

## ARTWORK FOR OUR ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET

Is your child a budding artist? We're seeking an image for the front cover of this year's Advent Devotion, and would love to use a picture created by a member of the Front Street family. It's easy to participate:

- 1) Create your advent\* picture using any media you like (crayons, markers, paint etc.)
- 2) Take a photo of or scan your picture and email it to [joanna@frontstreetumc.org](mailto:joanna@frontstreetumc.org).
- 3) Keep your picture safe. If your picture is chosen we may need the original copy.
- 4) Submit your art by October 30, 2020.



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Questions? Contact Joanna Strelow in the church office.

*\*Your picture should symbolize Advent, not Christmas. So no Christmas trees, Santa, elves or reindeers please. Possible ideas for an Advent picture include:*

- Advent wreath
- *he great light that the people see in Isaiah 9*
- *Imagery from the prophets in the Old Testament about the coming of Jesus (eg Isaiah 11:6-9)*
- *Zachariah and Elizabeth*
- *Mary & Joseph*
- *Manager*
- *Jesus in glory (2nd coming)*

*Still need ideas? Take a look at the scriptures for this year's Advent Devotions at [www.frontstreetumc.org](http://www.frontstreetumc.org).*

## ELECTION TIME CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

I invite you to enter into a season of prayer prior to voting in this year's election. Lift every aspect of this endeavor to God. Lift the name of every candidate to the throne of heaven. Pray how the Spirit leads you. If you need help getting started, maybe use the following as a beginning point:

Lord God, as the election approaches, help me to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country; and, help me appreciate how the Gospel compels me to respond as a faithful citizen in our community.

The Election is November 3. Whether you vote early, or wait until Election day, pray and then vote. May God bless you and our country as you do both.

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Ross

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# FRONTLINE

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## ELECTION TIME

It's easy to get swept up in the hoopla surrounding elections isn't it? We live in a fast paced society that is characterized by 10 second sound bites and partial truths (which we don't recognize as borderline lies because we move so quickly that we don't have time to figure out the facts - we just accept them as presented).

Lots of times we're like the Israelites just before they crossed into the Promised Land. They had been wandering around in the wilderness for 40 years, and there they sat on the brink of a new day - of a new way of life. They were in such a hurry to get to Canaan that they forgot about something. Hmm...what could it have been? GOD!

Many of us make decisions in such a hurry that we don't take time to search out reliable information to base our decisions on. Then we end up making poor choices.

We have to remember to ask someone about our decisions before we make the choice. But who do we ask? Well, who did Joshua make sure that the Israelites listened to? God!

Before we go into that voting booth we need to pray. We need to ask for God's guidance. Seeking God's voice, and then listening to it, will remind us that it's not our political party, nor our nation, nor ourselves that is the central figure on God's stage - God is.

The only thing that matters is what God wants. His will is perfect and his knowledge is Truth. If we rely on men and women who are centered on God to be our leaders here on earth, and if we remember to make God the ultimate leader of our lives, great things will be accomplished in our midst. If we place ourselves in positions of service to God he will use us for great things.

continued

# A LOOK AHEAD:

## KNOWING CHRIST

### ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

We will celebrate All Saints' Sunday on **November 1** 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

### ADVENT DEVOTIONS

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to write a devotion to be included in our 2020 Advent devotional booklet. There 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 30**. Full details at [www.frontstreetumc.org](http://www.frontstreetumc.org).

Write For Us



## SHARING CHRIST

### BLOOD DRIVE

Front Street will have a blood drive on **Saturday, November 7** from **8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** in Aldersgate Hall. Note: donors can go ahead and sign up now online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), sponsor code: Front Street. Also, donors may text or call Gene Fonville at 336-260-8114 (cell) for more information or to schedule your appointment.



### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The United Methodist Women will participate in Operation Christmas Child for Samaritan's Purse this year. Christmas boxes are available for pick-up at the church. They are on tables near the Welcome Center. Instruction sheets are inside each box. You may also use regular shoe or plastic boxes of the same size. This is a church-wide project and everyone is invited to participate.



All boxes need to be returned to the church by **November 9**. Instructions and more information can be found at [www.frontstreetumc.org/features](http://www.frontstreetumc.org/features). Contact Doris Jefferson at [jeffersondoris@aol.com](mailto:jeffersondoris@aol.com) if you have any questions.

### DRIVE THRU TRUNK OR TREAT

Our drive thru trunk or treat is coming up on **Saturday, October 31, 4:00-6:00 p.m.** in the Webb Ave. parking lot! Do you want to be involved? Volunteers (youth and adults) are needed to:

- 1) Decorate a trunk
- 2) Donate candy
- 3) Distribute candy

To volunteer, please SIGN UP at [www.frontstreetumc.org](http://www.frontstreetumc.org) or email [marcy@frontstreetumc.org](mailto:marcy@frontstreetumc.org) by **October 20**. This event will take place rain or shine!



### POINSETTIAS



Poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary on **Sunday, November 29**. They may be given in honor or in memory of a loved one. To place your order visit [www.frontstreetumc.org](http://www.frontstreetumc.org) or look for an order form in the next newsletter.

Deadline to order is **November 15**. Cost is \$24.00.

### PLAYSCHOOL FUNDRAISER

The Front Street Playschool is raising support for classroom resources by selling Attractions Dining and Value Guides. Their goal is to raise \$1,000. They only have a short time to reach their goal; **Friday, October 30** is the last day! Questions? Contact Rebecca Hurdle at [playschoolfs@gmail.com](mailto:playschoolfs@gmail.com) or 336-227-6603.

### BRAVE CAVE

Join Ms. Marcy for Brave Cave for a fun, cave-themed virtual event where kids will learn they can trust God with all of their fears—the big and the small! Look for the Brave Cave videos on Sunday mornings, **October 18 and 25** at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube.



## Prayers

- **Bill and Jennie Hawks** upon the death of Jennie's brother, Howard Pruitt of Hickory, NC
- **Phil Minton** fell and fractured his leg in 2 places
- **Marshall Old** receiving treatment for macular degeneration
- **Jim and Kathy Roberson** upon the death of Jim's brother, Johnny of Joplin, MO
- **Tim and Janet Van Sant** upon the death of Janet's father, Robert Taylor

Continued prayers:

- **Salley Fox**
- **Charles Hawks**
- **Chris Huneycutt**

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **October 25, November 29, and December 6, 13, 24, and 27**. Please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 or [kpaul5@triad.rr.com](mailto:kpaul5@triad.rr.com) for details or to sign up.



### FINANCIAL GIVING UPDATE AS OF 10/9/2020

YTD Actual Giving - \$859,694.56  
YTD Budgeted Giving - \$1,053,352.30

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