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This Week at Front Street

Sunday, April 27 - Confirmation Sunday

8:45	Worship Service	
9:00	Aldersgate Service	
9:45	Sunday School	
11:00	Worship Service	
5:00	Children's Music Program	Chapel
5:30	Reception	RA
5:30	Parent/Youth Mtg.	AH
6:00	UMYF	YC
6:00	Dr. Efir Bible Study	CR

Monday, April 28

7:30	Council on Ministry Mtg.	JWR
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Tuesday, April 29

7:30	Men's Breakfast Bible	
	Study Group	RA
9:30	Tuesday Morning Bible Study	305
6:15	Epworth Ringers	BR

Wednesday, April 30

4:00	Cherub Choir	401
4:00	Carol Choir	404
6:00	Praise Singers	CR
7:30	Chancel Choir	CR

Thursday, May 1

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
Chapel and Prayer Room
open 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

7:00	Stephen Minister Peer Supervision	305
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Friday, May 2

Saturday, May 3

Sunday, May 4

8:45	Worship Service - Holy Communion	
9:00	Aldersgate Service	
9:45	Sunday School	
11:00	Worship Service	
6:00	Dr. Efir Bible Study	CR

UMW's 2008 Spiritual Enrichment Retreat

"For the Love of Jesus" A Spiritual Growth Retreat
May 16 & 17 Hay Street UMC, Fayetteville, NC

Leader - Rev. Laura Early, Pastor
of All God's Children Church in Aulander

Reservation forms can be found in the Church Office or contact
Glenda Milligan, UMW President.
Deadline: May 1st



Thanks to everyone who helped make the Aldersgate reception for Jonathan a success. Your gifts of food and drink were enjoyed by many and helped show Jonathan our appreciation for all he has done for our church. Thanks again for your help with the reception.

STAFF:

Senior Pastor
Marshall R. Old

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Jackie N. Long

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Barbara K. Long

Afterschool Director
Catherine H. Mills

Notes from the Pastor's Desk...

WITH US TO EMPOWER

How are Christians, those who name Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, able to follow His leadership and remain faithful in the face of life's temptations? There's a practical reason for raising this question. Sunday morning there will be twenty confirmands ready to affirm their faith and profess that Jesus Christ is the Lord. They are eager to become Christian disciples. If you were standing in my place on Sunday, what counsel would you give?

Fortunately, John's Gospel gives us Jesus' own words. In John 14:15-21, Jesus states that people who love Him are obedient to His teaching. You cannot be a disciple and live outside of Jesus' teaching. The cliché, "Practice what you preach," comes to mind.

Facing Our Giants



Our Cherub and Carol Children's Choirs would like to invite you to our spring program, "Facing Our Giants." Through singing, playing instruments, and reading of scriptures we will celebrate God's love and care for us in our daily lives. Please join us this Sunday evening at 5:00 in the chapel. Reception to follow the program.

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Sympathy and Prayers to Mr. & Mrs. Brad (Leslie) Peavey and family upon the death of her mother, Mrs. Catherine Bagnal, April 20, in Mt. Airy, N.C.

'Sunday for Sochi'

Thank you for your gifts for our sister church in Sochi, Russia. We received \$2,185 for Pastoral Salary Support and \$725.50 for land purchases.

ALTAR FLOWERS

- April 27 Nancy Garner
- May 4 June Reid
- 11 Tammye & Doug Wilson
- 18 Haggins Wedding
- 25 Bert & Julian Mims

We have 10 Sundays without Altar Flower Reservations for the remainder for 2008. Wouldn't you like to reserve a week to place the Altar Flowers in our Sanctuary? It's a very easy way to help out in our worship here at Front St. Just call Betty Saffelle at 584-1993 and she'll sign you up!

