

# Youth News

## YOUTH FUNDRAISER

Get a head start on your Christmas shopping and support our youth ministry at the same time! Stop by the Welcome Center on Sunday morning to place your order for Charleston Wrap products. Alternatively, find a link at [www.frontstreetumc.org/youth](http://www.frontstreetumc.org/youth). All funds raised support youth missions. Deadline to order is **Sunday, October 16**.

## PACKATHON

Clear your calendars now for **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 Joseph Williams and Feed the Hunger this year and our goal is 15,000 meals. We will need 40-50 people to make this happen. I know we will have a good number of youth there but we want your help. If you are interested in helping, be on the lookout in the next couple weeks for a sign up sheet or email me ([chrishuneycutt75@gmail.com](mailto:chrishuneycutt75@gmail.com)). Younger kids are welcome to participate, and we always appreciate cheerleaders!!

## GENEROSITY CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

depend on tax deductions, percentages, or my financial situation. Not even "how much can I afford?" or "how much does the church need?" Rather, the questions we Disciples of Jesus ask ourselves and pray about are "How much do I desire to be a follower of Jesus?", "How much do I need to give for my spiritual well-being?" "What does it mean to live generously today?"

*We are called to give as a way of life, not as a means to an end. It is a trait of the church and a distinguishing feature of followers of Jesus. We contribute from our plenty so that those in need may have their needs satisfied. We give to show that the Gospel we preach is reflected in our lives. And that happens every day, not just once a year.*

Prayer: Most generous God, may I live a life of giving that brings credit and glory to you in thanks for all that I have received. Amen.

Pastor Ray

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## GENEROSITY

My guess is as soon as you read the word "stewardship" your eyes glaze over and you move on to something else to read. Do me a huge favor, READ ON!

Typically, we talk about "stewardship" once a year and even then we do so in code. For instance, when we use the word "stewardship," we all understand that we are referring to our financial contribution even if the word itself has to do with managing what belongs to someone else. Words like "commitment card," "pledge," "gift," and "tithe" are used. But we all understand that what we're really discussing is the church's financial operations, fund-raising, and other necessities.

The Acts church took a different stance on everything. It wasn't an annual discussion. Additionally, it wasn't coded. They shared and lived together in community.

The churches of scripture were not concerned with dollar amounts, percentages, or budgets. No one claimed exclusive ownership of any belongings, according to Luke, who also explains that "all they possessed was held in common...and everything was dispersed to each as each had need." Everyone gave their utmost. That's how easy it was, or complicated as it turned out. (Acts 4:32-37)

The duration of the communal experiment is a subject of some discussion. It is undoubtedly impractical for how we live in the world now. However, it appears to me that the underlying premise has something to convey. Giving doesn't

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# A LOOK AHEAD:

## KNOWING CHRIST

### ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

We will celebrate All Saints' Sunday on **November 6** at the 11:00 a.m. service, when we will remember all those who in the last year finished their course in faith and now rest from their labors. Join us for a message of hope and remembrance as we celebrate the promise of the resurrection.



## GROWING IN CHRIST

### SCRIPTURE PUMPKINS - FAMILY FALL ACTIVITY

Learn more about God's Word and create a Scripture Pumpkin, too! This is a simple, hands-on way to read, write and learn God's word. In this family faith kit, you will dig into Paul's letters from the New Testament! Each week will focus on one of Paul's letters and will contain 7 Bible verses (for a total of 28 verses) for kids to read and write on a real pumpkin.



Pick up your packet in the Welcome Center or contact Ms. Melissa (melissa@frontstreetumc.org). *One per family please.*

## ADVENT DEVOTIONS

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to write a devotion to be included in our 2022 Advent devotional booklet. There

*Write For Us* are still plenty of scriptures remaining to be taken. The task is straightforward—choose a scripture from the list, write a short (300 word maximum) devotion around that scripture, include a title and a prayer, and submit it by **October 23** to Joanna@frontstreetumc.org

and Stephan@frontstreetumc.org. Full details at www.frontstreetumc.org.



## 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.



## THE UPPER ROOM

The November-December issue of The Upper Room is available. Copies are located in the Welcome Center and Narthex.

## SHARING CHRIST

### FALL FESTIVAL

Fall is here! Come celebrate the season at our Family Fall Festival on **Saturday, October 29** from 10:00 a.m.-noon (rain or shine.) Join us for hayrides, a cakewalk, refreshments, and games & activities 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.



### HELP WITH OUR FALL FESTIVAL

There are plenty of opportunities to serve at our Fall Festival! Help with set up and clean up, man the games, provide refreshments, or bake for the cake walk. Thank you for helping our families have a fun and safe event at Front Street. Sign up to volunteer at www.frontstreetumc.org.

## FOOD FOR BACKPACK MINISTRY



This academic year, our Backpack Ministry supplies food for 200 children at Eastlawn Elementary. Here are our current needs: canned meat, mac and cheese, pasta sauce and peanut butter in plastic jars, and granola bars. Please deposit donations in the Welcome Center.

## POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary on **Sunday, November 27**. They may be given in honor or in memory of a loved one. To place your order visit www.frontstreetumc.org or look for an order form in the next newsletter. Deadline to order is **November 13**. Cost is \$35.00.



## Prayers

- **The family of Reeda Farris** upon her death on September 22
- **Evelyn Henly-Patrick** upon the death of her husband, Robert "Bob" Patrick, on October 1

## Thank You

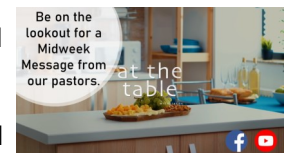
Thank you to everyone who participated in Project Agape by packing a Christmas box. Twenty boxes were filled, and will make their way to the hands of children in Armenia. Thank you for making Christmas special for these children.

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **October 23 and 30** and **November 27**. For more information, please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 (cell) or kpaul5@triad.rr.com (email).

## 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 10/7/2022

YTD Actual Giving - \$769,536.64

YTD Budgeted Giving - \$1,076,413.00

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