

Holy Week at Front Street



Palm Sunday ❖ April 14

8:45 a.m. Aldersgate worships as usual

Combined traditional service at 11 a.m.

No 8:45 a.m. Traditional Service

Worship will be supported by children and youth choirs, Chancel Choir, and Carolina Brass of Greensboro

No Sunday School for children and youth

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.

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REPAIR MY CHURCH

St. Francis of Assisi, who many of us know from his storied love of creation and of animals, began his life in a wealthy family before an experience with a naked and homeless stranger transformed his life into one of intense devotion as a follower of Jesus. One particularly powerful story from his incredible life happened one day while Francis was journeying near the church of San Damiano, which, being as old as it was, had fallen into decay. Feeling pulled toward the derelict sanctuary, Francis entered it and began to pray before an image of the crucified Christ that still hung above the altar.

As he prayed, Francis became filled with emotion as he gazed at Jesus's cross. Then out of nowhere he heard a voice tell him three times, "Francis, go and repair my church which is in ruins." Afraid of the voice he had heard speaking to him, Francis looked around and saw no one. Once he regained his composure he set himself to obey what had been commanded of him, repairing the church around him as best he could, stone by stone. He did this two more times to two other church buildings before it became clear to him that the Holy Spirit had *not* spoken of repairing a material building at all, but of repairing the wounds of the people God has called together to be the church of Jesus Christ.

The time of St. Francis was also late in the period of the crusades, a time of violence and of movements in the church that ran counter to the God we encounter in Jesus Christ. War in the Middle East had made the church wealthier than it had ever been to that point, and with that wealth came the construction of large cathedrals as well as the power to influence the politics of the day. The church of Francis's time, rediscovering the simple way of Jesus.

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REPAIR MY CHURCH CONTINUED FROM FRONT COVER

God doesn't want us simply to worship God; God wants us to love God. And we love God by loving the people around us — our "neighbors," by resisting evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves. We gather not so that we may dwell on love's meaning, but so that love would become our meaning as we follow Jesus into the world. Our lives are where *God has chosen* for grace to take on flesh most clearly in the world. We are God's temple, not members of a dead religion. We're the bodily presence of Jesus Christ in the world, free to pursue a life activated by love that seeks out the other who is hurting, broken, and robbed of their God-given dignity.

– Pastor Patrick

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A LOOK AHEAD:

KNOWING CHRIST

LENTEN RECITAL

Take some time in the middle of your day on **Wednesday, April 10** for a little musical respite. Front Street is hosting a Lenten Recital featuring Matt Brittain, organ and Amy Marsh, cello at 12 noon in the Sanctuary. The program includes works by Barber, Saint-Saëns, Brahms, Stout, and Callahan. The recital will last between 35 and 40 minutes. There is no charge to attend. Invite a friend and join us.



Lenten Recital

GROWING IN CHRIST

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The theme this year is LOVE ONE ANOTHER. Taken from John 13:34, which says, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another: Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." As the 2019 National Day of Prayer on **May 2** 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 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.

SHARING CHRIST

EASTER EGG HUNT

Everyone is invited to come out for an afternoon of fun and games, including an Easter Egg Hunt, on **Sunday, April 14**, 3:00 - 5:00p.m. at Lake Mackintosh (Burlington). The egg hunt will begin at 3:15 p.m. There is no cost to



attend this event. Bring your basket and a friend! We look forward to seeing you there!

How can you be involved?

- Fill a dozen eggs with candy by April 8.
- Make a dessert and drop off at the church by April 12
- Help hide eggs, with craft activities, and clean up on April 14, 2-6 p.m.

Please contact Marcy McAdams if you are able to volunteer.

AUGUSTA'S PIMENTO CHEESE – YOUTH MISSIONS FUNDRAISER

Love pimento cheese? Purchase some delicious Augusta's Pimento Cheese and support our youth's fundraising efforts for their summer mission trips. The youth will be selling Augusta's Pimento Cheese for \$5 per container on **Sunday, April 7** and **Sunday, April 14** from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Welcome Center. Choose from original and jalapeño flavored cheese.



SAVE THE DATES:



Positive Attitude Youth Center Annual Banquet
May 9, 2-019, 6:00 p.m.
Celebrating 25 Years

Christian Service Scholarship Sunday
Sunday, May 26
Guest Speaker: Audrey Cecil Wilder



Front Street Summer Camps



Music & Missions Camp
June 24-28
8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Kindergarten-5th Grade

Earlybird registration opens April 29

Open registration begins May 6



Vacation Bible School
August 5-8
9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Preschool-5th Grade

Prayers

- **Ruth Ellington Haines** recovering from recent surgery

Continued prayers for:

- **Tina Manning**
- **Carol Sineath**
- **Phil Young**

Welcome New Members

We welcome new members, **Jim and Alliene Johnson and Tracy McDaniel**, who joined Front Street on Sunday, March 10.

Special Gifts

Endowment Fund

In honor of Betty Humeycutt by Michael & Wanda Aheron

Music Fund

In memory of Thomas Lee Justus by Ben & Jane Lee

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

In honor of Carol Sineath by Lloyd & Tina Manning

Wheelchair Ramp Ministry

In honor of Steve Cecil by The Connections Class

FINANCIAL GIVING UPDATE

YTD Actual Giving - \$297,015.18
YTD Budgeted Giving - \$319,023.87

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