

Retirement Reception



You're invited to a Retirement Reception
Honoring Pastor Ross & Sarah Carter
Sunday, June 19, 9:45-10:45 a.m.
Heritage Center
No Sunday School on June 19

A TIME OF EXPECTANCY.....CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

As I look forward, I already give thanks to God for the infusion of new energy and enthusiasm that will come with a new pastor who will work alongside you. I pray that you join me with that same spirit of expectancy and anticipation!

Just as you all did such a wonderful job of welcoming Sarah and me five years ago, I have every confidence that you will offer the same loving hospitality to Rev. Ray Warren and his wife. For those of you who have never been a part of welcoming a new pastor into your midst, I read an interesting article recently that offered a few simple ideas that you can do to demonstrate your hospitality. Here they are:

- Open your heart and decide that you are going to love your new pastor.
- Begin praying daily for your new pastor and family, even as you continue to pray for your departing pastor and family.
- Send cards of welcome and encouragement to our incoming pastor (use church mailing address: PO Box 2597, Burlington NC 27216).
- Introduce yourself to the pastor... repeatedly! You have one name to learn; your pastor has many names to learn.

I give God thanks for the time that we have had together in ministry, and will continue to lift the Front Street congregation in prayer as you journey boldly into the future!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Ross

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A TIME OF EXPECTANCY & ANTICIPATION

To everything there is a season.... – Ecclesiastes 3:1

As you have probably heard, I will be retiring as of Annual Conference this June. First, I want to thank everyone who has responded with such kind words. After 5 years of living in community with you, we have grown to love everyone. We will also miss you as we move into this next season of life. Change is sometimes difficult and can cause anxiety – mainly because we are not sure what the future holds. Such feelings are understandable. I'm sure that not even God is surprised by those feelings – after all, He created us. However, as Christians, in the midst of our anxiety we have the comfort of knowing that the One who holds the entire universe in the palm of His hand also is in charge of the future of His church.

The Holy Spirit has been guiding Front Street in anticipation of this time. Leaders have continued to grow in maturity and ability. Everyone in the church understands that you are also ministers by virtue of your baptism. Think about what that means! Our average worship attendance, including those who participate remotely, is about 315. So, while one paid minister in the church is changing, there are still approximately 314 ministers still forging ahead to do the work of the Kingdom through Front Street church! That's exciting!

The long-term trend of ministry at FSUMC is a great example of the fact that ministry in a local church should not rise and fall with the coming and going of pastors. Ministry should be owned by the people in the congregation. If the ministry of Front Street ceases to move forward in a meaningful way just because I have gone, then I have failed to adequately do my job, which is to help equip the saints for ministry. However, I feel that you are well-equipped to continue to do great things for the Kingdom...in Burlington and beyond.

continued



A LOOK AHEAD:

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!

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 for details.

NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 2022 Annual Conference will be at the Greenville Convention Center in Greenville, NC, on **June 15-18, 2022**. The theme for the quadrennium is Grace for the Future. Annual

Conference 2022 will focus on Graceful Justice – Rooted in Our Baptism. Our pastors and lay delegates will be participating in the Annual Conference. Let's surround our pastors, delegates, and bishop

with prayer as they discern God's will and order for the ministries of the NC Annual Conference.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

We send our thanks to the women of Front Street for a wonderful year of fellowship and service. Please follow the FSUMC website for summer opportunities to grow in faith and in service to others.

Several social action events were very successful this spring.

Collections were gathered in April and donated to the Diaper Bank of North Carolina in Durham. Many

thanks goes out to the 16 UMW members who served in the Baking for a Purpose Ukraine event under the leadership of Amanda Warren. The event earned over \$3000.00 to send to a sister UMC in Ukraine to assist in housing 33+ refugee families. Also, gently used jewelry was collected at our annual spring luncheon in May and was donated to Residential Treatment Services for their upcoming sale in September. On June 8 UMW assisted with our C4C school promotion ceremony in the Sanctuary.

August 27 is the date for a UMW sponsored spiritual growth opportunity to be held from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Be on the lookout



dhoxie@yahoo.com or call/text 336-214-6522.

