

Welcome New Member

We welcome Robert "Bob" Poindexter to the Front Street family. Bob has been attending Front Street since 2016. He was born in Franklin, NC.

Bob has two degrees from Western Carolina University. He was a teacher in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg schools, principal, Burlington City Schools, Year Post Graduate UNC, Assistant Superintendent, Burlington City Schools, Vice President of Elon College, Assistant Superintendent of Rockingham County Schools, teacher-coach with the football, basketball and baseball programs, Franklinton City Schools, Sales Computer Services State of NC, Landscaping Services Western NC. Past president of the Macon County Historical Museum and Kiwanis Club of Burlington and past member of Burlington City Council.



Bob started three state wide organizations in: Human Resources/ Finance/Finance of Private Colleges and UNC System!

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So, you may want to know a little about the Warrens. I was born and raised in Florida, came to Duke and met my wife Jill. Jill is a North Carolina native from Durham. A very interesting piece of history about Jill's family: Jill's great-grandparents, Hank and Rebecca Scoggins and grandfather, Lacy Scoggins were members of Front Street (church directory of Rev. D.H Tuttle)! What a small world! Upon meeting Jill, I was smitten and asked her out the first day I met her. She turned me down. Obviously I didn't give up! Jill and I have been joyfully married for 35 years. She and our boys are the greatest blessings of my life. Our oldest son is Evan, who is 32 and lives in Brattleboro, Vermont. Our youngest son Grant, is 24 and lives in Boone. Our nest is not yet empty because we have two miniature dachshunds, Daisy and Buddy.

My passions are building and leading teams and developing ministries led by gifted laity. I believe deeply in the "priesthood of all believers." For me, a great, vital community of faith is absolutely dependent upon deeply devoted followers of Jesus finding their passions, developing their gifting, and living into the ministries God has called them.

It is with great joy and anticipation that I come to serve and lead alongside the ministry team and you. My curiosity is heightened to the max, wondering what our Lord is up to.

Anticipating What God is Doing,

Pastor Ray

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Hey Front Street Family!

What a humbling honor to be appointed to serve as your Lead Pastor. I come knowing that many of you are grieving Pastor Ross Carter's retirement and departure. It is difficult living into loss and transitions. Yet, I believe our Lord has much more Kingdom work for Pastor Ross and for you and me. Too, I'm extremely thankful to Ross in helping me get on board at Front Street.

I come in awe knowing you have been blessed with great pastors, some who have mentored me, and now I am called to serve and lead alongside you. I will need your continuous, daily prayers, for God's guidance as we go about the worshipful work we are called to do for God's Kingdom.

Just a few short weeks ago we learned we were leaving a wonderful community I was privileged to serve twice! This last time for ten years, and we thought I would serve that community at least four or five more years. Then I received a call I didn't expect; "Ray, we want you to go serve and lead the people of Front Street United Methodist." WHAT? We simply couldn't believe it. After the shock subsided, we too began to grieve and anticipate with excitement what God might be up to in all of this. Learning I was coming to Front Street, I immediately remembered something a friend, mentor, and boss told me about you. Reminiscing about his time at Front Street, Rev. Bob McKenzie said, "Front Street is the greatest people, greatest church with unlimited potential to be what Jesus wants church to be." Again, I'm tremendously humbled to be called to serve alongside you.

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A LOOK AHEAD:

KNOWING CHRIST

WELCOME RECEPTION FOR PASTOR RAY AND JILL WARREN

Please join us on **Sunday, July 10** for a reception welcoming Pastor Ray Warren and his wife, Jill, to Front Street UMC. The reception will be held in the Heritage Center following the 11:00 a.m. service.

