

## Welcome New Members

We welcome Sean and Kelby Hardy to the Front Street family. Sean and Kelby attend the Aldersgate service.

Hi Everyone!

We are Sean and Kelby Hardy and are excited to join Front Street. We moved to Burlington in April with our dogs Ole and Slavin. Ole is a mini golden doodle and Slavin is a golden retriever.

Kelby is a math teacher at Riverside High School in Durham and Sean is a Divinity student at Duke.

We can't wait to get to know the FSUMC family more and get involved in the church community!

Sean & Kelby



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### THE TASTE OF GENEROSITY CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

To touch something is to get very close. To touch generosity is to put yourself well within arms reach of another person. If generosity is moving between you and another person in either direction you are vulnerable to however it is received. We may be embraced by the other, or pushed away at our attempt. And yet, we can get closer.

To smell something is much more intimate. To smell generosity is to take it into yourself in some way. With the same breath that fills your lungs and gives life, generosity becomes more a part of you from the inside. Getting this close to generosity means absorbing its essence, and as scholars agree, attaching it deeply to your memories. And yet, we can get closer.

To taste something is perhaps the most intimate of physical experiences. At this point you probably think I'm crazy. And that's okay. But I bet you've tasted generosity. Do you remember the taste of bread and wine from a recent Sunday? That, dear friend, is the taste of the finest generosity in all creation.

Friends, in this season you are invited to experience generosity as a child. Either in giving or receiving, let generosity abound.

Pastor Stephan

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## FRONTLINE

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### THE TASTE OF GENEROSITY

Oh the lessons we can learn from children! They are born to be mighty philosophers, I think. The work that every little child does to figure out the great intricacies of our world would rival that of Plato and Aristotle. They seem innately capable of discerning great problems like the difference of good and evil, leader and follower, and sweet and sour. Why? Because they do not think with only their developing brains! That's why! They think with their feet and their hands and their eyes and their mouths. They think with a desire to know more intimately than any of us as adults are comfortable with. As a parent I can attest that this is both the most beautiful thing and the most disgusting thing, all wrapped into one.

We must learn from children none-the-less. What is it that we are learning now? In this current season it is generosity. So let us learn like the children learn.

To see something is to experience it from a distance. To see generosity is to witness the smiles of those who have received greatly from another. What joy it brings us to see the child who receives a gift, an ill person receive care and healing, an orphan receive a family, or even a dog receive a giant bone! And yet we can get closer.

To hear something is to get closer. To hear generosity is much like seeing, except this time we allow the sounds of generosity to shake us from the inside. Maybe generosity is overwhelming and the recipient cries aloud. Those sounds reverberate within us and likely even move us to emotions all our own. And yet, we can get closer.

continued

# A LOOK AHEAD:

## KNOWING CHRIST

### ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY



All Saints' Sunday

On **November 6**, we will celebrate All Saints' Sunday, at the 11:00 a.m. service. There will be reserved seating for families of those we remember.

### BEL CANTO COMPANY HOLIDAY CONCERT

The Bel Canto Company will start off its holiday season with a performance at Front Street UMC in Burlington, NC on **Monday, November 28** at 7:30 p.m. The Bel Canto Company holiday concert is Front Street United Methodist Church's annual gift to the Burlington community. The group features 48 well-trained singers singing familiar songs, songs from the past, and new music, too. It is the only concert that Bel Canto Company performs that isn't ticketed. Even though admission is free, a love offering will be collected to help defray costs. All are welcome.



## GROWING IN CHRIST

### UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

The UMW/UWIF will meet on **Monday, November 7** at 10:00 a.m. in the Heritage Center for fellowship. Representatives from Elon United Methodist Church and First Presbyterian Church will present a program on Church World Services. Bring a friend. Circle 5 meets on **Tuesday, November 8** at 7 p.m. in the Heritage Center.



