraham, as the new Worship and Family Minister! As we've said recently, SPRC and the pastoral team have been looking for a new worship leader for our Aldersgate contemporary worship service. Not only that, the leadership team has been looking for ways we might expand and grow the ministry of Aldersgate even more. Toward that goal we have created a new position called Worship and Family Minister; a role we anticipate will bring more connection to our worship at Aldersgate and familial life together (youth and children in particular)! We are so excited about all the potential we will see through this change, and of course what great things Josh himself will bring. Josh is a great friend of Stephan's, and soon to be of all of us. Here are a few words about Josh:

Josh is from Raleigh and has been involved in contemporary worship and art for over 12 years. He attended Campbell University where he felt a calling to ministry. After he graduated with a degree in Religious Studies, he received an M.Div. from Duke Divinity School where he learned to enjoy modern as well as ancient worship styles. Josh enjoys every kind of music and loves to explore how worship shapes our lives. He has enjoyed getting to use worship to show people

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A Look Ahead:

KNOWING CHRIST

METHODIST HOME FOR CHILDREN SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Children and teens deserve a safe, loving home where they can thrive and live to their full God-given potential. On Methodist Home for Children Sunday, you can make this happen. Methodist Home for Children Sunday is the one day a year when congregations take up a special collection for the children served by MHC—children who come from empty homes, failing in school, looking for acceptance in all the wrong places. We see hope in each one of them and you bring that hope to life. Thank you for believing and for giving. Offering envelopes will be provided for your gift.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

There will be an Ash Wednesday Service on **Wednesday, February 22** at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary, including the imposition of ashes. A nursery for children under 5 will be provided. Please join us.

GROWING IN CHRIST

AT THE TABLE ADVENT VIDEOS

Be sure to check out our Facebook page or YouTube channel for the latest *At The Table* videos from Pastor Ray and Pastor Stephan. The videos will premiere on **Saturday mornings at 6:00 a.m.**

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN/UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Front Street United Methodist Women/UWIF welcome all women of the church to join us on **Monday, February 6** at 10:00 a.m. in the Heritage Center for fellowship followed by our meeting in the Chapel at 10:30 a.m.
Circle #1 will serve as hosts. Our guest speaker will be Karen Cheek from leadership in our Corridor District. She will discuss her role as Deaconess and will share recent changes in UMW and the role of pledges in the organization.
Please be aware that Pledges for 2023 are now due and can be given to your circle treasurer at the meeting, while referring to page 21 in your directory for the proper form. We thank all attendees at the January meeting who filled out and submitted surveys in regard to opportunities to serve in our church activities for 2023. Lots of exciting opportunities are available to offer your talents to others. Additional survey forms can be found on the UMW bulletin board and can be submitted to circle chairs at our February meeting. Circle 5 will meet on **Tuesday, February 7** (note change of date due to Valentine's Day) at 7 p.m. In the Heritage Center. We look forward to seeing you…bring a friend!

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.

SHARING CHRIST

FEBRUARY FOOD LIST FOR BACKPACK MINISTRY

Our Backpack Ministry at Eastlawn Elementary (a C4C mission) provides meals for food-insecure children who would otherwise go hungry over the weekend. 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.

MEALS ON WHEELS UPDATE

Many thanks to Susan Taylor, who has "retired" after twelve years of delivering Meals on Wheels for Burlington Route 7. Welcome to Brad Mace, who is joining our FSUMC volunteers in January. For more information about delivering meals with our FSUMC teams, contact Salley Bradford at salleybradford@yahoo.com or 336-584-7401.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

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

Prayers

- **Richard Blue** who is recovering from knee replacement surgery
- **Roy Harris and family** upon the death of his wife, Peggy Harris, on 1/19
- **Bill and Betsy Simpson** upon the death of his brother-in-law, Leonard Lyman Howell, Jr., on 1/17
- **The family of Dot Snotherly** upon her death on 1/23

Congratulations

Congratulations to Will and Lauren Anderson upon the birth of their daughter, Sallie Sloan, born on January 7. Proud grandparents are Marshall and Catherine Anderson.

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER

In case of inclement weather, the church office will follow the delays and closures of the City of Burlington (not the Alamance-Burlington School System). For worship services, any cancellations will be publicized on Facebook, our website, FOX8, and WFMY News 2.

FINANCIAL GIVING UPDATE FOR 1/27/2023

YTD Actual Giving - $126,744.17

YTD Budgeted Giving - $117,007.50

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Join us for a

MARDI GRAS PANCAKE SUPPER

Sponsored by the Connections Sunday School Class

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
ALDERSGATE HALL

Tickets on sale now

$7 individual - $20 family

PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT
FRONT STREEET 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. till noon (please bring correct change or a check).

Reserve your tickets online at www.frontstreetumc.org for pick up at a time convenient to you.

Special Gifts

Aldersgate Service

In honor of Chris & Mary Margaret Wright by
Robert & Jan Register

Endowment Fund

In honor of Charlene Davis and in memory of Walter Davis by
Ann Ramsey

In memory of Peggy Harris by
Fred, Amanda, Taylor & Justin Blanding
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Charlene Davis
Gene & Elizabeth Fonville
Roger & Doris Jefferson
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John Nicholson
Marshall & Carol Old

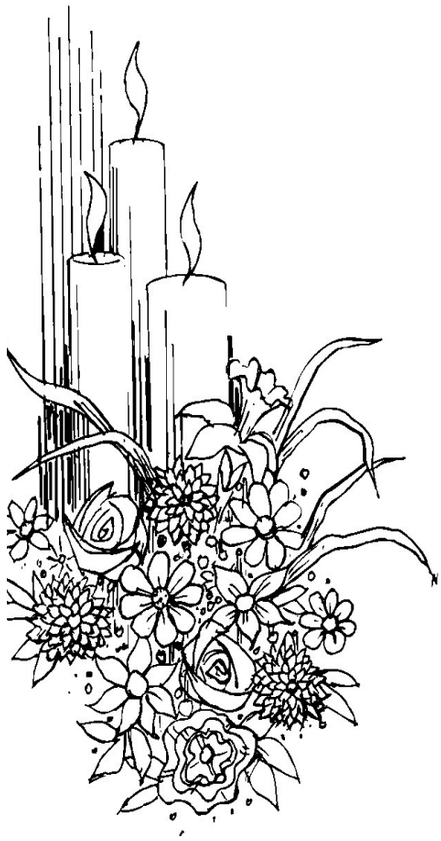
Pastor's Discretionary Fund

In memory of Peggy Harris by
Bob & Hy Harris
Tom & Kim Steele

In honor of Lloyd Manning by
Marshall & Carol Old

In memory of Charles & Rachel Vogler by
Debra V. Pendleton

In memory of Don Wimmer by
Salley Bradford, Bruce & Salley Wilson, Will Bradford

Wheelchair Ramp Ministry

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