

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 29	CHRISTIAN SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY
MAY 3	NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
MAY 4-6	YOUTH BEACH TRIP
MAY 13	MOTHER'S DAY & UNITED METHODIST RETIREMENT HOMES MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING
MAY 20	CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
MAY 20, 6 P.M.	EVENSONG
MAY 28	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED/MEMORIAL DAY
JUNE 3	SENIOR SUNDAY
JUNE 14-16	NC ANNUAL CONFERENCE, GREENVILLE
JUNE 17-22	MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION, HAYESVILLE, NC
JUNE 18-22	MUSIC AND MISSION CAMP
JULY 4	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
JULY 28	BUCKNER MISSION MAN TRIATHLON
JULY 29-AUG. 4	APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT
JULY 30-AUG. 2	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

STRENGTHENING OUR HOSPITALITY TEAM CONTINUED FROM FRONT COVER

Seven minutes is all you get to make a positive first impression. In the first seven minutes of contact with your church, your first-time guests will know whether or not they are coming back. That's before a single worship song is sung and before a single word of the message is uttered.

Obviously your guests aren't making a logical decision based on the integrity of the preaching, the character of the church staff or the clarity of your doctrine. They are not weighing pros and cons of worship styles and theological viewpoints.... Instead, they are taking clues about your church's atmosphere and the people's friendliness on a much more rudimentary level. Their subconscious minds are working overtime to evaluate their compatibility with this new environment.

Please contact me if you are interested in being trained as a Greeter. This is a truly important ministry as we welcome new folks to Front Street.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Ross

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STRENGTHENING OUR HOSPITALITY TEAM

"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." - Romans 15:7

Imagine with me. You've decided it's time to find a church. You've been putting it off because you find it a little intimidating to go into a new place full of people you've never met. But, this Sunday you've worked up your courage to do just that. You drive up and find a place to park. You pick a door and walk inside. The people look friendly enough, and they're all talking with each other in the hallway. Nobody has noticed you, and you don't want to interrupt any of their conversations; but, you don't know where to go. You notice a Welcome Center and go over to ask some questions. Oops, nobody there. So, you start to wander, hoping you're heading in the right direction to find the Nursery for your child and then to figure out where worship is happening.

On the other hand, what if that same person came to Front Street and a trained Greeter met them at the door with, "Good morning! Welcome to Front Street! I don't think we've met before. We're so glad you're here. Can I help you find anything?"

What if there were two trained Greeters at multiple doors, one of which could escort a visitor to the Nursery, or wherever they are trying to find? What if we had Greeters at our wonderful Welcome Center ready to answer questions and talk to folks about our church's ministries?

The season of spring brings new life to nature, and we're looking forward to it bringing new life to our Greeter Ministry here at Front Street! I want to invite you to consider becoming a trained Greeter so that we can re-build our hospitality ministry. I can't stress how important this ministry is to the overall health of our church.

People who study this kind of stuff agree – we have a very short time to make a good first impression. Here is what church ministry coach, Nelson Searcy, says on the subject of hospitality.

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A LOOK AHEAD:

KNOWING CHRIST

EVENSONG

Please join us on Pentecost **Sunday, May 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.**



for Evensong: An Evening Worship Service of Prayer and Song. This service will be supported by Front Street Children's and Youth Choirs, as well as the Chancel Choir. A nursery will be provided for children under 5.

What is Evensong?

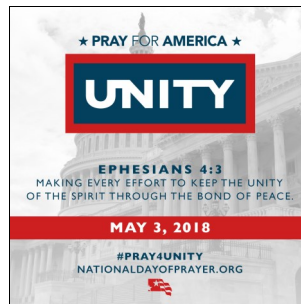
"Evensong ... is a very tiny fragment of something else: It is a fragment of the worship which is offered to God by Christian people every hour of the 24 in every part of the world. When you come to Evensong ... it is as if you were dropping in on a conversation already in progress -- a conversation between God and [people] which began long before you were born and will go on long after you are dead. Evensong is drawn almost entirely from the Bible. Its primary purpose is to proclaim the wonderful works of God in history and in the life and death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Its secondary purpose is to evoke from the worshiper a response of praise, penitence, prayer, and obedience." (A statement from Coventry Cathedral)

GROWING IN CHRIST

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The theme this year is PRAY FOR UNITY! Taken from Ephesians 4:3, which says, "Making every effort to keep the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace." As the 2018 National Day of Prayer on **May 3** approaches, thousands of individuals, churches, and communities will be working to rally millions of Christians to seek unification in prayer!

We encourage you to sign up to pray for 30 minutes on May 3 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 pm. We would like to have people praying throughout the 12 hours, either in the Prayer Room or Chapel, or in their homes. Sign up sheets are located outside the Prayer Room, the Chapel, in the Sunday School rooms, and the Welcome Center. PRAY FOR UNITY pamphlets will also be available to use as prayer guides, as needed.



Music &



Missions

Front Street UMC Summer Camp

Music & Missions Camp

June 18-22

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Kindergarten—5th Grade

Save the date!

Registration Opens April 30



Vacation Bible School

July 30 -August 2

9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Preschool—5th Grade

SHARING CHRIST

CHRISTIAN SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY

Don't forget the Christian Service Scholarship celebration on **April 29**. Rev. Meredith Hoxie Schol, Ph.D., a former recipient of this scholarship, and daughter of David and Carol Hoxie, will be preaching at the 9 and 11 a.m. services on the 29th. Come prepared to make your commitment. There will



be envelopes and pledge cards in the bulletins and the pew racks.

LOOKING FOR AN UNIQUE GIFT FOR A LOVED ONE?

Shopping for a meaningful gift for a soon-to-be graduate? Struggling to think of what to give a parent for Mother's Day or Father's Day? Consider honoring your loved one with a gift that is personalized, long-lasting and benefits the mission outreach of Front Street UMC. Buy a brick!

Bricks are available for purchase at \$100 each and can be personalized with up to three lines of text (14 characters per line). They will be installed on the church walkway, so you and your loved one will be reminded of this special moment frequently. (Please be aware purchased bricks will be placed in quantities of 20, so installation times will vary.)

Visit frontstreetumc.org to order online or contact the church office for a paper order form.



Prayers

- **Ann and Leonard Butler** - Ann has moved to the Village of Brookwood, Stratford, room 254
- **Sandra and Stanley Hughey** whose daughter has been moved to Hospice
- **Stephanie Huffstetler** who had surgery on 3/29
- **Rodger Nelson** who is recovering from a recent hospital stay
- **The family of Sammy and Ruth Ann Stubblefield** upon the death of his mother, Delores Stubblefield, on March 26

YOUTH OUTREACH PROJECT SUNDAY

The third Sunday of each month is designated as Youth Outreach Project Sunday. To learn more about this project, visit www.frontstreetumc.org. A list of



items we are collecting for this project is available on the church website or from the Welcome

Center. Please bring items on **Sunday, April 15**, and deposit them on the table in the Welcome Center. Thank you for your continuous support of this youth project.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one:

May 6, 20, and 27. For more information, please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 (cell) or kpaul5@triad.rr.com (email).



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