

CAROLINA BRASS CONCERT

Carolina Brass will be giving a concert in the sanctuary of Front Street United Methodist Church on Sunday, **September 25, 2022** at 4:00 p.m. Carolina Brass is celebrating their 25th anniversary year in 2022. They have been coming to Front Street for All Saints' Sunday and Palm Sunday almost that entire time (since 1998). The concert is free and open to the public. Please invite your friends and neighbors to this wonderful event.



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“STICKS AND STONES.....CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

Since I learned that word, and since I spent time engaging it in the world I have noticed my view of the future change. Where before I would more often get stuck in the present circumstances; where before I could likely sulk for a while before moving on; where during COVID years I might have easily stayed in fear and isolation, now I am a little more quick to see ahead at the potential for good to come. Today I am more ready to look past the hard times and envision what the light at the end of the tunnel will hold.

If you’ve ever wondered what it looks like to try and see the world through a different lens, and especially if you never figured out how, I have a recommendation for you. Rather than put on fake glasses to see differently, why not try something tangible. Try using a new word, but not just any word. Try using a word you want to enfold into your vocabulary and eventually change who you are for the better. There’s lots of great ones. Here are some of my favorite: grace, mercy, honest, courage, and wise.

Pastor Stephan

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“STICKS AND STONES MAY BREAK MY BONES, BUT
WORDS FOREVER CHANGE ME”

What happened to the popular trend of learning new words? I remember about 10 years ago when many people around me were learning new words daily or weekly. It was fun to know who was trying to learn new words. I would spend time with them in conversation on the day I knew they would get a new word. I wouldn't ask them what the day's word was. I would just sit back and listen for the new word to come tumbling awkwardly out of their mouth – because they we're taking it for a test run, and the first time they used it was always entertaining. For most people, and with most words, this was just a simple exercise of the brain or a fun challenge. But every now and then a word would come up that would solidify itself into their vocabulary.

For me one of those words was longanimity. (Try saying that three times fast!) Longanimity is having the ability to see through the hard times and envision what the light at the end of the tunnel will hold. I used it in conversation a few times and each time I had to explain that I wasn't referring to the sea creature where clown fish live. I would spend a week or so trying to use this word and explain it to people because I thought it was interesting. I never thought much of it then, but looking back I noticed something...

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A LOOK AHEAD:

KNOWING CHRIST

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

All children and youth are invited to bring their backpacks to church with them on **Sunday, August 28**. We will be having a "Blessing of the Backpacks" at the Aldersgate and 11 a.m. services to bless all learners and teachers in our church and in our community.



GROWING IN CHRIST

GOING BEYOND LIVE WITH PRISCILLA SHIRER

Front Street UMW/United Women of Faith invite all women of the church to Going Beyond Live with Priscilla Shirer on **Saturday, August 27, 2022**, 9:00 a.m.–3:45 p.m. The event is hosted by Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Greensboro.

We have purchased a block of 50 tickets which are available for \$70 each. (This event is sold out online.) To reserve your ticket, make checks payable to Front Street UMC with "Priscilla Shirer" in the memo-line by **August 17**. Payment can be: 1) dropped by the church office, 2) mailed to Martha Brannock, Treasurer of UMW @ FSUMC: 214 Forestview Dr., Elon, NC 27244.



United
Women
in Faith

At this time, tickets are only available to members of UMW/FSUMC. After August 17, any remaining tickets will be available for members of the wider community to purchase. Your ticket is reserved once payment is received.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS: REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Does your child or grandchild love to sing? As we look forward to a new school year, make plans to join the Front Street Children's Choir! **Rehearsals will take place on Sunday afternoons, 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary beginning September 11**. Registration is now open! Visit www.frontstreetumc.org for more information or to register your child. **Please register by August 31**.



Dr. Matt will need one adult helper a week for choir rehearsals. Our Safe Sanctuary guidelines require that when working with children, two adults be present in the room. If you are interested in assisting in this way on a weekly or monthly basis, contact Dr. Matt at matt@frontstreetumc.org.

TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study will resume on **Tuesday, September 13** at 9:30 a.m. in Room 401. If any woman is interested in joining us or would like more information, contact Patty Diming at 336-570-9739 or Salley Bradford at salleybradford@yahoo.com.



SHARING CHRIST

AUGUST FOOD DRIVE

Front Street's Backpack Ministry supplies food for children at Eastlawn Elementary who would otherwise go hungry over the weekend. In the month of August we are asking for the following specific food items which will be used to support our Backpack Ministry.



