

CONCERT AT FRONT STREET

Will Kelley, piano, and Petr Nekoranec, tenor, will present a concert on **July 1 at 3 p.m.** in the Sanctuary with a reception to follow in the Heritage Center. The program will feature favorites from the classical song and operatic repertoire. There is no charge for the concert.

Petr is a native of Polná, Czech Republic and a recent graduate of the Lindemann Young Artist Development program at the Metropolitan Opera in New York City. He recently made his Met debut in Massenet's Cendrillon with co-stars Joyce DiDonato and Stephanie Blythe. Petr took First Prize, as well as Placido Domingo's special award for best tenor, in the prestigious 2017 Tenor Viñas Singing Contest in Barcelona.



William is a native of Burlington, North Carolina and a graduate of UNCG and The Juilliard School. He is now an assistant conductor in Lucerne, Switzerland where he recently made his professional conducting debut with Mozart's *Die Zauberflöte*. Next season will include debuts with the Prague Radio Symphony and a world-premiere of a new opera during the Lucerne Festival. William is the son of Tim and Beth Kelley.



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GOD IN THE ORDINARY OF THE SUMMER CONTINUED FROM FRONT COVER
When was the last time you slowed down enough to notice God in some of the small things of life?

A child's face as she sleeps...
The sunlight as it twinkles through the green leaves of a tree ...
The feel of dew on your bare feet in the cool of the morning...
The wrinkles in the face of a loved one from years of laughter and smiling ...
The subtle colors of a blue, pink, orange, and green sunset at the end of a beautiful summer day.

This summer, as you travel, or as you stay around home, notice the ordinary places in which you catch a glimpse of God and his love for you?

Take the time each day to look for what is good and simple and pure around you...and most likely you will find God there. It was the pure, simple love of the Father for you that caused Him to allow His Son to die on that cross. God's love is not complicated, nor is it hidden from view from those who will see it.

*Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.
Remember the wonders and miracles he has done,
Praise the LORD. - from Psalm 105*

Summer blessings,
Pastor Ross

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GOD IN THE ORDINARY OF THE SUMMER

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

X-Treme sports!
Super Blu-ray 3D movies!
Action packed video games!
Faster cars on the racing circuits!

We have become part of a society that craves excitement... power...16 million colors...faster performance. We want to be like the fellow in the commercial a few years ago who sat in a chair in front of his television with his hair blowing back because of the realistic sound and picture. Our society says, "Impress me, or lose me!"

Now, before you say to yourself, "I can't believe that this bozo is against fast cars and exciting movies," let me just say something. I like action packed movies just as much as the next person. I already have some noise-induced hearing loss from concert-speakers and music turned up a little too loud in my car. And I enjoy the feeling of going a little too fast in a boat on the lake. (I quit going too fast in my car... for reasons that I'd rather not relive now that my insurance rates have come back down.)

As fun as those things are, sometimes they can keep us from experiencing something great – GOD. The passage from Matthew, above, invites us to find God in some of the common parts of life – maybe even in places we hadn't thought of before.

As summer arrives, I invite you to slow down a bit and look for God in the ordinary. When we take notice, the ordinary can become the extraordinary.

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A LOOK AHEAD:

GROWING IN CHRIST

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL | July 30– August 2

Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus

Registration for Shipwrecked VBS for Preschool - 5th grade is now open! Register today and receive a free music CD! Visit www.frontstreetumc.org for details.



Interested in volunteering? Please contact Marcy McAdams at marcy@frontstreetumc.org.

SHARING CHRIST

WALK FOR WATER

Music & Missions Camp participants will take part in a sponsored walk to raise money for a well in Kenya. Participants will be grouped into teams, with one member of each team walking at any one time.

Everyone is encouraged to sponsor a team! A bulletin board is in the Welcome Center with the team names. Choose a team, make a donation, and help build a well in Kenya! To make a donation, please make checks payable to FSUMC with Walk for Water and the team name you wish to sponsor in the memo line.



The Walk for Water event will take place at 11:30 a.m. on **Thursday, June 21** at the Front Street parking lot. Come out and support the teams as they Walk for Water for a village in Kenya!

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER MISSION TRIP | June 17 - 22



If you would like to send mail to our middle school youth mission team this summer, you may do so at the following address:

Hinton 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.

FIRST-TIME VISITOR FOLLOW-UP

We are launching a first-time visitor follow-up ministry to provide greater hospitality to our guests and visitors on Sunday mornings. If you have already signed up to be a part of this ministry, or are interested in participating, there will be a brief orientation and training during the Sunday School hour (10:00-10:45 a.m.) on **Sunday, June 17** in the Reading Area. For more information, please contact Pastor Ross at ross@frontstreetumc.org or Betsy Huneycutt, First-Time Visitor Follow-Up Coordinator, at betsyshuneycutt@gmail.com.

BUCKNER MISSION MAN TRIATHLON | JULY 28 Lake Cammack Park and Marina, Burlington, NC

The Buckner Mission Man Triathlon is fast approaching. Volunteers are needed in all areas: body marking, registration, refreshments, directing course traffic, manning water stations, and the finish line. Come out and volunteer in this great event which raises money for the missions of Front Street UMC. You'll have a great time! Contact Joanna Strelow at 336-227-6263 or email joannacouperstrelow@gmail.com for details or to volunteer.



FIND RENEWAL AT THE FESTIVAL OF WISDOM AND GRACE AUGUST 13-16, 2018

This conference is held each year at Lake Junaluska and provides an opportunity for spiritual renewal and personal development for those of us in the second half of our lives. It offers worship and Sabbath time as well as plenary sessions and workshops. Join others for a time of inspiration and renewal and identify ways to continue to live into fullness of life as you move through retirement. Here is the link that can provide you more information about the schedule, speakers, workshops and how to register: https://www.lakejunaluska.com/events/spiritual_enrichment/wisdom_and_grace/ Questions? Please contact Carol Sineath in the church office.

STAY UP-TO-DATE WITH SUMMER EVENTS

In the months of June, July and August, we will publish ONE edition of *Frontline* monthly. Sign-up to receive our online newsletter, the *Weekly Word*, to stay current with upcoming events. Please email Joanna (joanna@frontstreetumc.org) to begin receiving the *Weekly Word* by email.

Prayers

- **Dave Bennett** who is experiencing some bad side effects due to changes in medications
- **The family of Phyllis Campbell** upon the death of her brother, Joseph F. Freeman, Jr., on May 1
- **Marty Clark** who suffered a brain hemorrhage
- **Edith Fogleman** who has been moved to Hospice Home
- **Jo Ann Grady** who had a moderate heart attack and stroke on 5/31
- **Cynthia Powell** who is experiencing a flare-up of gout in her foot
- **Jeannie Proctor** who underwent breast cancer surgery on 6/1 and lab results showed no cancer in her lymph nodes
- **Dot Snotherly** who had a pace maker put in on 6/1

*Congratulations to
John and Sarah McDonald
upon their marriage on June 2.*



FINANCIAL GIVING UPDATE

YTD Actual Giving - \$569,939.59
YTD Budgeted Giving - \$667,143.72

Your faithfulness in giving has enabled us to have a wonderful Evensong worship experience, act as host to Eastlawn Elementary's graduation celebration, and show appreciation to our office volunteers with a luncheon. Thank you for your continued support of the ministries at Front Street!

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