



## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT FRONT STREET UMC

### BEL CANTO CONCERT

NOVEMBER 28 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

### "A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS"

DECEMBER 11 AT 10:45 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

Note: 8:45 a.m. Adlersgate's service worships as usual

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

DECEMBER 24 AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

### CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

DECEMBER 25 AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

**NOTE: ONE SERVICE ONLY**

### AT THE TABLE ADVENT VIDEOS

We hope you have enjoyed our *At The Table* midweek videos over the past few months. Throughout Advent, our *At The*



Table videos will focus on the season of Advent. Each week, Pastors Ray and Stephan will introduce the upcoming Sunday's message. The videos will premiere on YouTube and Facebook on **Saturday mornings at 6:00 a.m.**

There will be no midweek video in December.

### HAPPY RETIREMENT CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

We know Joe will enjoy his well deserved next adventure of his life. We anticipate he will spend much of his time with his beloved family, his wonderful dogs, and watching his favorite sport teams: Boston Red Sox, Celtics, Bruins, and New England Patriots.

Joe we will miss your presence here at Front Street and pray that your retirement is filled with the joy and care you have given to all of us.

Pastor Ray

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## FRONTLINE

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### HAPPY RETIREMENT!

It is with mixed emotions that we celebrate Joe Peloquin's retirement at the end of the year. Joe has provided us with 15 years of devoted service. I don't know how we will get along without him!

Joe's attention to detail, care of our facilities, hardworking, gracious, and joyful attitude, has been invaluable. His willingness to put in extra time and effort to help us have a clean, warm, and equipped ministry facility has demonstrated a commitment to excellence that we have come to depend upon. In addition to his incredible competence and care, he has been a friend to all with his thoughtfulness and quiet encouragement.



Our ministry team will be celebrating with Joe at a retirement luncheon on December 7, to show our tremendous appreciation for his service to Front Street and his friendship to all of us. We invite everyone to send notes, cards, and a love offering gift to share your appreciation for Joe's work and presence with us. You may send your note and gift to the church office by Sunday, December 4, 2022.

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# A LOOK AHEAD:

## KNOWING CHRIST

### UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Gifts to the United Methodist Student Day offering help deserving United Methodist students continue their education



and their faith journeys as they strive to make a difference in the world and discern what God has called them to do. Offering envelopes will be provided for your gift. To learn more about this offering visit, [www.umcgiving.outreach.com](http://www.umcgiving.outreach.com).

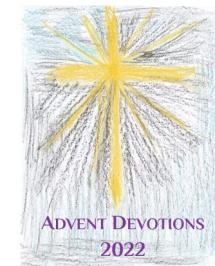
## CHRIST OFFERING

On **Sunday, December 11**, as has been our tradition, we will receive this year's Christ offering. This offering assures that we not only meet our obligations for the year, but that we testify to the light which is Jesus Christ our Lord. If you will not attend church in person that Sunday, please mail your gift to the church or send it by any electronic means you prefer. Just indicate "Christ Offering".

## GROWING IN CHRIST

### ADVENT DEVOTIONS

Front Street's Advent Devotions 2022 is available. Please pick up a copy in the Welcome Center, Narthex, or Heritage Center. We ask that you only take one copy per family. Beginning November 27, a daily devotion will be posted on Front Street's Facebook page. 'Like' us to receive notifications. Alternatively, sign up at our website, [www.frontstreetumc.org](http://www.frontstreetumc.org), to receive a daily Advent devotion straight to your inbox. We hope these devotions will be a source of renewal for you this Advent season.



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN IN FAITH

All ladies of Front Street United Methodist are invited to the chapel at 10:30 a.m. on **Monday, December 5** for a short summary of UWIF 2022. We will move to Aldersgate Hall for a festive covered dish luncheon and fellowship. Honor Cards for



United  
Women  
in Faith

ACAC will be available to purchase. All FSUMC staff are invited to join us as we are so very grateful for their support and leadership throughout the year.

## SHARING CHRIST

### CEREAL SUNDAY



Don't forget **December 4** 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.

## TREES OF LOVE

This season, share Christ with our neighbors by adorning our Trees of Love:

**Tree of Grace:** Pastor's Discretionary Community Relief Fund assists members of the community who are in financial distress. Specifically, this fund helps to pay for electric, gas, and water bills.

**Tree of Hope:** Our Sister's House has women and children residing there over the holidays. Help make Christmas special for them by taking an ornament and returning the item listed on the reverse. Let's bring some hope to our neighbors who need our help the most.



**Tree of Life:** Congregations For Children (C4C) is a statewide initiative of The United Methodist Church focused on reflecting the love of Christ to our neighbors by helping children in public schools who are living in poverty. Front Street partners with Eastlawn Elementary School providing food through the Backpack Ministry and much more.

Adorn our Trees of Love with the spirit of giving! Please return all items (unwrapped) to the trees by **Sunday, December 18**. Note: if you are donating money or gift cards, please return to the church office. Thank you!

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The following date is available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **December 4**. For more information, please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081(cell) or [kpaul5@triad.rr.com](mailto:kpaul5@triad.rr.com).

## Prayers

- **Wayne Beal** who is recovering from a fall
- **Stephen Diming** who is recovering from a mild stroke
- **Stan Hughey** who is recovering from knee replacement surgery

## Thank You

We, the Epworth Ringers, thank you so very much for our weekend bell workshop with Brian Childers. We realize without your loving generosity it would not have been possible.



We learned so much and the fellowship and joy we shared was just remarkable. We are excited for you to share our joy as we play some of Brian's compositions in the coming months.

Thanks again,  
Epworth Ringers

## FINANCIAL GIVING UPDATE FOR 11/18/2022

YTD Actual Giving - \$911,840.65

YTD Budgeted Giving - \$1,184,054.30

## STAFF

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Ray Warren

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