

Holy Week at Front Street



Palm Sunday • April 10

Contemporary service at 8:45 a.m. in Aldersgate Hall

Traditional service at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. worship will be supported by Carolina Brass

Maundy Thursday • April 14

Service 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Including Holy Communion and the stripping of the altar

Good Friday • April 15

Service 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday • April 17

Contemporary service at 8:45 a.m. in Aldersgate Hall

Traditional service at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

A nursery is provided for all services

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Monastic communities. Saint Benedict tried to instill that way of living for his community. He tried to order their life in such a way so that they were filled with moments with God in all things. Spoiler alert: his community tried to poison him for being too strict. And maybe that's what it feels like if we are too strict with ourselves in our Lenten practices. Bowler says that a "*Regula* does not have to be hard; it only has to be regular." We can interpret regular in two ways. On the one hand it is something that happens with frequency. On the other it is something that is plain or common.

The point that my friend shared with me, and the point of Kate Bowler is the same. Your time spent with God should not be so regulated that it is easy to fail. As leaders of our own lives we must aim to set our selves up for success. So start a Lenten practice now, even if there's only a few weeks left in Lent. And choose something that is regular for you. In these simple things you are practicing something profound. You are practicing grace. You know that big church we use but maybe don't know what it fully means? Grace. This is an opportunity to give yourself grace, and thus feel a small piece of the great grace God is constantly pouring out to you.

Grace be with you,
Pastor Stephan

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GOOD ENOUGH

I was chatting with a great friend recently and we discussed Lenten practices. My practice has been a more robust prayer time in the mornings. That's something I've been better about in certain life stages, and worse about in others. I haven't been perfect about it during this Lent, but it has been life giving. My friend mentioned the difficulty at first in starting her Lenten practice. She wanted to start with Ash Wednesday and make it all the way through lent, but life became busy right around that moment and she forgot to start on time. After a few days she realized she had not started and at first felt like she had failed. Maybe she could try again next year. So a few more days pass and by this time she is two weeks into Lent not having started the practice she had set out to do. She felt pretty defeated and flawed for a while, until one day she had a realization.

Just because she didn't start on time did not mean she shouldn't do it at all. There was no reason why she couldn't start her Lenten practice now, even though she missed the first two weeks. If God, or even the church for that matter, expected us to be perfect wouldn't we be practicing these things all year long and for all our life? What then is the difference between spending time with God for 40 days vs 30 days? In actuality there is no difference because all time spent with God is good time. The worse option would be to not spend any time with God at all.

In the opening chapter of Kate Bowler's new book, Good Enough, she discusses the importance of a *Regula*, which means a "Rule of Life." If I were to describe a *Regula* it might start to sound similar to the style of living we would see in

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A LOOK AHEAD:

KNOWING CHRIST

FLOWER CROSS



On **Easter Sunday (April 17)**, you are invited to bring fresh flowers to place on the cross. This reminds us that through the cross and Christ's resurrection, we can have new life. The flower cross will be located in the Welcome Center.

GROWING IN CHRIST

UPPER ROOM

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

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

All women of the church are invited to join United Methodist Women on **April 4** in the Heritage Center at 10:00 a.m. for fellowship. At 10:30 a.m. we have invited multiple speakers from our membership to lead us in "**Be the Church.**" This "round robin" event will include leaders of different missions already established at Front Street. Find out how you can be a part of these important services provided by Front Street UMC. Also be some of the first church members to learn about a new upcoming mission, *Baking for a Purpose*, which will benefit citizens of Ukraine. There will be extra time in individual Circles #1, #2, and #4 at this meeting. Circle #5 will meet on **April 12** in the Heritage Center at 7:30 p.m. Please contact Suzie Lambeth at 704-907-1472 or Kathy Roberson at 336-380-5664 for more information.

United Methodist



We thank everyone who submitted items to the Diaper Bank of NC in February and March. The totals were: 626 diapers, 237 adult diapers, 444 wipes, and 1 box tampons. The folks there were very pleased!!

SHARING CHRIST

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Front Street Easter Egg Hunt is planned for **April 9** at 11 a.m. at Springwood Park. The hunt will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m., so you won't want to be late! Don't forget to bring a basket! The hunt is for children up to 5th



grade. More details coming soon! This is a free event, but we will be collecting canned food for our Backpack Ministry.