THANKS FROM THE POSITIVE ATTITUDE YOUTH CENTER

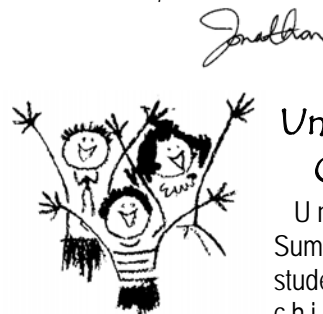
We would like to thank you for your support! Contributions such as yours are a critical part of the activities of our organization. We have been blessed abundantly these past 13 years and we want to thank you for your prayers, encouragement and support.

Our new home on Graham-Hopedale Road is almost complete and we are anxious to move in. Capital Campaign support has built it all. We are so grateful. Thank you for your generous giving. We enter 2008 with great expectations for a year filled with God's abundant grace!

Dear Front Street Church Family,

My heart is full of joy and thanks for the kindness that each of you has given me for the past two years I have been a part of this church. This community of faith has shown me what it really means to love one another as Christ first loved us. Philippians 1:3-6 best describes my thoughts towards Front Street UMC: *"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now. For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus."* Thank you all for the generous gift this past Sunday, but thank you most of all for your continued prayers for me. God bless you all!

Love in Christ,



Underground Childcare

Underground Summer Day Camp students will offer childcare on

Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. for children, ages 1 - 5.

Underground students have completed grades 6,7, and 8 and will be supervised by Ally Osborne. Ally is a student at ACC and has worked in the Afterschool and Summer Day Camp Programs for 5 years.

Childcare will begin Tuesday, June 24. The fee is \$10.00 per child per day. Children bring their lunch and milk is provided. A mid-morning snack of juice and crackers is served.

Church members have first priority for this program if they register before April 23. Reservations for any session may be made by calling Catherine Mills at 227-6772.

SPECIAL GIFTS

Appalachia Service Project

In honor of Donna Harper by:
Larry & Barbara Long

Endowment Fund

In memory of Wilbur Hooper by:
Pat & Buell Moser

In memory of Peggy Hall by:
Pat & Buell Moser

In memory of David Koontz by:
Pat & Buell Moser
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Yarbrough

In memory of Eleanor Pope by:
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Leahy

National Day of Prayer

"PRAYER! AMERICA'S STRENGTH & SHIELD" is the theme for the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 1, 2008. (Based on Psalm 28:7) This special annual event, established by Congress in 1952, urges Americans of all faiths to set aside time to pray specifically for our nation and its leaders.

Both our Chapel and Prayer Room will be open for individuals who would like to pray anytime throughout the day, 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Materials will be available with the names of our elected officials - national, state, and local, so that we may pray for them, as well as a guide to pray for our families, churches, and world. God calls us to "pray and humble ourselves with repentant hearts, and He will forgive us and heal our land." (2 Chronicles 7:14) What an awesome privilege, honor and duty as Christians to pray for our nation and its people, especially with the upcoming elections this year!

Please plan to set aside time on May 1st to be a part of this Prayer Event. Sign up sheets for prayer time will be at the entrances to the Chapel and Prayer Room.


The Prayer Ministry Team

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Further, Jesus promises each believer direct access to "the Spirit of truth." This Spirit is a gift from God the Father that lives within us and is known by us. Jesus does not leave us defenseless or orphaned. His tremendous love is with us forever, and He wants us to be successful in our faith-journey.

Sunday promises to be an exciting day for our confirmands, their families, and you. Please be in prayer for our newest disciples and for our church. Meet me in worship this week as we explore the spiritual power offered by Jesus our Lord.

Marshall



Charge Conference Scheduled for May 6

We will have a Charge Conference (the Administrative Board meeting in special session) on Tuesday, May 6th, at 7 p.m., in Room 402. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Bill Gattis, has authorized Rev. Marshall Old to preside. The purpose of the Charge Conference is to approve the salary and parsonage exclusion allowance (recommended by our Staff-Parish Ministry Team) for our new Associate Pastor.

A Future with Hope

The United Methodist Church's top legislative assembly, the General Conference, meets April 23 - May 2 in Fort Worth, Texas. As the top policy-making body of the United Methodist Church, General Conference is the only body that officially speaks for the 11.5-million member denomination.