United  
Women  
in Faith

## SHARING CHRIST

### FELLOWSHIP TIME VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Each week following the 11:00 a.m. worship service, a group of volunteer hosts provide Fellowship Time as a part of our ongoing hospitality ministries. Would you be willing to serve as a host for 1-2 Sundays during 2023? If you would like additional information or wish to volunteer, contact Marshall and Carol Old at [marshallrold@gmail.com](mailto:marshallrold@gmail.com) or text/call 336-684-7179.



## FALL FESTIVAL

Join us for our Family Fall Festival **this Saturday, October 29** from 10:00 a.m.-noon (rain or shine.) Activities include hayrides, a cakewalk, refreshments, and games for all ages! Costumes are optional, but no scary costumes please. Find us in Aldersgate Hall and the patio area. This event is free and open to everyone, but we're encouraging all attendees to bring canned goods for our Backpack Ministry.



## PACKATHON

Come and join us on **Sunday afternoon, October 30**, from 3-5:30 p.m. for our youth sponsored Packathon which will be held in Aldersgate Hall. We are happy to be partnering with Feed the Hunger this year and our goal is 15,000 meals. We will need 40-50 people to make this happen. If you are interested in helping, sign-up at [www.frontstreetumc.org/features](http://www.frontstreetumc.org/features) or email Chris ([chrishuneycutt75@gmail.com](mailto:chrishuneycutt75@gmail.com)). Younger kids are welcome to participate, and we always appreciate cheerleaders!!



## THANKSGIVING MEALS FOR EASTLAWN FAMILIES

Thanksgiving is right around the corner! Eastlawn Elementary (our C4C partner school) provides Thanksgiving meals for some of the most food insecure families in their school. Front Street has agreed to purchase the turkeys and sides for these meals (approximately 100 families). We are asking for donations of \$40.00 to cover the cost of the turkey meal. Please make checks payable to Front Street UMC with "turkey" in the memo line and turn into the church office by **November 13**. Also, volunteers are needed to assist with delivering the turkeys to Eastlawn during the week of **November 21**. Please contact Ms. Melissa at [melissa@frontstreetumc.org](mailto:melissa@frontstreetumc.org) to volunteer. Thank you for your support of this ministry and for your part in sharing Christ with the children of Eastlawn Elementary and their families.



## Prayers

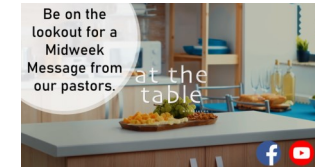
- **Joe Haithcock and family** upon the death of his wife, Susan, on 10/14
- **The family of Derusha Phillips** upon her death on 10/19
- **The family of Julia Atwater Teague** upon her death on 10/19

## Thank You

Front Street collected \$575 for World Communion Sunday. Thank you for your support.

## MIDWEEK MESSAGE

Be sure to check out our Facebook page or YouTube channel for the latest Midweek Message from Pastor Ray and Pastor Stephan. The video premieres on Wednesday and will also be included in Friday's "Happenings" email.



## FINANCIAL GIVING UPDATE FOR 10/21/2022

YTD Actual Giving - \$792,126.84  
YTD Budgeted Giving - \$1,076,413.00

## STAFF

- Senior Pastor**  
Ray Warren
- Pastor of Discipleship**  
Stephan Margeson
- Children's Minister**  
Melissa Miller
- Youth Minister**  
Chris Huneycutt
- Minister of Visitation**  
Leslie Peavy
- Organist/Director of Music**  
Matt Brittain
- Choir Director**  
Brad Logan
- Director of Aldersgate Music**  
Clay Stevenson
- Finance Manager**  
Tammy Page
- Administrative Assistant**  
Pamela Shields
- Communications Coordinator**  
Joanna Strelow
- Building Superintendent**  
Jackie Long
- Maintenance**  
Joe Peloquin  
Zach Mace
- Afterschool Director**  
Katie Porter
- Playschool/Babies Morning Out Director**  
Rebecca Hurdle

## FOLLOW US





# POINSETTIA ORDER FORM AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

## POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary on Sunday, November 27. They may be given in honor or in memory of someone. To place your order, please complete the form below by **November 13**.



Orders are not confirmed until payment is received.

