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Front row (left to right): Betty Massey, Carol Hoxie, Elizabeth Fonville, Sandra Hughey, Carol Sineath, and Louise Cox. Back Row: Vickie Sykes, Margaret Mitchell, Martha Brannock, Paula Reardon, Amy Chandler, and Mary Holden Burke. Not pictured: Nancy Freeman and Marianna Harris.

CELEBRATING OUR OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

We are so thankful for each one of these amazing ladies who serve in the church office so faithfully. We couldn't do what we do without you! Thank you!

If you are interested in being a part of this amazing team, we have several mornings open: 1st Wednesday and 1st Thursday. Our office volunteers serve from 9 a.m. to noon. Contact Pamela at pamela@frontstreetumc.org or 336-227-6263 for questions or to volunteer.

DID YOU KNOW....CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

That is why the discipleship team at Front Street UMC is sharing the summer reading plans. This is an opportunity for you to be guided to read the whole Bible in 90 days. Yes! Really! I know it sounds like a lot, but investing in a relationship sometimes is. And here's the bait and switch: if you really aren't sure about the whole Bible plan you can choose to do the four gospels (in chronological order) in 90 days. And if you have children you can join them in reading the Psalms in 90 days. There are a plethora of options for you to begin this relationship, and I want to encourage you to try. As I mentioned before, there is no ending to your relationship with God. There is no end to the things you will learn from the Bible. There is only the beginning. Get started!

Pastor Stephan

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DID YOU KNOW...

The Israelites began their time as slaves in Egypt because Joseph (of the coat of many colors) brought them all there during a famine. In the book of Numbers there is a talking donkey. The lineage of Jesus includes a prostitute. There are psalms that include cursing your enemies. Some of Paul's letters include songs that he wrote. Mary the mother of Jesus sings a song that is inspired by Hannah in the Old Testament singing a song about her son Samuel. Elisha cursed a group of children for calling him bald, and two bears came to eat them. Two other people besides Moses parted waters for a group of people to cross on dry land. There is a psalm written as an acrostic so that the beginning of lines goes through the Hebrew alphabet. The book of Acts is short for "Acts of the Apostles."

I wonder, how many of those things did you know? These are just a few things I recall as interesting, yet rarely known facts in the Bible. To be sure, the Bible is something we can read all our lives long and always learn something new. That is why we call it the living word of God. It continues to speak into our lives today, as it has done for people the last few thousand years. You may understand well the power of reading one scripture and understanding one truth, and years later reading the same scripture and learning a brand new truth. But, have you considered how much of scripture there is left to teach you first truths?

Biblical literacy is a waning aspect of many Christian lives today. And that is a sad truth. Scripture was never meant to be something preachers read and then distilled for listeners on Sunday morning. One of the major plots that runs through the whole biblical narrative is God's desire to cut out the middle man and get right into a relationship with you! The Bible is your best tool at accepting that relationship.

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A LOOK AHEAD:

KNOWING CHRIST SENIOR SUNDAY



Join us on **Sunday, June 5** for Senior Sunday as we celebrate students who are graduating from high school. There will be one combined worship service at 11 a.m. **No** Aldersgate worship service.

GROWING IN CHRIST

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN JUNE 12-AUGUST 21 @ 9:45 A.M.

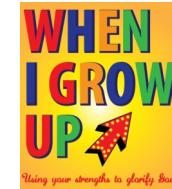
Summer Sunday School for children PreK-5th grade kicks off June 12! We hope to see you there!

WHEN I GROW UP (PreK-K in Room 304)

What Do You Want to Be When You Grow Up?
Regardless of what career we pursue, we can use our strengths to serve God—both when we grow up and right now.

BIBLE SIDEKICKS (1st-5th grade in Room 301)

We all know the big heroes of the Bible. But every one of these heroes had friends who supported and helped them along the way. Whether we're called to be out front or behind the scenes, we all have a role to play serving God and others.



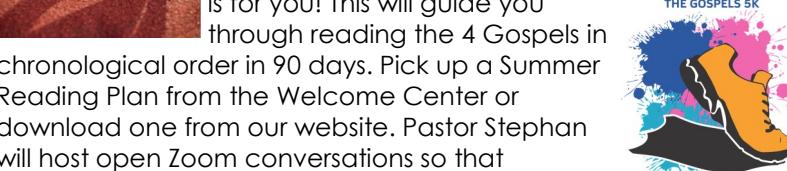
SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

In order to give our regular children's Sunday School teachers a break this summer, we're looking for volunteers to teach one or more Sundays in June, July, or August. Interested? Contact Ms. Melissa (melissa@frontstreetumc.org) for details.

