

MOVIE NIGHT

Mark your calendars for another movie night. On **Friday, June 14**, we will show "The Sound of Music" in Aldersgate Hall at 6:00 p.m. This is the sing-along version and is rated G--so bring the whole family and come ready to join in! The Upper Room Sunday School Class will provide water and popcorn. Please sign up by June 11 at www.frontstreetumc.org/features.



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REVIVAL CONTINUED FROM FRONT COVER

John, the church had stayed strong in resisting these things, but had become stale in their passion for living God's message of love to the world. They were more or less going through the motions. "You have let go of the love you had at first," says Jesus. This church, it seems, needs *revival*.

Did you just get a chill up your spine? I think many of us are afraid of that word because it sounds too charismatic and old-time religiosity. And yet, revival names God's ongoing work in the world and in our lives. Revival is the ongoing work of grace in our lives.

It's a major problem when we trade life in Christ for programmed, calendared religion because your busy life and living in Christ are not mutually exclusive realities! During the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells the disciples that where their treasure is, their hearts will be also. That means whatever we prioritize and do, if we are not immersed in the love of God in Jesus, it amounts to very little. If we compartmentalize the practice of our faith, then we close so much of our lives off to God's grace. That doesn't mean God is absent, but rather that we fail to notice it, and thus miss opportunities to connect and grow in tandem with the Holy Spirit.

The faith of Jesus is not something we set down and take up only when we have time and energy for it. Beloved writer Henri Nouwen once argued that Jesus's question to us is never: How many people take you seriously? How much are you going to accomplish? Can you show us some results? Did you make a profit? Are we under budget for the year? No. The question is: Are you in love with Jesus? Do you know the incarnate God? If the answer is yes, then everything else will fall into place. There's no shame here. Every one of us needs revival. Every one of us needs each other. The only question is, will you seek it?

Pastor Patrick

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REVIVAL

Read Revelation 2:1-7

What comes first in your life? For many of us, that question seems easy enough to answer. Reflexively, we might say family, children, education, working hard, helping people, or if any of us feels particularly churchy, we might answer, "God!" However, I'm willing to bet that the more deeply you think on it, you'll begin to recognize that what you desire to be first in your life doesn't necessarily match what is first.

The difference between what we desire in life and what is true of our lives is symptomatic of how busily we live. Who we want to be isn't always who we are. How we want to live isn't always how we're living. What we desire for ourselves isn't always what God desires for us. Busy schedules and constant activity leave little room for nurturing our life together in Christ. Sometimes the thought strikes us as just something else on an already long list of things to do. And so church devolves into an activity on the calendar instead of a common life that orders and informs all that we do.

In every generation the church has needed God's reviving Spirit to hold the church accountable to its purpose, and the early church we read about in the New Testament was no exception. From a prison cell on the isle of Patmos, John pens short letters to the churches he serves in present day Turkey. To his sisters and brothers in Ephesus in particular he declares these words from Jesus: "you have let go of the love you had at first."

In the first century, Ephesus was a hub of trade, communication, and religion in the eastern regions of the Roman Empire. It was also the site of the temple to Artemis, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. According to

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A LOOK AHEAD:

KNOWING CHRIST

CONFIRMATION AND SENIOR SUNDAY

Join us on **Sunday, June 9** for Confirmation and Senior Sunday at the 11:00 a.m. service as we celebrate our confirmands and high school graduates.



MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY

Are you interested in becoming part of the Front Street membership? The next quarterly Membership Sunday is **June 23**. If you would like to join Front Street at any of the worship services that Sunday, please contact the church office to complete the information needed for the church roll. We look forward to having you as part of the Front Street Family.



GROWING IN CHRIST

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



Circle 5

The final UMW meeting of 2018-19 ended with delicious salad meals and music by the Playschool children. The UMW board will have a

planning meeting during the summer and regular meetings will resume in September.



Morning Circles

NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Our pastors and lay delegates will be attending the Annual Conference, **June 12-15** at the Greenville Convention Center, Greenville, NC. Let's surround our pastors, delegates and bishop with prayer as they discern God's will and order for the ministries of the NC Annual Conference.



SHARING CHRIST

CEREAL SUNDAY



Don't forget **June 2** 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 for helping stock the food pantry at the Salvation Army.

SEAMSTRESSES NEEDED

As one of the missions in our upcoming Music & Missions Camp, participants will take part in making pillow case dresses for children in Africa. If you have a sewing machine and love to sew, we need your help with making these simple dresses on **June 24** and **25**. Contact Marcy at marcy@frontstreetumc.org to volunteer. Together, we can make a difference...one little dress at a time. For more information on this mission project, visit www.littledressesforafrica.org.



ASP AND MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER MISSION TRIP

June 16 - 22

If you would like to send mail to our youth mission teams this summer, you may do so at the following addresses:

For ASP team:

ASP Nicholas Center
Attn: FSUMC, Chris Huneycutt
PO Box 1592
Craigs ville, WV 26205



For Middle School team:

Hinton Rural Life Center
P. O. Box 27
Hayesville, NC 28904

Please keep in mind that it is important to send any mail early in the week to guarantee delivery.

Please keep the youth, adult leaders, and the people they will be serving in your prayers.

Prayers

- **Margaret Mitchell** recovering from appendicitis surgery
- **Bill Sharpe** recent hospital stay
- **Betsy Simpson** recovering from hip replacement surgery
- **Lisa Smith** dealing with thyroid issues

Thank You

MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING

The total amount received from our Mother's Day offering which supports United Methodist Retirement Homes was \$1,104.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Congratulations

Dr. David Johnson was awarded the Alamance County Boy Scout of America Man of the Year Award at the annual banquet in the Alamance Country Club. He is an Eagle Scout and continues to provide leadership in Scouting throughout the Alamance County area.

On Friday, May 10, Elon University dedicated the Meditation Room of Numen Lumen to Rev. Bill Sharpe in a ceremony honoring his legacy. In 1980, Rev. Sharpe was hired as the university's first full-time chaplain—a role he served in until 1984.

FINANCIAL GIVING UPDATE

YTD Actual Giving - \$473,538.51
YTD Budgeted Giving - \$531,706.45

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