

# Congratulations

Congratulations to Joe Peloquin upon his retirement as of December 16, 2022. Joe has been a part of the Front Street staff for fifteen years serving on the building maintenance team. In celebration of his time at our church, we will be accepting a "Love Offering" for Joe to show our appreciation for his faithful service to Front Street UMC. You can mail your gift to the church, drop it off at the church office, or place it in the offering plate. Checks should be payable to Front Street UMC with "gift for Joe Peloquin" in the memo line."



All gifts should be given by **Sunday, December 4, 2022.**

## 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.

## LIVE GENEROUSLY CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

With Jesus as our role model for living generously, how often do we stop to ask for his blessing so that we may bless others? As we attempt to move past or adapt to our post-pandemic world, live in a world of political and social unrest, and the entire world's economy uncertain, we may be like Jesus' original disciples, "Lord, there is not enough!" Be encouraged. Cry out to a generous God to receive his blessing, so that we may live generously sourced by his blessings.

Thank you for your generosity and for sharing your blessings.

Pastor Ray

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# FRONTLINE

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## LIVE GENEROUSLY

Live Generously! I saw this "slogan" on a t-shirt recently. I wonder what the person believed his t-shirt meant? What does it mean to live generously? "Live" is an action verb; therefore, to live generously requires us to act. Scripture tells us faith without action is dead (James 2:17). Each of us probably has a different response to this question about living a generous life, but all of us who are "followers of the Way," followers of Jesus the Christ, have the same role model ...

Jesus. Jesus lived a generous life, even though it was not one of material wealth. Jesus' generous life was sourced by his father in heaven. Jesus was so generous that his generosity was even questioned by his disciples on occasion because of its overabundance.

In Mark 6:35-44, we read about Jesus feeding the five thousand. When Jesus told the disciples, "You give them something to eat," they doubted that was possible without spending eight months' wages on bread to feed the crowds. Then Jesus, taking the five loaves of bread and two fish that the disciples gathered from the people, "looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves." Jesus asked his father's blessing on the bread and fish that were miraculously multiplied to feed all the people with basketfuls leftover. Jesus modeled his dependence on his father, before his disciples and before us as well, when he sought the blessing of his father by looking up to heaven and giving thanks. Jesus generously provided for the people by asking his father's blessing and the power of his relationship with his father was demonstrated in the miraculous feeding of all the people.



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# A LOOK AHEAD:

## KNOWING CHRIST

### THIS SUNDAY IS COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Tithe/estimated giving cards were mailed last month, but cards will also be available on the tables in the Narthex. We have the opportunity to communicate our estimated giving for 2023, and this year you have four options on how to do that:



- **You can place your pledge card in the offering plate.**
- **You can mail your pledge card to our Financial Manager,** Tammy Page (PO Box 2597, Burlington, NC 27216).
- **You can deliver your pledge card to the church office** Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Friday, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- **You can enter your pledge online.** Just go to Front Street's website (frontstreetumc.org) and click on the Stronger Together logo. This online method has the same blanks to fill in as the paper estimated giving card. When you hit "Submit" after the final question, it will send the information directly to our Financial Manager, Tammy Page.

### BEL CANTO COMPANY HOLIDAY CONCERT

Begin the holiday season with a concert of familiar songs, songs from the past, and new music. The Bel Canto Company will perform at Front Street United Methodist Church on **Monday, November 28** at 7:30 p.m. This is a free event. A love offering will be collected to help defray costs. All are welcome!

### SAVE THE DATE

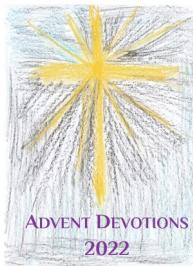
The annual "A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols" will be presented on **December 11** at 10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The 8:45 a.m. Adlersgate's service worships as usual.

## GROWING IN CHRIST

### ADVENT DEVOTIONS

Front Street's Advent Devotions 2022 will be available **Sunday, November 20**. 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.



## SHARING CHRIST

### THANKSGIVING MEALS FOR EASTLAWN FAMILIES

Thank you to everyone who purchased a turkey meal for an Eastlawn Elementary family. We are still accepting donations of \$40.00 for a turkey meal. Make checks payable to Front Street UMC with "turkey" in the memo-line and turn into the church office by **Sunday, November 13**. Also, volunteers are needed to assist with delivering the turkeys to Eastlawn on **Monday, November 21** at 10:00 a.m. Contact [melissa@frontstreetumc.org](mailto:melissa@frontstreetumc.org) to volunteer.



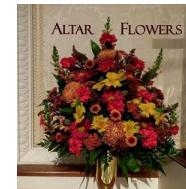
### POINSETTIAS

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 a form by **Sunday, November 13**. Forms are located in the Welcome Center and at [www.frontstreetumc.org](http://www.frontstreetumc.org).



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

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS



The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **December 4 and 25**. For more information, please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 (cell) or [kpaul5@triad.rr.com](mailto:kpaul5@triad.rr.com).

## Prayers

- **Melanie Hawks** who is recovering from recent open heart surgery
- **Charles Grady and family** upon the death of his wife, Jo Ann Grady

## Thank You

The Fall Festival was a huge hit thanks to the many volunteers who helped with everything from bringing goodies to eat or helping to run a game or helping with set up or clean up. I can't possibly name everyone who helped because there were so many. Once again Front Street has blown me away with their generosity!

Melissa Miller  
Children's Minister



The church office will be closed **Thursday, November 24** and **Friday, November 25** in observance of Thanksgiving. From all of us at Front Street UMC, we wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving.

~ FSUMC Staff

### FINANCIAL GIVING UPDATE FOR 10/21/2022

YTD Actual Giving - \$869,343.45  
YTD Budgeted Giving - \$1,184,054.30

## STAFF

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