

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

Lay Reader: Elizabeth Olivier

THE PRAYER REQUEST CARDS in the pews may be placed in the offering or in the Prayer Request Boxes in the reading area and the narthex area, or you may email the Prayer Ministry Team at prayer@frontstreetumc.org. We thank team member Vickie Sykes, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the Prayer Request Cards.

UPDATED FOOD LIST FOR BACKPACK MINISTRY

This academic year, our Backpack Ministry supplies food for 200 children at Eastlawn Elementary. Here are our current needs: oatmeal packets, peanut butter in plastic jars, rice, and soup. Please deposit donations outside the church office.

TREES OF LOVE

Thank you to everyone who has adorned our Trees of Love to share Christ with our neighbors this season. Please return all items (unwrapped) to the trees by **today**. Note: if you are donating money or gift cards, please return to the church office.

SMALL GROUP INTEREST SURVEY

Pastor Stephan will be offering a new small group study beginning in January. The topic is TBD, but will include something of "discerning the next steps of our church." To help us with planning, if you are interested in participating in this study, please complete a short survey by **December 21** at www.frontstreetumc.org/features.

AN INVITATION TO ALL CHILDREN

Do you have a child or grandchild who would enjoy dressing up and participating in our **Christmas Eve** service? Be an angel, a sheep, a donkey, or a cow. Costumes are provided (or you can wear your own). Pick up your costume before the service in the Welcome Center, and gather in the Narthex at 4:55 p.m. Questions? Contact Ms. Melissa at melissa@frontstreetumc.org.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT FRONT STREET

• Christmas Eve Service

December 24 at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

• Christmas Day Service

December 25 at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Note: ONE service only and no nursery, childcare, or children's Sunday School

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed **December 23, 26, and 27** for Christmas, and **January 2** for New Year's Day. Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year from all the staff at FSUMC!

2022 CONTRIBUTIONS DEADLINE

A friendly reminder from the Church Office: in order for contributions to be included as a contribution towards your 2022 statement, please have mail postmarked or dropped at the church office NO LATER THAN **December 30** (the office is closed on the 31st). All contributions received after December 31 will be applied to your 2023 statement. Please note: When you provide a check as payment, you authorize us either to use information from your check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your account or to process the payment as a check transaction.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date	Aldersgate	11:00	Total
11/20	45	153	198
11/27	37	143	180
12/4	42	170	212
12/11	50	264	314

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 18, 2022

Sunday, December 18

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
5:30	UMYF Christmas Party	Huneycutt's home

Wednesday, December 21

2:00	Fresh Mobile Market	Church Parking Lot
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Friday, December 23 - Office Closed

Saturday, December 24

5:00	Christmas Eve Service	Sanctuary
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Sunday, December 25

10:00	One Combined Worship Service	Sanctuary
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OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes are available for pick-up outside the church office. Please pick yours up before the end of December. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL ON JANUARY 1

There will be no children's Sunday School on **Sunday, January 1, 2023**.

CEREAL SUNDAY

Don't forget **January 1** 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 UPPER ROOM

The **January-February 2023** issue of the Upper Room is available. You will find copies in the Welcome Center and Narthex.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The **2023** flower calendar is available in the Welcome Center. If you are interested in placing flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one, please write your name on the Sunday you wish to put flowers in the church. For more information, please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 (cell) or kpaul5@riad.rr.com (email).

MEALS ON WHEELS

Our FSUMC Meals on Wheels group needs volunteers. The current vacancy is for a Monday, delivering every 8 weeks for Burlington Route 7, **beginning in 2023**. Most of our volunteers deliver in pairs, but some deliver alone—either way you will be glad you are providing meals for our homebound neighbors in Alamance County! For more information, contact Salley Bradford at 336-584-7401 or salleybradford@yahoo.com.

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 Ray. 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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