ASP AND MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER MISSION TRIP | JUNE 20 - 26

If you would like to send mail to our youth mission teams this summer, you may do so at the following addresses:

For High School ASP Team:

Cross Lanes United Methodist Church
Attn: FSUMC, Chris Huneycutt
5320 Frontier Drive
Cross Lanes, WV 25313



For Middle School Team:

Hinton Rural Life Center
Attn: FSUMC, Chris Huneycutt
P O Box 27
Hayesville, NC 28904

Please keep in mind that it is important to send any mail early in the week to guarantee delivery.

Please keep the youth, adult leaders, and the people they will be serving in your prayers.

AFTERSCHOOL AND SUMMER DAY CAMP

Afterschool 2022-23 registration is now open, AND we still have a few available spots for Summer Day Camp! Please contact Katie Porter at afterschool@frontstreetumc.org, or visit our website, www.frontstreetumc.org/afterschool for more information about either program and the application forms.

for more details. You won't want to miss the opportunity to hear a powerful speaker on growing our faith! Mark your calendars!

Hope you have a wonderful summer. Contact Suzie Lambeth 704-907-1472 or Kathy Roberson 336-380-5664 should you have questions on any of these events for UMW.

SHARING CHRIST

BUCKNER MISSION MAN TRIATHLON

The Buckner Mission Man Triathlon is **July 23, 2022**. 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

- **Myrtle Barbee and family** upon the death of her husband, Rev. Bill Barbee, on 6/1
- **Carolyn Price** upon the death of her husband, Bill Price, on 5/25

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

THE UPPER ROOM

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



CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on **Monday, July 4** in observance of Independence Day.

FINANCIAL GIVING UPDATE FOR 6/3/2022

YTD Actual Giving - \$415,297.36

YTD Budgeted Giving - \$645,374.76

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

Finance Manager
Tammy Page

Administrative Assistant
Pamela Shields

Communications Coordinator
Joanna Strelow

Building Superintendent
Jackie Long

Maintenance
Joe Peloquin
Zach Mace

Afterschool Director
Katie Porter

Playschool/Babies Morning Out Director
Rebecca Hurdle

FOLLOW US



Congratulations to our 2022 Graduates

HIGH SCHOOL

The Burlington School

James Hayden Fleming
Son of James & Brandy Fleming

William Alexander Self
Son of Scott & Meredith Self

William Ashley Stadler
Son of Shane & Tori Stadler

Eastern Alamance High School

Kaitlyn Elizabeth Margaret Facemire
Daughter of Carol Facemire

Walter M. Williams High School

Dess Elizabeth Beckom
Daughter of Rodney & Marley Beckom

Anthony William Coble
Son of Chad & Maria Coble

David Wayne Cooper, II
Son of Tonya and the late D. Wayne
Cooper

Meredith Elise Hawley
Daughter of Boyd & Kellee Hawley

Addison Ann Holt
Daughter of Mike & the late Julie Hall Holt

Mary Elizabeth Huneycutt
Daughter of Chris & Betsy Huneycutt
Granddaughter of Betty Huneycutt

Madison Riley Mills
Daughter of Patrick and Catherine Mills

Thomas Daniel Overby
Son of Ben & Katie Overby

Amelia Margaret Pardue
Daughter of Joe & Margaret Pardue

Grayson Elliott Presley
Son of John & Chris Presley

Jacob Ross Wilkinson
Son of Brandon & Susan Wilkinson

Western Alamance High School

Henry Jake Lakey
Son of Bart & Heather Lakey

UNIVERSITY

Caroline Anderson Childs
Doctor of Pharmacy
UNC Chapel Hill
Daughter of Marshall & Catherine
Anderson

Grace Costin Gilgo
Bachelor of Journalism in Advertising and
Public Relations
UNC Chapel Hill
Daughter of Michael and Kelly Glick

Lauren Elizabeth Key
Bachelor of Science-Economics
NC State University
Daughter of Marty and Mary Key

Nathaniel Richard Pelt
Bachelor of Computer Science
UNC Wilmington
Son of Rich and Kris Pelt
Grandson of Pat Pelt

John Charles Steele
Bachelors in Communications
UNC Chapel Hill
Son of Tom and Kim Steele

Grace McKenzie Strickland
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with
minors in Public Policy and Education
UNC Chapel Hill
Daughter of Keith & Marti Strickland

Is there a name missing from the list above?

If so, please email Pamela at pamela@frontstreetumc.org.