

A NEW YEAR FOR FRONT STREET CHOIRS

Our children, youth, and adult choirs resume in early September:

Epworth Ringers - Tuesday, September 3

Chancel Choir - Wednesday, September 4

Youth and Children's Choirs - Sunday, September 8



Registration is now open. For schedules, information, or to register visit www.frontstreetumc.org, or pick up a paper form from the Welcome Center.

Questions? Contact Matt Brittain at matt@frontstreetumc.org.

Come join us for another exciting season by sharing your talents through music!

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by the wisdom of knowing what is needed or required of us in a given season. How we spend our time says everything about what we value.

I wonder if you have ever realized the first full day of human existence and partnership with God was the Sabbath? Isn't that remarkable? That small detail in Genesis lets us know that my worth and your worth are not determined by what we accomplish or how productive we are. God loved us into existence before we ever *did* anything. That doesn't mean we don't labor and toil to earn a living or provide for others, but rather that productivity and efficiency are not valid measurements for determining our worth or goodness in God's eyes or in the eyes of the church. I am not what I do; I am a beloved child of God, and God creates space in my life for rest and relationship.

Sabbath is God's regular rhythm of renewal that allows us to experience God's presence and grace. The world will not fall apart if you create space in your life to rest and to take stock of what a blessing life in God is. Because I can't be a disciple if my life revolves around work. I can't be a disciple if my life is wholly consumed with what my kids are doing next. I can't be a disciple if my mantra is, "I've already done my time, let someone else do it." I can't be a disciple if my family and my church can't count on me because I'm so burned out by life and the way I've prioritized my life. So many of us live lives that flow about as well as a clogged drain. We pile on so many commitments and over-schedule so many events on our calendars and lay so many burdens of expectation on ourselves as parents and families and kids that the Holy Spirit can barely trickle through the clog we've created. *God has built us to work out of our rest, not to rest from our work.*

In other words, starting from sacred rest helps us to recalibrate our lives where we've fallen victim to societal pressures to be busy, overwork ourselves, and overcommit our families, and from there to decide afresh what rhythms are giving us the most life for living so that we may pour ourselves into them. A regular practice of Sabbath-keeping builds up those "No" muscles (and however much of a people pleaser you are, you have "no" muscles!) so that our lives may be freer to say "Yes" to Jesus and to each other.

- Pastor Patrick

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SACRED REST

Read Genesis 1:1-2:4a and Exodus 20:8-11

Have you ever heard someone say, *I'll sleep when I'm dead?* We jokingly offer sayings like this to indicate how busy our schedules are and how tired we feel because of them. All of our joking, however, betrays an unfortunate truth about how we live with calendars that are so full that they leave little to no room for us to experience the sacredness of *rest*. I'm not sure any of us want to wait to experience rest once we're dead, especially not since God has woven rest into the fabric of our being.

Genesis tells of the Trinity speaking the cosmos into existence, uttering words that explode atoms, coagulate planets, and ignite stars. From the starting point of that expansive primordial creativity God envisions the world and the beautiful diversity of flora and fauna that will populate it. And within six days' time God establishes the building blocks of all the life that has ever lived, all of it deemed good, with creation's crowning glory being the formation of human beings from the earth itself, which God calls *very good*. But on the seventh day God *rests* and observes all that had been accomplished, and God considered it *supremely good*.

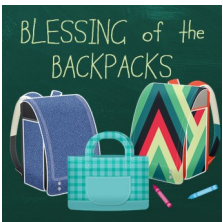
So why did God rest? Was God tired? Did God need to catch God's breath? I wonder if perhaps God rested as an act of love for creation, as if to model for creatures and people how God intends for us to live in sync with our biology. God's idea isn't that we would be defined by productivity or what we choose endlessly to do. God's vision is rather that we learn to be wise in how we manage a balance of life, work, and rest. Each has its place and each must be conditioned

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A LOOK AHEAD:

KNOWING CHRIST

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS



All children and youth are invited to bring their backpacks to church with them on **Sunday, August 25**. We will be having a "Blessing of the Backpacks" at the Aldersgate and 11 a.m. services to bless all learners and teachers in our church and in our community.

CELEBRATION SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 8

ONE Service @ 10:45 a.m.

Bibles will be presented to our two-year olds, second graders and sixth graders. Make plans to join us for a covered dish lunch following worship! Please bring two (2) of the following: meat dish | side dish | dessert - enough for your family plus 2. A Ministry Fair will follow lunch. There will be **NO Sunday School for Children or Youth** on this day.



MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY

Are you interested in becoming part of the Front Street membership? The next quarterly **Membership Sunday** is **September 8**. If you would like to join Front Street at the 10:45 a.m. worship service 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

THE NEW YEAR BEGINS FOR UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

UMW will continue to celebrate it's 150th anniversary as we begin our new year. Circles 1, 2, and 4 will meet in the Heritage Center for fellowship and refreshments at 10:00 a.m. on **Monday, September 9**. The general meeting will convene in the Chapel at 10:30 a.m. Circle 5 will meet **Tuesday, September 10** at 6:30 p.m. in the Heritage Center for fellowship and a salad supper. All women



are invited to join us. Contact Doris Jefferson at 336-228-0130 for additional information.

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY

Men of Front Street United Methodist Church want to get a "GREAT START" to your day on Tuesday mornings? Come and join a great group of "guys" at the Men's Breakfast Bible Study. Yes, although many members of our group are retired, but our attitude and outlook are not retiring. We would celebrate the presence of any and all men.

On **Tuesday, September 10**, this weekly Bible study group will be "off and running". The group places great emphasis on Christian fellowship and support for its fellow members. It also emphasizes mission and community support with funds raised by an annual pancake supper.

Dr. Jim Pace, a church member and retired Elon Professor of Religion, leads the Bible study each week by facilitating an



Men's Breakfast Bible Study Group

interactive group discussion based on the church lectionary Bible readings for each Sunday of the church year. What a gift to study and reflect on the meaning and message of the scripture passages for each season in our church calendar. Breakfast is available from 7 a.m. with a choice of diet (cereal and fruit) or ham biscuits, as well as coffee and juice. The Bible study portion begins at 7:30 a.m. and ends by 8:30 a.m. Take the plunge and join us on Tuesday mornings. You will enjoy the experience and your fellow members will rejoice in your presence.

SHARING CHRIST

BLOOD DRIVE

Front Street will have a blood drive on **Sunday, September 15**, from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in Aldersgate Hall. Please stop by and help save a life. Contact Gene Fonville at 336-260-8114 for more information or to schedule your appointment. You may also schedule an appointment by visiting www.redcross.org.



Prayers

- **Carol Brown** beginning chemo treatment
- **Marty Crank** upon the death of her mother, Doris Stevenson Sager, on July 16
- **Elizabeth Fonville** who fractured her L-2 vertebrae
- **Lee and Chet Miller** upon the death of her mother, Harriet Bingenheimer, on July 17
- **Mel Stewart** upon the death of her husband, Ed Stewart, on 8/3

Continued Prayers

- **Bill Sharpe** is home from rehab and still recuperating. He is still very weak and requests that visitors call before coming over. All of the cards, texts, and prayers are so appreciated.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Caitlin and Justin Fischetti upon the birth of their daughter, Eva Jane, born on July 23. Proud grandparents are Wes and Lynn Collins.

OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed **Monday, September 2** in observance of Labor Day. Have a safe and happy holiday!



FINANCIAL GIVING UPDATE AS OF JULY 31, 2019

YTD Actual Giving - \$685,284.39
YTD Budgeted Giving - \$744,389.03

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A LOOK AHEAD:

AUGUST FOOD DRIVE

Front Street's Backpack Ministry supplies food for children at Eastlawn Elementary who would otherwise go hungry over the weekend. In the month of August we are asking for the following specific food items which will be used to support our Backpack Ministry.



- pasta
- pasta sauce (no glass jars please)
- canned beans
- cans of corn or mixed vegetables
- canned meat
- cans of fruit
- rice
- snack packs (Jell-O or fruit cups)

Please deposit your donations in the Welcome Center. This collection will continue **through August 31**.

PARENTING WORKSHOP

The Family Life Ministry is hosting a series of three parenting workshops on Sunday afternoons in **September (15, 22 and 29)** for parents (and grandparents) of children aged 0-18 years.

Debbie Kennerson, a Licensed Psychological Associate who has a Masters in Psychology, will be leading the sessions. Childcare will be provided for children 0-11 years old. The cost of the workshop is \$25 per family. Registration will open in mid-August. Watch this space for more information.

GREETERS NEEDED

I want to thank all those who have greeted during 2019. I appreciate your dedication to sharing your gift of hospitality and making people feel welcomed as they enter the house of worship. One of the ways more people can get involved is having different groups such as Sunday School Classes, UMW Circles, Bible study groups, etc. to sign up for a period of time. This would ensure we would have someone each week to greet. It would be a great way for your group to get involved in one of the many ministries Front Street offers. If you are interested in doing this, I would love to sit down and talk. Please contact Cynthia Powell at cdpowell54@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you.



