

FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL

Fall is here! Come celebrate the season at our Family Fall Festival on **Saturday, October 26** from **11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.** (rain or shine.) Visit the pumpkin patch, eat caramel apples, and pet the furry stuffed animals in the barn area! There will be pizza, balloons, games, and activities for all ages! Dress to impress and collect candy at "trunk or treat". Find us in Aldersgate Hall and the Front St./Davis St. parking lot. This event is free and open to everyone.



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BRICK CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Thanks to YOUR generosity, the Brick Campaign raised \$2,703.29 for missions. These funds are being equally allocated between Allied Churches and Front Street's youth ASP and Haiti mission teams.

At this time the campaign is closed for individual sales. However, if a group is interested in selling 25 or more bricks for a one-time order to fund their mission objectives for the church/community, please contact the church office.

WE ARE CHRIST'S SERVANTS...CONTINUED FROM FRONT COVER

all stand before God's judgment seat.... So then each of us will give an account of himself [herself] to God." (Romans 14:10, 12) Sounds to me like he's saying I won't be answering for someone else before Christ. I'll have to give an account of my own behavior.

It makes sense. I am a servant of Christ, and it is to him that I am accountable, first and foremost. As Paul reminds me of that truth, he reminds me that other people are *Christ's* servants, not mine. Romans 14:4 says, "Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls." In other words, it is *Christ's* responsibility to judge his own servants, not mine.

What a relief! It's exhausting trying to manage everybody else's behavior... to my satisfaction. How freeing it is to realize that I don't have to do that. And what a word of hope it is that the one who has the right to judge me is the same one who chose to die for me! Thanks be to God!

Pastor Ross

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WE ARE CHRIST'S SERVANTS. THANK GOODNESS!

It's so hard to keep from doing it. But it's so easy to fall into it. After all, it seems to be a favorite pastime of people in our society – inside and outside of the church. Yet, as I reflect on it, I can't help but think that it's one of the things that causes the most conflict amongst people, and brings frustration to the people who engage in it. What am I talking about? I'm talking about the tendency many of us have of trying to control the behavior of another person.

I've rarely been successful in such an endeavor myself. And trying to control another person can be quite frustrating. I'm not sure why I ever thought I could do such a thing in the first place. Maybe it's an inflated sense of my own importance. That reminds me of a saying that's attributed to Will Rogers that can offer a word of advice to me, couched in a bit of humor: "If you get to thinking you're a person of some influence, just try ordering someone else's dog around." Ouch!

My point is this: From a spiritual standpoint I do much better when I focus on the state of my own heart (which, of course, guides my mind, my speech, and my deeds). I do much better as a disciple when I ask the Holy Spirit to bring into the light any places where I am doing well as a disciple, and the places where I need to change and grow. When I engage in this spiritual self-examination exercise, I find that there is so much work that I have left to do on myself! And if I am focused on becoming the person – the disciple – that Christ calls me to be, how will I possibly have time to manage someone else's behavior and thinking?

Paul offers in Romans, "[Why] do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will

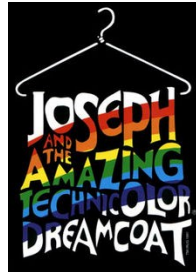
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A LOOK AHEAD:

GROWING IN CHRIST

MOVIE NIGHT

Join your Front Street friends for a movie night on **Thursday, October 17** at 6:30 p.m. in Aldersgate Hall. The feature presentation is "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," a humorously musical retelling of the Biblical story of Joseph. Enjoy popcorn while you watch! All ages are welcome! In order to assist with preparing for this event, please let us know you plan to attend. Sign up at www.frontstreetumc.org or call Jean Anderson at 336-584-0432 by **October 15**. This event is sponsored by the Upper Room Sunday School Class.



ADVENT DEVOTIONS

Every year we put together an Advent Devotional for daily use as we walk through the season of Advent toward Christmas. We are seeking contributors to compose a short devotion around specific scriptures to be included in the 2019 Advent Devotional. Would you like to be a part of this venture? What is involved? 1) Choose and sign up for a specific scripture (visit www.frontstreetumc.org/features for the list); 2) Compose a 300 word or less devotion based on your selected scripture with a title, and brief prayer at the end; 3) Turn in a draft of your prayerful work no later than **November 1, 2019**. For more information, visit the features page of our website, or contact Pastor Ross or Joanna Strelow in the church office.

Write For Us



Advent Devotions 2019

SHARING CHRIST

UPCOMING AZALEA MHP FELLOWSHIP DATES

September 21, 3-5 p.m.

SUPER HEROES

Pizza party, crafts, and FUN!

October 12, 2-4 p.m.

CAMP OUT/HALLOWEEN FUN

Crafts, masks, and s'mores!

November 16, 2-4 p.m.

LET'S BE THANKFUL!

Crafts, snacks, books, and fun together!



2019 CROP WALK

The 2019 Alamance County 5K CROP Walk for hunger relief will be on **Saturday, October 5**. To participate, sign up now at the CROP table in the Welcome Center. For Walk information, call Jenna Johnson at 336-584-1120 or Phil Young at 336-584-2090.



FRONT STREET TRAVELERS

In remembrance of the 75th anniversary of D-Day, and to honor all who served in WWII, the Front Street Travelers will visit the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, VA on **Saturday, September 28**. Departure is at 8:00 a.m. and driving time is approximately two hours. The cost is \$15 per person and includes: transportation, admission, and a one hour guided walking tour. Reservations are required. For reservations or additional information, contact: Charles Hawks at 336-264-1616 or charleshawks1@gmail.com.



YOUTH FUNDRAISER COMING IN OCTOBER

In October, our youth will be selling Charleston Wrap wrapping paper as a fundraiser for youth missions. Order from a wide selection of wrapping paper **October 1-21**, and it will be delivered to your door in early December, in time for you to wrap your Christmas gifts. Forty percent of the sales come back to youth missions, one of the highest percentages in the fundraising industry. More details coming soon!



HAITI MISSION TEAM

The Haiti Team is working out details for a fundraiser to help with our upcoming trip (**January 18-25, 2020**). We do not have all of the details ironed out, but we will share those as soon as we do. Look for information soon! We appreciate everything that the church does to support our mission in Haiti. We are truly grateful! Thank you!

Prayers

- **Bob Bearden** recovering from surgery

Continued Prayers

- **Carol Brown**
- **Bill Sharpe**

Thank You

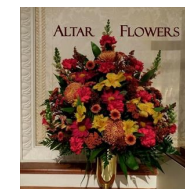
Thank you for your generosity to the Youth Storm Fund special offering on **September 15**. We collected \$1,684. for storm response which the Conference has pledged to match up to \$500,000.

PROJECT AGAPE

A friendly reminder to please return all AGAPE Christmas boxes by **Sunday, September 22**. Thank you for making Christmas special for the Armenian children.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **December 8, 22, 24, and 29**. Please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 or kpaul5@triad.rr.com for details or to sign up.



FINANCIAL GIVING UPDATE

YTD Actual Giving - \$802,032.38

YTD Budgeted Giving - \$957,071.61

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