During the nine-day session, 992 delegates will revise the Book of Discipline, which regulates the manner in which local churches, annual conferences and general agencies are organized. Delegates also revise the Book of Resolutions, a volume declaring the church's stance on a wide variety of social justice issues.

The delegates are United Methodists elected by their annual conferences, divided equally between lay members and clergy. Churches in the North Carolina Annual Conference send 20 delegates.

The theme of the 2008 General Conference will be "A Future With Hope." The primary agenda has four pieces: developing principled Christian leaders; creating new places for people by creating new congregations; engaging ministry to the poor; and fighting killer diseases (malaria, tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, etc.). You can learn more about General Conference and its decisions at www.gc2008.umc.org.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 27
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**

Scripture: Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20;
1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

SANCTUARY SERVICES - 8:45 a.m. (†) & 11:00 a.m. (††)

Sermon: "With Us to Empower" - Rev. Marshall Old

Music:

Notes From John - Eugene Butler, Chancel Choir
If Ye Love Me - Thomas Tallis, Chancel Choir
†† Jesus Shall Reign - Prelude on DUKE STREET - Cynthia Dobrinski,
Wesley Ringers/ Youth Bells

ALDERSGATE SERVICE - 9:00 a.m.

Scripture: Acts 17:22-31

Sermon: "Knowing God" - Rev. Robert Simpson

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS

- Van Driver - Winston Miller
- Sunday School Greeters
John & Judy Pratt
- Infant/Toddler Nursery
SS & Worship
(Room 306 & 308)
Jennifer & Hal Clifton
- Nursery Worker
(SS & Worship)
Alex Register
- Two Year-Old Nursery
SS & Worship (Room 101)
Sabrina & Jeff Welch
- Three & Four Year Old SS
(Room 103)
Beth Inabnit & Becca Hauser

WORSHIP WORKERS

- 8:45 Greeters
Marie & Mark Crissman
- 11:00 Greeters
Ruth Ann & Sammy Stubblefield
- Children's Church
Allison & John Moran
- Acolytes
† Mary McDonald
†† Will Troxler & Will Inabnit
- Crucifers
† Kaley Moser
†† Zach Mace
- Quick Reaction
Jennie & Bill Hawks
- Pew Pad Puller - Lille Wolff

EMERGENCY PRAYER CONTACTS

- Becky Joyner (Pastors' Secretary) - 227-6263
- Martha & Marty Clark - 446-0131
- Nancy Freeman - 584-2998

You can also e-mail your prayer requests to prayer@frontstreetumc.org. All requests will be handled confidentially by the Emergency Prayer Ministry Team.

**F.I.S.H.
THE GOOD SAMARITAN**

- Storytelling**
Heather Lakey & Heidi O'Neal
- Art** - Barbara Long
- Video** - Flora Hall Davis
- Music/Games** - Robin Weston

Shepherds

- K - 1st Grade Lilly & Mike Andress
- 2nd Grade - Marti Strickland
- 3rd Grade - Caroline Wahoff
- 4th & 5th Grades - Rachel Hussey

The Men's Breakfast Bible Study Group will meet for a breakfast of pecan waffles, scrambled eggs, sausage, and diet breakfast on Tuesday, April 29, at 7:30 a.m., in the Reading Area. Afterward, Jim Pace will conclude our study of 2 Samuel. Those interested in attending should contact Paul Abernethy (584-9178) or Harvey Andress (449-6313).

UMYF News

There will be a Parents/Youth meeting on Sunday, April 27, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in Aldersgate Hall. This will be a covered dish meal (drinks will be provided), so please bring something to share. We will welcome our new group of Junior High youth after their Confirmation and the summer schedule will be presented.

On Sunday, May 4, the Burlington District UMYF Chicken Pickin' will be held at Cedarock Park. We will leave the church at 1:45 p.m. Cost per person is \$5 for the BBQ chicken. One or two parents will be needed as chaperones for this event, and your dinner cost will be paid for. If you are interested, please let Derek know.