

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

Lay Reader: David Hedgecock
Acolyte: Dorothy Gail McKinney
Crucifer: Graham Huneycutt

MEMBERS OF THE BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE serving in March are Louise Cox, Margaret Ann Freeman, Lisa Norton, Glynis Wilkes, Kathy Roberson, Martha Brannock, and Karon Matkins. If you are interested in serving on the Bereavement Committee, please contact Marie Crisman at 336-260-2512 or marie.crisman@gmail.com.

THE PRAYER REQUEST CARDS are located on the tables in the narthex and may be placed in the offering plate or in the prayer request box in the narthex area, or you may email the prayer ministry team at prayer@frontstreetumc.org. A member of the prayer team will collect requests and offer prayers for requests given on the prayer request cards.

CEREAL SUNDAY

Cereal Sunday at FSUMC is **today!** 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.

ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN

The Endowment Team will be leading a campaign in March to enable our congregation to support three important areas of ministry through giving to the endowment: Children & Youth Ministry, Missions, and Building & Maintenance. We will have speakers offering information during Endowment Moments in each of the worship services on **March 6, 13, and 20**. Then, on March 20, Rev. Lynn Benson from the United Methodist Foundation will be with us to preach in both of our services. Following the 11 a.m. service that day, we will have a meal coupled with a workshop on wills that will help us learn how to leave a legacy for our church. Sign up for the luncheon and workshop at www.frontstreetumc.org

BUCKNER MISSION MAN TRIATHLON

Today we will take a moment at the beginning of each service to lift up our Mission Man Triathlon leadership team in thanksgiving and blessing. We are grateful for their willingness to serve on this team in planning for the Buckner Mission Man Triathlon set for **July 23**. This event raises money for local and international missions. If you are interested in joining this team or just learning more, you are invited to attend our first planning meeting on **March 10** at 7:00 p.m. in the John Wesley Room. For more information, contact Pastor Stephan.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The United Methodist Women will meet **tomorrow** in the Heritage Center at 10:00 a.m. for fellowship and a program with Keisha D. Bluford. Rev. Bluford is the Pastor of Grace Outreach Ministry. She also litigates primarily in the areas of Family Law and Criminal Defense in Graham. Circle #5 will meet on **Tuesday, March 8** at 7:00 p.m. in the Heritage Center. Please join us!

FRONT STREET SUMMER DAY CAMP

Summer Day Camp registration is now open! For more information and how to register, please visit our website www.frontstreetumc.org/afterschool or contact Katie Porter at afterschool@frontstreetumc.org.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **March 27 and April 24**. For more information, please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 (cell) or kpaul5@triad.rr.com (email).

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date	Aldersgate	11:00	Total
2/6	30	121	151
2/13	40	100	140
2/20	32	144	176
2/27	30	145	175

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 6, 2022

Sunday, March 6

8:45 Aldersgate Contemporary Worship
9:45 Sunday School
9:45 Aldersgate Praise Band Rehearsal
11:00 Traditional Worship Service
6:00 UMYF
6:00 Confirmation

Aldersgate Hall
Classrooms
Chapel
Sanctuary
Aldersgate Hall
Ministry Center

Monday, March 7

10:00 UMW Program and Circles
HC/Chapel

Tuesday, March 8

8:00 Men's Breakfast Bible Study
9:30 Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study
6:15 Epworth Ringers
7:00 UMW Circle #5

Heritage Ctr/Zoom
Room 401
Bell Room
Heritage Center

Wednesday, March 9

7:30 Youth Breakfast Club
5:15 Wonderful Wednesdays
7:00 Chancel Choir Practice

Biscuitville at S Church St.
Aldersgate Hall
Choir Room

Thursday, March 10

7:00 Buckner Mission Man Triathlon Meeting

John Wesley Room

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WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

Join us on **Wednesdays in March** for a simple meal and a time of devotion. The meal will begin at 5:15 p.m., followed at 6:15 p.m. with a devotional activity for adults on the theme of Rediscovering Our First Love. Ms. Melissa will provide faith growing opportunities for our children (K-5th grade). A nursery is provided for children under 5. Come join us each week!

The cost of the meal is \$3 per person/\$10 family cap. The menu this week is lasagna. Meal reservations must be made by noon on Monday. Reservation cards are in the pew slots, church office, or make your reservation online at www.frontstreetumc.org.

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

Volunteers are needed in the following areas to assist with our Wonderful Wednesday meals: 1) Set Up (4-5:15 p.m.), 2) Clean Up (5:30-6:15 p.m.), and 3) Cashier (5:00-5:30 p.m.).

Learn more and sign up at www.frontstreetumc.org, or contact Carol Sineath at cwsineath@gmail.com. Thank you for plugging into your church community!