SUMMER READING PLANS

Up for a challenge? We have two summer reading plans available to help you grow in your faith this summer! Read

through the whole Bible in 90 days with *The Whole Bible Marathon*. If you're looking for something a bit less demanding, *The Gospels 5K* is for you! This will guide you through reading the 4 Gospels in chronological order in 90 days. Pick up a Summer Reading Plan from the Welcome Center or download one from our website. Pastor Stephan will host open Zoom conversations so that participants can share what they have learned and ask questions for more clarity. These gatherings will be on



June 14 and July 12 at 7:00 p.m. Here is some encouragement from Pastor Stephan: "Don't worry about finishing either plan. Just start and see how far God will take you!" Watch this space for details.

A reading plan especially for kids and families is also available: "Scripture Scoops". Each day in the month of June and July, you will read a verse from the book of Psalms. Of course, there will also be fun activities to go along with the readings. Interested in participating? Contact Ms. Melissa and she will get you all the materials. Need a Bible, let Ms. Melissa (melissa@frontstreetumc.org) know and she will get you one.



COMPASSION CAMP

Have you registered your child or grandchild for our Compassion Camp (a blend of VBS and Music & Missions Camp) coming up July 11-14. Kids (preschool* - 5th grade) will explore what it means to have compassion for ourselves, others, and the world. Join us for a fun filled week of Bible stories, crafts, and activities, music, movement, and more! Register today at frontstreetumc.org.



To take advantage of our early bird rate of \$15pp/\$25 family cap, please register before June 1. After this date, the cost will increase to \$25/\$40. Payment due by the first day of camp. This camp is open to Front Street members, and our Playschool and Afterschool families only, at this time.) Questions? Contact Melissa at melissa@frontstreetumc.org). *must be born by August 31, 2018.

SHARING CHRIST

BUCKNER MISSION MAN TRIATHLON Lake Cammack, 4790 Union Ridge Road in Burlington

The Buckner Mission Man Triathlon is quickly approaching. **July 23, 2022** marks the 17th year of this momentous event and raising funds for a wide range of church missions. Please join us as a racer or volunteer—the BMMT would not be possible without the support of our wonderful church members. 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.



Prayers

- **Pat Fogleman** upon the death of her husband, Bob Alverson, on 5/9
- **Hallie Smith** who has been sick and undergoing tests

RECEPTION FOR PASTOR ROSS AND SARAH

If you haven't already, you should be receiving a letter from Front Street UMC, dated May 16, about Pastor Ross' upcoming retirement and how we can celebrate him and his ministry. The date of the drop-in reception honoring Ross & Sarah is **Sunday, June 19** between 9:45 and 10:45 a.m. (not July 19 as stated in the letter). We hope you can join us for this special occasion. Sorry for the confusion.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED



The church office will be closed on **Monday, May 30** in observance of Memorial Day.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be operating on the following schedule this summer from June 10 through September 2:

**Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Closed on Fridays**

**MORE CHURCH NEWS ON THE SECOND PAGE
OF THE JUNE BIRTHDAYS INSERT**

FINANCIAL GIVING UPDATE FOR 5/20/2022

YTD Actual Giving - \$391,651.73

YTD Budgeted Giving - \$537,812.30

STAFF

Senior Pastor
Ross Carter

Pastor of Discipleship
Stephan Margeson

Children's Minister
Melissa Miller

Youth Minister
Chris Huneycutt

Minister of Visitation
Leslie Peavy

Organist/Director of Music
Matt Brittain

Choir Director
Brad Logan

Director of Aldersgate Music
Clay Stevenson

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Tammy Page

Administrative Assistant
Pamela Shields

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Jackie Long

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Joe Peloquin
Zach Mace

Afterschool Director
Katie Porter

Playschool/Babies Morning Out Director
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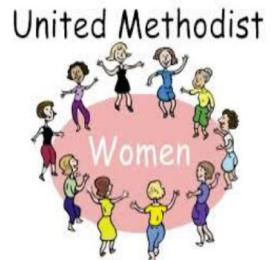
GRADUATES



Just a reminder, if you have a loved one who is a new college graduate, please provide us their name, the school they graduated from, and the degree they received. Visit www.frontstreetumc.org/features to complete an online graduate form, or email Pamela (pamela@frontstreetumc.org) by **Wednesday, June 1**. We will include the list of 2022 graduates in the June newsletter.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Circle #4 has given a donation to the FSUMC United Methodist Women in honor of Jennie Beedle and in appreciation for her many, many years of providing gift bags and baskets for the residents on our church's Meals on Wheels routes. Jennie assembled these gifts four times per year for Circle #4 to deliver on Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, and July 4. The Meals on Wheels recipients thank Jennie also!



CEREAL SUNDAY



Cereal Sunday at FSUMC is **June 5!** 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: **June 26 and July 3, 10, 17, and 31**. For more information, please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 (cell) or kpaul5@triad.rr.com.

Thank you

MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING

The total amount received from our Mother's Day offering which supports United Methodist Retirement Homes was \$1048.00. Thank you for your generosity.

TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thank you for your participation in the Bible study this year. I appreciate your support and your prayers for me and for the group. I hope your summer goes well and that we will be able to resume the Bible study in the fall.

Sincerely,
Patty Diming