

Holy Week at Front Street



Maundy Thursday ❖ April 18

Service at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary including Holy Communion and the stripping of the altar

Good Friday ❖ April 19

Tenebrae Service at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday ❖ April 21

Aldersgate worship at 8:45 a.m.
Traditional services at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

A nursery will be provided for all services.

AN INVITATION FROM A FRIEND CONTINUED FROM FRONT COVER

The great theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer said:
“God has willed that we should seek and find God’s living Word in the testimony of other Christians, in the mouths of human beings. Therefore, Christians need other Christians who speak God’s Word to them. They need them again and again when they become uncertain and disheartened because living by their own resources, they cannot help themselves without cheating themselves out of the truth. They need other Christians as bearers and proclaimers of the divine word of salvation. They need them solely for the sake of Jesus Christ.”

“...You are a member of God’s very own family...and you belong in God’s household with every other Christian.” Ephesians 2:19

See you in church very soon...I hope.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Ross

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AN INVITATION FROM A FRIEND

A member of the church, who previously had been attending services regularly, stopped going. After a few weeks, the pastor decided to visit him.

It was a chilly evening. The pastor found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for his pastor's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited.

The pastor made himself at home but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, the pastor took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone then he sat back in his chair, still silent.

The host watched all this in quiet contemplation. As the one lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead.

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The pastor glanced at his watch and realized it was time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow, once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the pastor reached the door to leave, his host said with a tear running down his cheek, 'Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery sermon. I will be back in church next Sunday.'

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A LOOK AHEAD:

GROWING IN CHRIST

MUSIC AND MISSION CAMP REGISTRATION

God loves Us All
SHARING THAT LOVE WITH OTHERS



Music & Missions Camp 2019

Early registration opens **April 29** and open registration begins **May 6**. Class sizes are limited—register early to avoid disappointment—no exceptions will be made to the maximum class sizes. Visit www.frontstreetumc.org to register.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

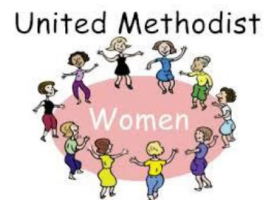
The theme this year is LOVE ONE ANOTHER. You are invited to join thousands of others in praying for our nation on **Thursday, May 2**.

We encourage you to sign up to pray for 30 minutes on May 2 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. 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. LOVE ONE ANOTHER pamphlets will also be available to use as prayer guides.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Circles 1, 2, and 4 will meet in the Chapel on **Monday, May 6** at 10:30 a.m. for our General Meeting. The Spring Salad Luncheon will follow in Aldersgate Hall. Circle 5 will meet on **Tuesday, May 14** at 6:30 p.m. in the Heritage Center. The annual salad supper will be enjoyed. All women are invited to join us as our guests. Contact Doris Jefferson at 336-228-0130 for additional information.



SHARING CHRIST

WHEELCHAIR RAMP MINISTRY

The Wheelchair Ramp Team completed ramp #368 on Saturday, April 6. Many hands make light work! All youth and



adults are welcome to join the team. On-site training is provided and no experience is necessary. Contact Tom Sineath for the next build date: tom.sineath@gmail.com.

GREETERS NEEDED

On **Tuesday, May 14** and **Wednesday, May 15**, Front Street UMC is hosting a conference for rural pastors, a joint event between both NC Conferences, the Duke Endowment, and the Institute for Emerging Issues at NC State. Greeters (10) are needed for 2 hours each day (8:30-10:30 a.m.) to ensure our guests feel welcome and provide directions to the facilities, etc. A small team of volunteers is needed to help serve lunch.



If you can be a greeter on one or more days, contact Cynthia Powell at cdpowell54@gmail.com or text at 336-214-7699. This is a wonderful opportunity for Front Street to welcome and extend the hospitality of Christ. Won't you join us?

FLOWER CROSS



On **Easter Sunday (April 21)**, 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.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

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

June 30

July 7

August 11

September 1, 8, and 29

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

Prayers

- **Cathy Jones** who is recovering from ankle and Achilles surgery
 - **Tina and Lloyd Manning** upon the death of Tina's father, Oscar Smith, on 4/9
 - **Mel and Brad Moser** upon the death of Mel's father, Raleigh Duke Ellis, Jr., on 3/38
 - **Lisa Norton** who had hip replacement surgery on 4/15
- Praise:**
- **Jesse Williams** no signs of cancer and doing well

Thank You

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

The total amount received to support the work of the United Methodist Committee on Relief was \$1,790. The Allied Churches offering was \$1,830. Thank you for your generous giving.



FINANCIAL GIVING UPDATE

YTD Actual Giving - \$344,658.19
YTD Budgeted Giving - \$425,365.16

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