Special Gifts

Buckner Mission Man Triathlon

*In memory of Clinton Crissman, MD by
Phil & Jean Minton*

Christian Service Scholarship Fund

*In memory of Bill Bradford by
Salley Bradford, Will Bradford,
& Bruce & Salley Wilson*

*In honor of Coy Clayton by
Don & June West*

*In honor of Chris Huneycutt by
Phil & Jean Minton
Don & June West*

Endowment Fund

*In memory of Harriet Bingenheimer by
David & Gladys Laws
W. T. & Bobbie Pate*

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

*In memory of Harriet Bingenheimer by
Phil & Jean Minton*



July 2019

Special Gifts continued

Music Fund

*In honor of Matt Brittain by
June Reid*

*In memory of Harriet Bingenheimer by
Wayne & Sandra Beal
Tom & Kay Bowman
Salley Bradford
Bill & Teresa Bunch
Randy & Louse Cox
Michael & Mary Ellen Cross
F.D. & Mary Zeta Hornaday
David & Becky Johnson
Jerry & Nancy Long
Tom & Toni Meredith
Derusha Phillips
Barbara Roberts
Bennett & Raye Sapp
Stout Stuart McGowen & King LLP
George & Carole Tarry
Harriet Thomas*

*In honor of Judy Pratt by
John Pratt, Jr.*

*In memory of Doris S. Sager by
Salley Bradford*

*In memory of Lamar Salter by
Salley Bradford*

*In memory of C. Woodrow Teague by
Julia Atwater-Teague*

PROJECT AGAPE

It is time once again to begin filling Christmas boxes for refugee children in Armenia. For several years, the NC Conference has adopted Project AGAPE Christmas boxes as a conference-wide mission project. AGAPE Christmas boxes are one way Front Street UMC can share Christ's love with the children of Armenia.



Plastic shoe boxes are available in the Welcome Center for you to take and fill and return to the church **by September 22**. See below for shoe box instructions and lists. The cold weather items (hats, scarves, and gloves) we collected last December (from the Trees of Love) are available in the Welcome Center. Please take what you need to complete your box.

AGAPE PROJECT 2019—INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please only use plastic shoe size (6 qt.) boxes with a lid (eg. Sterilite boxes). Cardboard shoeboxes cannot be accepted. The plastic boxes with a lid will be useful in other ways to the recipients.
2. Feel free to include in your box a note of greeting and encouragement. You may want to include a picture of yourself or your family. If you would like to correspond with the child who receives your box, please include your postal address.
3. **Enclose \$5 in cash or check** for transportation costs for each box. Checks are to be made out to **"NC Conference" & marked for AGAPE-Christmas Boxes**. Checks may be placed inside the box **on top** of the gift items or mailed to **NC Conference, PO Box 890202, Charlotte, NC 28289-0202**.
4. Please choose the age level and sex of the child for whom you want to prepare a box. **FILL THE BOX ACCORDING TO THE LIST BELOW. LIST EVERYTHING YOU PUT IN YOUR BOX AND THE QUANTITY OF EACH ITEM USING THE CHECK LIST.** You may add other age-appropriate items as long as you check "other" and list the item and quantity of items. **No toothpaste, candy, gum, batteries, used items or perishables.**
5. Tape the list securely to the outside of the box and wrap three (3) rubber bands around the box.
6. Please place completed boxes in the Welcome Center **by September 22**.

***NEW* Please write the number of items included on the blank lines instead of using a check mark if the quantity is other than what is stated on the list.**

| Infant – 2 years | Ages 3-6 | Ages 7-12 | Ages 13-18 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Baby blanket <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Bibs <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Book (with pictures) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Comb/brush <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Diapers/cloth <input type="checkbox"/> 6 Diaper Pins <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Rattle <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Sippy cup <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Socks (pairs) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Soft toy (no buttons or eyes) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Teething ring <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (please list below) | <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Cap/toboggan <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Mittens/gloves (pairs) <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Socks (pairs) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Comb/brush <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Hairbands/bows (pack) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Toothbrush <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Book <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Coloring Book <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Crayons (Box) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Markers <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Notepad <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Ball <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Car <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Doll <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Toy or game <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (please list below) | <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Cap/toboggan <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Mittens/gloves (pairs) <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Socks (pairs) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Comb/brush <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Hairbands/bows (pack) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Mirror <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Toothbrush <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Coloring Book <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Crayons (box) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Erasers (pack) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Markers <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Notepad <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Pencils (colored) (box) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Pencils (lead) (box) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Pencil Sharpener <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Ruler <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Stuffed animal <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Toy or game <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (please list below) | <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Cap/toboggan <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Mittens/gloves (pairs) <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Socks (pairs) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Underwear <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Comb/brush <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Hairbands/bows (pack) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Mirror <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Toothbrush <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Erasers (pack) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Markers (pack) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Notepad or journal <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Pencils (colored) (box) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Pencils (lead) (box) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Pencil Sharpener <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Ruler <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Picture Frame <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Tool (set of screwdrivers) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Toy or game <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (please list below) |



CEREAL SUNDAY

Don't forget **September 1** 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.