

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

Lay Reader: Susan Taylor

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.

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.

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 **today** 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.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN/UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Front Street United Methodist Women/UWIF welcome all women of the church to join us **tomorrow** at 10:00 a.m. in the Heritage Center for fellowship followed by our meeting in the Chapel at 10:30 a.m. 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. 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!

MISSION TRIP TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Jennifer Smith is coordinating a mission trip to the Dominican Republic through Mission of Hope. The dates of the trip are April 8-15, 2023. To learn more about this mission opportunity, make plans to attend an interest meeting on **Wednesday, February 8** at 6:00 p.m. in Room 401, or participate via Zoom. Questions? Contact Jennifer at jensmith71@msn.com.

HELP WITH OUR VALENTINE'S DANCE

Would you like to help with our dance on **Friday, February 10**? 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!

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 12, 19, and 26**. For more information, please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 (cell) or kpaul5@triad.rr.com.

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 5, 2023		
<u>Sunday, February 5</u>		
8:45	Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:00	Refugee Ministry Meeting	Reading Area
4:00	Children's Choir	Sanctuary
6:00	UMYF	Aldersgate Hall
<u>Monday, February 6</u>		
10:00	UMW/UWIF	Heritage Center & Chapel
<u>Tuesday, February 7</u>		
8:00	Men's Breakfast Bible Study	Heritage Center
9:30	Tuesday Bible Women's Bible Study	Room 401
6:15	Epworth Ringers	Bell Room
7:00	Circle #5	Heritage Center
<u>Wednesday, February 8</u>		
7:30	Youth Breakfast Club	Biscuitville, 669 Huffman Mill Road
6:00	Mission Trip Meeting	Room 401
7:00	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
7:00	Staff-Parish Relations Team Meeting	John Wesley Room
<u>Friday, February 10</u>		
6:00	Valentine's Dance	Aldersgate Hall
<u>Sunday, February 12</u>		
8:45	Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
4:00	Children's Choir	Sanctuary
6:00	UMYF/Souper Bowl Party	Aldersgate Hall

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.

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.

FRONT STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Our Mission:

Knowing Christ • Growing in Christ • Sharing Christ



Pastors

Rev. Ray Warren
Rev. Stephan Margeson

Children's Minister

Melissa Miller

Worship and Family Minister

Josh Abraham

Youth Minister

Chris Huneycutt

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Follow Us



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.

GATHERING AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Even youth grow tired and weary,
People: and young men stumble and fall.

Leader: But those who hope in the Lord
People: will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles.

Leader: They will run and not grow weary.
People: They will walk and not be faint.

**All: Almighty God, we place our trust in you today.
 Fill us with your power as we worship you so that
 we might be equipped to do your work.**

ANTHEM **Arise, Shine, for Thy Light Is Come** Healey Willan
Chancel Choir (1880-1968)

Arise, shine, for thy Light is come,
And the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. Alleluia!
Oh, praise the Lord, all ye nations,
And laud Him, all ye people!
For His merciful kindness is great toward us,
And the truth of the Lord endureth forever. Alleluia!
-Isaiah 60:1; Psalm 117

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Show us your ways, in your word, O Lord. Teach us your paths, guide us in your truth, and teach us your word. Give us the courage to live out what you show us today. Amen.

SERMON **"Hope's Responsibility"** 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 **Let Us Break Bread Together** Craig Courtney
Julie Wolverton, mezzo-soprano (b. 1948)
Jack Wolverton, baritone
UMH No. 618

*** 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

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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION	UMH No. 24
The Great Thanksgiving	(Musical Setting E)
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.

COMMUNION MUSIC Adoro te Devote Gerald Near
(“Humbly We Adore Thee”) (b. 1942)
(Prelude with Four Variations)

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. 206**
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light HOUSTON

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE **Covington Toccata** Daniel Gawthrop

WELCOME! We're glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Following this service, there is a gathering in the Heritage Center for fellowship and refreshments. Please join us. Our hosts this week are Jim and Ruth Colville.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS AND ROSEBUD are given to the glory of God and in honor of Sallie Sloan Anderson, daughter of Will and Lauren Anderson, born on January 7 by proud grandparents, Marshall and Catherine Anderson.

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 February are Glenda Milligan, Nancy Bell, Glenda Blue, Hy Harris, and Carol Pace.

MEMBERS OF THE BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE serving in February are Glenda Milligan, Glenda Blue, Sharon Beal, Ellen Ritter, Nancy Sain, and Linda Weavil. 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 members David and Judy Harrington, 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.