

LOVE FROM LESLIE

- an update from Leslie Peavy, our Minister of Visitation
Engineers, lawyers, CPAs, business owners, homemakers, nurses,
doctors, physicists, husbands, wives,
mothers, fathers, grandparents, great-
grandparents, and more! These are the
elderly of our church community. They have
led rich, full, and productive lives and
continue to do so today! We are grateful
for these fine folks for they are the
foundation of our church. They have been
role models, shared their wisdom and gifts,
and passed their love of the Lord onto the next generation.



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Living in a youth obsessed society can cast a shadow on knowing
the richness of age! It may appear that a life gets smaller or
diminished but we are never diminished in the eyes of God! Each
person I have met has given me so much inspiration. Our older
generation should be respected and revered. We continue to
rely on their wisdom and follow their faith filled lives. If we are all
fortunate enough, we will continue having birthdays and
hopefully feel the love and value from our families and church
congregation.

*"Even in old age their will still produce fruit; they will remain vital
and green." (Ps 92:14)*

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to be found. Such a situation doesn't have to be brought on by a
death; it can be any difficult circumstance we find ourselves
confronted with.

In those times we can either choose to rely on ourselves and
despair, or we can confess that God is still God and approach
the difficulty with hope. Our hope can be found in the assurance
that in the right time – in the fullness of the appointed time – the
grace of God will burst forth and make all things new. After all,
that's what Holy Saturday led to. Death did not triumph over the
creative and redemptive power of God. Instead, at just the right
time – in the fullness of the appointed time – the fullness of the
love of God burst forth from the silence of the tomb.

If you are in the midst of a trying time right now, and you are
hearing nothing but silence from the throne of heaven, I invite
you to hang in there. Choose hope. And may the Holy Saturday
of your circumstance give way to a new resurrected abundant
life, in the perfection of God's time.

Grace and peace,
Ross

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HOLY SATURDAY

*But I trust in you, O LORD;
I say, "You are my God." Psalm 31:14*

Situated between the crushing weight of Good Friday, and the
miraculous joy of that weight being lifted on Easter Sunday, is
the burden of Holy Saturday. Holy Saturday is a day we don't
think about very much. Maybe we don't know what to do with
it, so we just skip over it. It seems to be a time to just get
through. So, what is it about the time that Jesus was in the
tomb that challenges us?

Most of us are uncomfortable with the notion of death. When
faced with it, we fumble for words, and we wrestle with our
faith. Death is too heavy for us to lift by ourselves.

But here's some good news. Our God is not only the Lord over
life, he is Lord over death as well. As we think about Holy
Saturday, it becomes obvious that not only is God not
overwhelmed by death, he doesn't feel motivated to have to
deal with it immediately – to move too quickly. The Father can
just let the Son be silent and still for a while. As one
commentator put it, "All of human time – and especially this
day – is held securely in the grip of its Maker. This is obvious on
Holy Saturday, a day when absolutely nothing happens in a
graveyard near Jerusalem."

For us, as people, it's no small thing for God to be in the grave.
And in the face of that reality, we have a choice to make. Will
we face the silence of Jesus' tomb with despair or with hope?

Maybe Holy Saturday could be a metaphor for the parts of life
that are difficult for us. There are times and circumstances
when we feel that we are alone, and God is silent – nowhere
continued

A LOOK AHEAD:

KNOWING CHRIST

HOLY WEEK AT FRONT STREET

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
You are invited to bring fresh flowers to place on the cross located in the Welcome Center.

A nursery is provided for all services

GROWING IN CHRIST

Congratulations to this year's Confirmation Class who were confirmed on Sunday, March 27 and April 3. Please pray for them as they continue to grow in their faith.

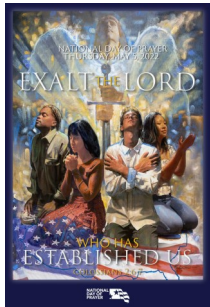


This year's confirmands are Caroline Conner, Sarah Faircloth, Elizabeth Hite, Sarah Moran, Brooke Post, Sophia Rodriguez, Jack Sanders, Sam Turner, Elise Westbrook, Eve Wilburn, and Hugh Wilson

2022 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The theme of the 2022 National Day of Prayer is "Exalt the Lord who has Established Us." Everyone is invited to set aside 30 minutes on **Thursday, May 5** to pray for our nation and its leaders. Pray at home or at the church. Sign up online at www.frontstreetumc.org or look for sign-up sheets in the Welcome Center. More information coming soon.

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.
2 Colossians 2:6-7



COMPASSION CAMP

JULY 11-14, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Compassion Camp (a combination of VBS and Music & Mission Camp) is a program where kids (preschool* – 5th grade) explore what it means to have compassion for ourselves, others, and the world. Join us for a fun filled week of Bible stories, crafts & activities, original music, movement, and more! The cost is \$15, with a \$25 family cap. Registration is now open! Register at frontstreetumc.org by **June 17**. Payment due by the first day of camp. At this time, the camp is open to FSUMC members only. *Must be born by August 31, 2018.



VOLUNTEER WITH COMPASSION CAMP

Calling all youth and adults who enjoy working with children and helping them grow in their faith. We need you! Many hands are required to make this camp a success. Reach out to Ms. Melissa (melissa@frontstreetumc.org) to learn how you can get involved.

SHARING CHRIST

BAKING WITH A PURPOSE

Calling all home bakers and those who love to eat sweets! It's easy as pie to help support the people of Ukraine! We are hosting an event to support the work of The United Methodist Church of Kam'yanitsya, Ukraine. Join us on **Saturday, April 30** from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in Aldersgate Hall for *Baking with a Purpose*. This event includes a baking competition, and a silent cake auction. Here is how you can participate in either:



Baking Competition

1. Bakers: \$5 Entry fee. Pre-Register online or day of the event. Both options pay at the door .
2. Attendees: Purchase one(1) ticket for \$1. Tickets sold at the door of event only. Each ticket purchased will include:
 - one tasting from one of the Bakers
 - one token for vote towards the Audience Choice Award
 - or a beverage (tea, lemonade, water)

Silent Cake Auction

Take home something sweet for later. Entries in the cake auction will be donation based. Cakes will be made by local bakeries and local home talents.

Find all the details and register at www.frontstreetumc.org. Questions or would like to help at the event? Contact Amanda Warren at fosterunc@aol.com.

Prayers

- **Allison Faircloth** who is recovering from back surgery to repair a herniated disk
- **The family of George Fox** upon his death on 4/4
- **Bert Mims** who is suffering from leg and hip pain
- **Rev. Bill Simpson** who is recovering from knee replacement surgery
- **Lisa Smith** awaiting test results

Congratulations

Congratulations to Andy and Jamie Moore, upon the birth of their son, William Rowan, on Friday, April 1. Proud grandparents are Fred and Vicky Glassford.

Congratulations to Kirk and Amy Huneycutt, upon the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Scott, on Friday, April 1. Proud grandparents are Joe and Lee Ann Michael and Betty Huneycutt.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Easter egg hunt by bringing filled eggs, snacks, helping to set up, clean up, or hide eggs. It takes a village and I am so grateful to be part of the Front Street village. Melissa Miller

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



FINANCIAL GIVING UPDATE FOR 4/8/2022

YTD Actual Giving - \$296,852.12
YTD Budgeted Giving - \$430,249.84

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