- canned beans (black, kidney, chickpeas)
- cans of corn or mixed vegetables
- canned meat
- cans of fruit

Please deposit your donations in the Welcome Center. This collection will continue **through August 31**. If you have any questions or would like to help with food distribution, please contact Ms. Melissa at melissa@frontstreetumc.org.

BLOOD DRIVE

Front Street will have a blood drive on **Saturday, September 10**, from **8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** in Aldersgate Hall. Note: 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.



Prayers

- **Roy and Peggy Harris** upon the death of his sister, Sue Pierce, on 7/27
- **Logan Kennedy** who is recovering from recent surgery
- **Bert Mims** who is recovering from recent surgery
- **Phil and Jean Minton** upon the death of her sister, Carroll Harley, on 7/6
- **Tom and Carol Sineath** upon the death of her brother, Chuck Wilkins, on 7/3
- **Tom and Kim Steele** upon the death of her mother, Frances Hindman, on 7/1



Be sure to check out our Facebook page or YouTube channel for the latest Midweek Message from Pastor Ray and Pastor Stephan. The video premieres on Wednesdays and will also be included in Friday's "Happenings" email.

FINANCIAL GIVING UPDATE FOR 7/28/2022

YTD Actual Giving - \$575,000.63

YTD Budgeted Giving - \$753,489.10

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL GIFTS:

ROOM RESERVATIONS AT FRONT STREET

As summer comes to an end and church groups begin to meet again this fall and special events are planned, we want to ensure that each group or event has a meeting place. The staff at Front Street is here to assist with this need.

The church requires a room reservation form to be completed and submitted to the office for all meetings or events. The form is available on the Home page of the church website under Quick Links, click on "Reserve a Room @ FSUMC." Also, a paper copy of the form is available in the church office. Once the reservation form has been submitted, a confirmation email will be sent regarding the room request.

Reserve a Meeting Room

Please understand that filling out this form is to help you think through your needs as well as to help the staff assist you. Activities will be recommended for approval based on their compliance with the stated goals and policies of the church and the availability of church facilities and services.

If children or youth under the age of 18 are involved in the activity, Safe Sanctuary guidelines apply.

Please give a minimum of two weeks' notice before the date of the activity.

If you have any questions, please call or email Pamela at 336-227-6263 or pamela@frontstreetumc.org.

CEREAL SUNDAY

Cereal Sunday at FSUMC is **August 7**! Please deposit cereal or other canned/dry goods in the tubs in the cabinet located in the Welcome Center. Please feel free to drop off these items any time during the month. Thank you for your continued support of stocking the food pantry at the Salvation Army.



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **August 28**

and **September 4, 11, 21, and 25**. For more information, please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 (cell) or kpaul5@triad.rr.com (email).

THE UPPER ROOM

The September-October issue of The Upper Room is available. Copies are located in the Narthex and Welcome Center.

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM HIRING

High school and college students needed! Our Afterschool Program is hiring for the upcoming school year. Please reach out to Katie Porter by email at afterschool@frontstreetumc.org.



Thank You

I am now the owner of a motorized wheelchair. This could not be possible without the generous support of the wonderful people at Front Street UMC. Many thanks to all who contributed to make this wheelchair possible. Right now I am in training to learn how to maneuver it. So watch out.

You continue to shower me with your blessings with cards, gifts, visits, and especially your prayers.

Jeremiah 29:11 says: "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

I don't know what is ahead but I trust in the Lord to show me the way. Thank you so much for all you have done to give me hope for my future. I love all of you. May God continue to bless you and keep you in His loving care

Blessings, Cynthia Powell

Many thanks to Randy and Vanessa Bryan, who have been Meals on Wheels volunteers for the past nine years. For five of those years, the Bryans did double duty on Route 7, covering two of our delivery slots. We wish Randy and Vanessa good health and much happiness as they "retire" from the Front Street UMC Meals on Wheels volunteer group!

Thank You



**"And That's a Wrap"
Buckner Mission Man Triathlon 2022**

"Great sprint triathlon put on by @missionmantriathlon in Burlington, NC. 750 meter swim, 15 mile bike and 5k (on trails). Happy with the race all around and with 2nd overall. I will definitely come back to this race as the venue was spectacular, volunteers were amazing and the entire race was top notch."

-Justin Burrows
BMMT participant 2022

A shout out to everyone who assisted in the organization of this year's event or volunteered on race day. We truly could not put on this event without your support!

Special Gifts

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In honor of Leslie Peavy by
Joanne Scarborough

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In memory of Bob Alverson by
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