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 Ross. 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

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Rev. Stephan Margeson

Children's Minister
Melissa Miller

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**THE WORSHIP OF GOD
MARCH 6, 2022
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
HOLY COMMUNION**

UMH No. 13

Welcome: It's time to celebrate, we are in the presence of God. We invite you to joyfully prepare your hearts to receive God's love and to feel connected to the Body of Christ this day. Please take a moment to sign the pew pads. We'd like to keep you informed of what we are doing, so please give us your email, too.

* Please stand as you are able.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

GATHERING AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS

PRELUDE **Prelude on a Folk Hymn
["Lonesome Valley"]** Francis Jackson (1917-2022)

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)

Pastor: Jesus began his ministry to the world, led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

People: As we begin our Lenten journey, let us be led into uncomfortable places.

Pastor: In those forty days, Jesus was faced with hunger, doubt, and temptation.

People: As we seek to follow Jesus, we would be led, even into the uncomfortable choices.

Pastor: Jesus left the wilderness, faithful and obedient to God, rejoicing in the One in whom he trusted.

People: As we continue on our path to faithfulness, we will be led by our Christ, rejoicing in the Lord our God.

* **OPENING HYMN No. 139 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
LOBE DEN HERREN**

Stanza 1 – All in unison
Stanza 2 – Women in unison
Stanza 3 – Men in unison
Stanza 4 and 5 – All in unison

CALL TO CONFESSION

Forty days alone, a wilderness of thoughts, tempting and inviting thoughts, which could so easily have distracted Christ from His task, His mission, His vision. Yet He emerged, stronger and more attuned to all that had to be done. Let it be done in us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

O Lord, we have failed to bring you the first of all our blessings. We have been slow to come to the place you have chosen as a dwelling for your name. We have been intoxicated by a hunger for power, possessions, and protection. We have been dehydrated by injustice. We are misguided and deluded. As former aliens in this land of milk and honey, we have continued the cycle of discrimination and the exploitation of new aliens and strangers. Forgive us, we pray. Refresh us for justice and

compassion. Make us sober for sacrificial service. Guide us again through your Word and your will and your way. Amen

PERSONAL CONFESSON AND MEDITATION (IN SILENCE)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: May you know this wilderness has been expecting you, and may you find between the stones a promise growing. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: **Glory to God. Amen.**

ENDOWMENT MOMENT

ANTHEM **The Glory of the Father** Chancel Choir Egil Hovland (1924-2013)

In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. He came to his own, and his own received him not. The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us. We beheld the glory of the Father, full of grace and truth.

-adapted from John 1

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (IN UNISON)

May the journey into wilderness unfold honestly, for honesty is the gift my soul recognizes as me. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

* **SCRIPTURE LESSON** **Luke 4:1-13** NT Page 61

SERMON **"An Opportune Time"** Rev. Margeson

CALL TO PRAYER

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Let us pray.

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**

Ann Bothwell, soprano arr. Craig Courtney
Jan Smith, soprano (b. 1948)
UMH No. 618

* **Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD 100th**

All Singing: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

UMH No. 95

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

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.

* **HYMN No. 267**

O Love, How Deep

DEO GRACIAS

BENEDICTION

A Scottish Blessing

David Blackwell

(b. 1961)

Be a light before to lead me; be a guiding star above; Jesu, may I always know thee, may I always know thy love. There is no bird that soars the mountain, there is no deer upon the hill, There is no creature of the forest, but shall sing thy praises still.

Be a kindly shepherd for me, keep me safe thru' all my days; Jesu, may I always know thee, may I always sing thy praise. There is no life that swims the ocean; there is no creature of the sea; There is no fish within the river, but proclaims its praise for thee.

As the day falls into evening, as the night is lit with stars, At the ending of life's journey may thy heavenly peace be ours. Let every creature in God's kingdom, let every life upon the shore Sing praise to God, the world's creator, sing praises now and evermore.

-from a Scottish Blessing; adapt. David Blackwell

POSTLUDE

Grand Plein JEU on 'Deo gracias'

Mary Beth Bennett (b. 1954)

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 Wes and Lynn Collins.

THIS MORNING we welcome Ann Neese Bothwell and Jan Neese Smith to Front Street. Ann and Jan grew up in Burlington, and attended First Reformed United Church of Christ with their family. They spent many enjoyable hours with Front Street MYF activities, as they were good friends with the Inabnit and Stadler families. Thank you for sharing your musical talents with us this morning.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in honor of our wedding anniversary and all our wonderful family and in memory and celebration of the life of Jan's mom, Anna Hesson by Dex and Jan Peach.

MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD serving in March are Nancy Long, Ruth Colville, Louise Cox, Mary Ann Garrison, Beth Kelley, and Kathy Roberson.