WAYS TO HELP WITH OUR EGG HUNT

Front Street family, help bring a little joy to our children this Easter! There are several ways you can be involved in this year's Easter egg hunt:

- Fill one or two dozen plastic eggs with candy or stickers and bring them to the church office by **Thursday, April 7.**
- Bring snacks/finger food for kids and families to enjoy at the hunt – let us know what you are bringing by signing up at frontstreetumc.org.
- Help set up and hide the eggs the morning of the hunt – volunteer at frontstreetumc.org.



Questions? Contact Ms. Melissa at melissa@frontstreetumc.org. Thank you in advance for your support of our Children's Ministry.

NEWS FROM OUR YOUTH

"Speaking of good times, we had a great time with Kaley Moser Evans on Sunday night, March 13. She led our youth in a discussion about how and why "People Need People." She challenged our youth and leaders to do something this week to grow relationships both with people and God. I would like to further that and challenge each of you to do the very same thing this next week. Do one thing to further your relationship with God and with people.

"Thank you to all the youth who came and participated in our conversations. You guys and gals rock!"

For more youth news, check out this week's Chris' Corner.



Prayers

- **The family of Wanda Callahan Frye** upon her death on 2/17
- **Dr. Philip Mann and family** upon the death of his wife, Mary Sue, on 3/14
- **The family of Ruth Mongold** upon her death on 3/10
- **Rachel Morrah and family** upon the death of her husband, Sam, on 3/24
- **June West** who is recovering from surgery

Thank You

Dear Front Street Family,

Thank you for the outpouring of love I have received after the recent passing of my brother, Barry Turney. I appreciate all the calls, cards, flowers, and especially the prayers. I have truly felt the comfort of God during this time. I am incredibly grateful.

Tammy Page

Heartfelt thanks to Margaret and Mike Mitchell, who have volunteered to deliver Meals on Wheels every eight weeks on Fridays. The shut-ins on Burlington Route 10 are grateful!

Salley Bradford

FINANCIAL GIVING UPDATE FOR 3/25/2022

YTD Actual Giving - \$263,969.75

YTD Budgeted Giving - \$322,687.38

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Members of the Bereavement Committee serving in April are Barbara Long, Salley Bradford, Ruth Colville, Judy Harrington, Becky Johnson, Paula Reardon, and Lisa Smith. If you are interested in serving on the Bereavement Committee, please contact Marie Crisman at 336-260-2512 or marie.crissman@gmail.com.



CEREAL SUNDAY

Don't forget **April 3** 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!

***The church office will be closed on
Monday, April 18.
Have a joyful Easter!***

Easter Monday



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one: **May 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29**. For more information, please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 (cell) or kpaul5@triad.rr.com (email).

ACOLYTES AND CRUCIFERS NEEDED

Acolytes and crucifers play an important role in worship and provide a great opportunity for youth to serve. We are in need of acolytes (6th-8th grade) and crucifers (9-12th grade). Visit www.frontstreetumc.org to learn more and sign up.



**ACOLYTES &
CRUCIFERS**

Special Gifts

Congregational Care Fund

In honor of Leslie Peavy by
Julia B. Atwater-Teague

Building & Grounds Fund

In honor of Gene Fonville by
Front Street UMW Circle 5

Endowment Fund

In memory of Robert Atkinson by
Curtis s & Carolyn Price

In memory of Ann Butler by
Battle of Alamance Chapter, NSDAR
Jim Caldwell
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In memory of Walter Davis by
Faye Boswell
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In memory of Anne Glassford
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In memory of William Hawks by
Skin & Bambi Edge and Family
Suzie Lambeth
Curtis & Carolyn Price
Scott Spivey
Alan & Norma White

In memory of Mary Sue Mann by
Mrs. Carol Blake & Family

In memory of Virgil Stadler by
Curtis & Carolyn Price

In memory of Harriet Thomas by
Roger & Iori Murphy

Music Fund

In memory of Mary Sue Mann by
Tom & Lynn Chandler
Henry & Jenna Johnson
Jerry & Nancy Long
Pittman & Steele, PLLC
Jim & Chris Smith
Nancy L. Thomas

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

In memory of Ann Butler by
Salley Bradford

Wheelchair Ramp Ministry

In honor of Fred & Vicky Glassford by
Bobby Garrison