HANDBELLS THIS FALL

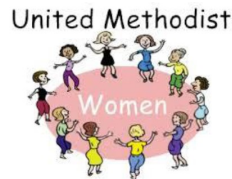
If you have ever been interested in ringing handbells, now is your chance. Our adult handbell ensemble (Epworth Ringers) is in real need of ringers for this fall. We rehearse on Tuesday nights from 6:15 p.m. until 7:30 p.m., and we play in church on average about once a month (usually the fourth Sunday of the month). The first rehearsal of our 2022/2023 year will be on Tuesday, September 6, 2022. It does help if you can read music. If you are interested, please contact Matt Brittain at 336-227-6263 or matt@frontstreetumc.org. You can also message me on Facebook.



GROWING IN CHRIST

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

UMW/United Women in Faith Circle #5 collected and recently delivered the following items to the MERCI Center warehouse in Goldsboro: 20 complete hygiene kits, 18 bars of soap, 115 gal. zip-lock bags, 18 washcloths, 1 toothbrush, 5 nail clippers and 3 boxes bandages. MERCI is the Disaster Response and Mission Support Center warehouse where all relief items are received and shipped nationally and internationally. Just another example of faith in action!



SHARING CHRIST

BUCKNER MISSION MAN TRIATHLON

The Buckner Mission Man Triathlon is **July 23, 2022**. Please join us as a racer or volunteer. Learn more about how you can serve as a volunteer and sign up at www.frontstreetumc.org. Race registration information can be found at www.missionmantriathlon.com. Questions? Contact David Hoxie at dhoxie@yahoo.com or call/text 336-214-6522.



Thank You

"On behalf of The United Methodist Church of Kamyanytsa, the pastors Alla and Vasyi Vuksta, the refugees and all of Ukraine, we want to express our deep gratitude for the support you have shown to the Ukrainian people. The camaraderie, prayer, and spiritual support has been felt across the ocean and in our hearts. The financial support you provided has been received, and is being put to use at this very moment to help feed, house, and clothe the refugees staying in our home and in the church attached to our home."

The Missions team is also incredibly thankful for your support at the Baking with a Purpose event! What a blessing it is to serve in ministry with such a loving body of Christ!

Dear Staff and Parishioners of Front Street UMC,
On behalf of the IB Program of Williams High School, we say thank you for allowing us to hold our IB celebration of Excellence in your chapel. It was a wonderful service and the generosity of your congregation to share your space is much appreciative. In an age where so many are closing doors to those in need, you opened yours and welcomed us. If we can ever repay the kindness, please let us know!

Sincerely, Patrick Stokes
Head Football Coach, Williams High School

Dear Front Street Family,
Sarah and I want to thank you for your kindness and generosity. We were grateful for the opportunity to visit with everyone at the reception between the worship services on our last Sunday. The gift made from the Sanctuary windows will be cherished for years to come, and the generosity of the Love Gift was overwhelming. Those of you who know we love to travel won't be surprised that we will probably use it to plan a special trip in the near future.

As we said in the service, we feel privileged to have served alongside you at Front Street, and will continue to pray the Lord's blessings on each of you.

Grace and peace,
Sarah and Ross Carter

Congratulations

Congratulations to Pastor Stephan on being commissioned as a Provisional Elder at the NC Annual Conference last month. It was a wonderful ceremony. It is not the end of his journey towards ordination but it's a big step.

AUGUST FRONTLINE DEADLINE

July 27 is the deadline to submit an article for the August edition of Frontline. Please email information to pamela@frontstreetumc.org.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **August 7, 14, 21, and 28**. For more information, please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 (cell) or kpaul5@triad.rr.com (email).



SAVE THE DATE

The next Blood Drive is **September 10, 2022**, 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. in Aldersgate Hall. Contact Gene Fonville at 336-260-8114 (cell) for more information.

FINANCIAL GIVING UPDATE FOR 6/30/2022

YTD Actual Giving - \$488,362.56
YTD Budgeted Giving - \$645,847.80

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Don and June West

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Peggy Smith

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In honor of Becky Johnson by
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In memory of Tom Register by
Sarah Folckomer

