

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

Lay Reader: Elizabeth Olivier

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.

COFFEE ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

Did you know that coffee is available on Sunday mornings in the kitchenette in the Reading Area outside the John Wesley Room? So grab yourself a cup before heading up to Sunday School or catching up with fellow Front Street friends.

GROUP PROJECTS

Front Street Group Projects (small groups) are starting soon! Discover the gifts that you have in one another; move past skin-deep relationships and into intentional Christ centered community; and start to grow together spiritually. Day & time of Group Projects will vary. To let us know you're interested, please fill out a simple form located at www.frontstreetumc.org.

ASP AND HINTON RURAL LIFE CENTER MISSION TRIPS MEETING

There will be an important ASP and HRL mission trips meeting on **Sunday, May 22** following the 11:00 a.m. service in Aldersgate Hall. This is for all participants and parents, and will cover expectations, packing needs, and other details about our upcoming trips. The meeting is expected to end by 1:00 p.m. at the latest.

GRADUATES

This is the time of year when we celebrate students who have graduated from high school and college. Our high school graduates will be recognized at the 11 a.m. worship service on **Sunday, June 5**. We would like to recognize your college grad in the newsletter. 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.

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 here. Pastor Stephan plans to host a couple of open Zoom conversations so that participants can share what they have learned and ask questions for more clarity. 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.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date	Aldersgate	11:00	Total
4/17	35	296	331
4/24	40	139	179
5/1	42	137	179
5/8	36	152	188

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 15, 2022

Sunday, May 15

8:45	Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
9:45	Aldersgate Praise Band Rehearsal	Chapel
11:00	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
6:00	UMYF - Senior Highs Only/Senior Sendoff	Aldersgate

Monday, May 16

7:00	Staff-Parish Relations Committee Meeting	Zoom
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Tuesday, May 17

9:30	Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study	Room 401
6:15	Epworth Ringers	Sanctuary

Wednesday, May 18

7:30	Youth Breakfast Club	Biscuitville at S Church St.
7:00	Chancel Choir Practice	Choir Room

Thursday, May 19

9:30	Prayer Ministry	Room 402/Zoom
10:00	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Room 405

Sunday, May 22

8:45	Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
9:45	Aldersgate Praise Band Rehearsal	Chapel
11:00	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:00	ASP/Hinton Rural Life Mission Trips Meeting	Aldersgate Hall
4:00	UMYF End of Year Party	Cedarock Park

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **and June 19 and 26**. For more information, please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 (cell) or kpaul5@triad.rr.com (email).

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*



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Rev. Stephan Margeson

Children's Minister
Melissa Miller

Youth Minister
Chris Huneycutt

Minister of Visitation
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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

MAY 15, 2022

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 **God of Love and God of Power** Paul Manz
(1919-2009)

OPENING PRAYER (IN UNISON)

Heavenly Father, you who makes us glad with the remembrance and celebration of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Gift us this day, such blessing through our worship, that in the days to come we may be drawn even closer to you. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 578 God of Love and God of Power**
UNSER HERRSCHER

CALL TO CONFESSION

Even though we have rebelled against him, the Lord our God is merciful and forgiving. Let us confess the state of our hearts to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

Almighty God, who art rich in mercy to those who call upon you: Hear us, we ask you, as we confess our sins before you. In the presence of your love and our neighbor's need, we acknowledge our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness, our heedlessness and indifference. We confess that we are not worthy to be called your children, yet in your mercy you keep as your own. Grant us true repentance and forgive us all our sins; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PERSONAL CONFESSION AND MEDITATION (IN SILENCE)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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

All: Glory to God. Amen.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

All children are invited to come forward to the chancel steps.

Children ages 4 – first grade may then depart
for Children's Church in Room 309.

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

Chancel Choir

arr. Alice Parker

(b. 1925)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Nought be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

-Ancient Irish

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (IN UNISON)

Calm us now, O Lord, into a quietness that heals and listens. Open wounded hearts to the balm of your Word. Speak to us in clear tones so that we might feel our spirits leap for joy and skip with hope as your resurrection witnesses. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 11:1-18

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Romans 8:22-27

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SERMON

"What Should We Pray?"

Rev. Ross Carter

CALL TO PRAYER

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Let us pray.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

I Love Coffee Traditional, arr. Bernard Cate Hill, piano and Carolyn Shaak

* DOXOLOGY

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

* THE APOSTLES' CREED

* **HYMN NO. 548 In Christ There Is No East or West** **McKEE** UMH No. 881

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE **Prelude on 'Hyfrydol'** Ralph V. Williams
(1872-1958)

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 Mike and Margaret Mitchell.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in memory of Bobby Lee Alverson by the Alverson-Fogleman family.

THIS MORNING'S OFFERTORY is being offered by Cate Hill. Cate is a first grader at Smith Elementary School in Burlington. She has been playing piano for eight months. When she is not practicing piano, she enjoys dance and gymnastics. Thank you for sharing your musical talents with your Front Street family, Cate.