Cost is \$35.00. Make your checks payable to FSUMC and mark for Poinsettias. Please mail checks to:

Front Street UMC  
PO Box 2597  
Burlington, NC 27216-2597

\*If you pay by check, it will be held until we have received the poinsettias. This is so that if there is any issue with the supply, you can easily be reimbursed.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of poinsettias ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

Poinsettia 1: In honor / memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Poinsettia 2: In honor / memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Poinsettia 3: In honor / memory of \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Yes, I will be taking my poinsettia(s) after the 11A.M. service on November 27\*

☐ No, I will not be taking my poinsettia(s)

\*Please note, all poinsettias not claimed by Wednesday, November 30 will be distributed to our homebound members.

## BMMT 2022 UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who supported our 18th annual Buckner Mission Man Triathlon in July. \$22,000 was raised and disbursed amongst the following ministries: Allied Churches of Alamance County, Positive Attitude Youth Center, Methodist Home for Children, Missionary Air Group, Sustainable Alamance, and Family Abuse Services. We couldn't have achieved this without you!

## FOOD FOR BACKPACK MINISTRY

This academic year, our Backpack Ministry supplies food for 200 children at Eastlawn Elementary. Here are our current needs:

- Stuffing mix
- Boxed mashed potatoes
- Boxed cornbread mix
- Canned cranberry sauce
- Canned soup

Please deposit donations in the Welcome Center.



## CEREAL SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 6

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.

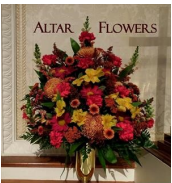
## CHARGE CONFERENCE

Front Street's annual Charge Conference is on **Monday, November 7 at 7:00 p.m.** at Belmont United Methodist Church. Charge Conference is a time for us to celebrate the life of the church in preparation for a new year.



## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **November 27 and December 4 and 11**. For more information, please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 (cell) or kpaul5@triad.rr.com



## YOUTH FUNDRAISER UPDATE

### Family, Friends, and Supporters of Front Street Youth Missions,

Thank you for your support throughout our fundraiser with Charleston Wrap. We are so appreciative of your help building our mission fund. Our campaign would not have been nearly as successful without you.

And while we're incredibly grateful, we also have some GREAT news! Even though our set fundraising window has ended – it is still possible to support our organization through Charleston Wrap!

That's right! Now through the end of the season (**December 2nd**), you can continue shopping online using our group code 16900, and we will still reap the benefits! Not only is it incredibly easy to continue supporting our cause, but it also gives you a great opportunity to get more of the products you love or cross even more off your holiday shopping list. Find the link at [www.frontstreetumc.org/youth](http://www.frontstreetumc.org/youth).



The more people who shop, the more money we can raise for our missions ministry!

Thank you for your help!

Chris Huneycutt  
Youth Minister

# Special Gifts

## Aldersgate Service

*In memory of Beth Ellington by*  
Robert & Jan Register

## Allied Churches

*In memory of Reeda Farris by*  
Peggy Smith

*In memory of Bob Patrick by*  
Peggy Smith

## Endowment Fund

*In memory of Walter Davis by*  
Millie Johnson

*In memory of Beth Elder Ellington by*  
Phillip J. Kirk, Jr.  
Scott & Kristen Moffitt  
Joe & Tish Murray  
Pittman & Steele, PLLC  
Nella Timmons

*In memory of Reeda Farris by*  
Bob & Amy Chandler  
Tom & Lynn Chandler

*In memory of Bob Patrick by*  
Tom & Lynn Chandler  
Bob & Joyce Harkey  
Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Mims  
Marshall & Carol Old  
Peggy Smith  
Elaine Williams

## Music Fund

*In memory of Reeda Farris by*  
Nancy Sain

## Pastor's Discretionary Fund

*In memory of Susan Haithcock by*  
Genesis/Rachel Vogler Sunday School Class

*In honor of Jim Pace by*  
Front Street United Methodist Women

*In honor of Rev. Ray Warren by*  
Front Street United Methodist Women

## Playschool Fund

*In honor of Barbara Long by*  
Betty Huneycutt

