



Good News

Aldersgate Mission: "To Know Jesus And To Make Him Known"

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Happy New Year

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This year is starting off with many expressions of joy and laughter. We must begin this year with hearts of thanksgiving. I invite you to ponder upon the word of God daily. This year is an opportunity to live your life studying and growing deeper in your faith.

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What spiritual practices do you need?

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I have been on a fitness journey for a while now. I had no idea of the amount of people who would join the gym in January. While speaking with my trainer I was overwhelmed with the amount of people inside the gym. The gym space resembled a high school cafeteria where every seat and machine was taken. The regulars in the gym made a comment that the newbies would be gone by February 1. At first this was a sigh of relief but then it soon became a space of sadness.

What is our relationship like with God?
When do we invest in growing in our faith?

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In service,

Richard

About Good News Newsletter

Good News Newsletter is the primary communication tool to share how Aldersgate United Methodist Church is living into its mission: To know Jesus and to make Him known. Soon Good News Newsletter will transition to a weekly digital newsletter and a more in depth monthly mailout.



From our ministry partner SIFAT: "How we would love to sit down with you and talk about all the amazing things that have taken place this year. Church and university short-term mission teams have worked tirelessly to provide medical care for hundreds of marginalized people in South America. They built a clinic in a remote Bolivian village and began construction on another after-school facility to provide a safe environment for even more of the 2,000 at-risk children we serve in Ecuador. They installed irrigation systems in a barren high Andes village, so families in that area could know food security for the first time ever.

"Graduates of SIFAT training around the globe learn how to meet their basic human needs and pass this practical knowledge on to their communities, many in countries where their lives are at risk daily. Through approved graduate projects, incredible results have been accomplished to provide food, clean water, better health care and to create micro enterprises, so that many single mothers can now support their families. A new training facility in Costa Rica is planned for 2019 to allow many who cannot get visas to the United States to be able to study with SIFAT. Thank you again for all you have done to make these things possible."

Announcements

1. Adult Bible Studies Sign Up

Sign up for an adult Bible study now during Midweek Gatherings at aldersgateumc.org!

Events

Aldersgate's Got Talent Rehearsal

Jan. 13 | 4 p.m. | Choir Room

The youth will be practicing for Aldersgate's Got Talent!

Youth Small Groups

Jan. 13 | 5 p.m. | CAC

River Region Readers

Jan. 13 | 6 p.m. | Rm. 119

Join us as we discuss Groucho and Me by Groucho Marx. All are welcome! If you want to read ahead, we will be discussing The Alice Network by Kate Quinn at 6 p.m. Feb. 10.

Upcoming Events

Feb. 10 The Alice Network by Kate Quinn

March 10 Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate.

April 14 My Italian Bulldozer by Alexander McCall Smith

Chancel Choir

Wed., Jan. 16 | 7 p.m. | Choir Room

Youth Small Groups

Jan. 20 | 5 p.m. | CAC

Youth Winter Retreat

Jan. 25- 27, 2019 | Shocco Springs

Registration and payments due by Jan. 11

Register at: <https://aldersgateumcmontgomery.wufoo.com/forms/youth-winter-retreat/>

- **\$50** for the first child registered in a family

- **\$40**/additional child in a family

Cost includes: transportation, 5 meals, lodging, programming and a Winter Retreat 2019 t-shirt.

Payments may be made by cash or check. Please bring payments to Miles Barnhardt during weekly office hours or Sunday mornings.

For more information contact: Miles at 334-356-6197 or milesaldersgateumc.org.

Night of Praise

Sun., Feb. 10 | 5 p.m. | CAC

Save the date!

Parents' Night Out

Feb. 8 | 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Parents, enjoy a nice evening out by yourselves! Children ages infant through 5th grade are invited to join us for a night of fun! The cost is \$15 per child with a \$40 max per family. Registration is required. *Register online at aldersgateumc.org beginning on January 21st.*

UMVIM Team Leader Training

Feb. 9 | 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Auburn UMC

\$25 Registration Fee

Interested in leading a mission team, but don't know where to start? Participants in this training will receive a wealth of information on preparing an UMVIM team for service, including such topics as effective project selection, spiritual development, cultural sensitivity for teams, logistics, and finance. Included in the registration fee is the UMVIM Team Leader Handbook and lunch. See George Mingledorff for more details.

Father/Daughter Dance

Feb. 15 | 6 - 8 p.m. | CAC

Dads, take your daughters out to dance the evening away to some of your favorite tunes! All ages are invited to attend. Be sure to wear your Sunday best! Refreshments will be offered. *No cost to attend, but a donation basket will be available. For more info. contact Katie Blair at katie@aldersgateumc.org.*

6th Annual Global Impact Celebration

Sun., Feb. 24

Save the date! Our 6th Annual Global Impact Celebration (GIC) will be Sunday, February 24, 2019. This year's keynote speaker will be Rev. Lisa Ausley.

Volunteer Opportunities

Family Promise

Sun., Jan. 20 - Sat., Jan. 26

Family Promise serves families in need of temporary housing. Families (usually two or three) stay overnight for a week in our church building, then move on to another local church. Volunteers are needed to provide dinner, serve as evening or overnight hosts, and help with set-up or take-down on Sundays. Contact Rev. Richard Williams for more information at richard@aldersgateumc.org.

Meal Providers for the Youth Group

Sunday Evenings | 5 p.m. | CAC

We are in search of Youth parents, people in the church or Sunday School classes to provide meals for Youth gatherings on Sunday evenings. We ask that you prepare food for about 20-25 people. We have the following dates available:

February: 24

March: 3, 17, 24

April: 7, 14

May: 5, 12, 19

If you might be interested in serving please contact Miles Barnhardt at (334)-356-6197 or by email at miles@aldersgateumc.org

Knitting and Crocheting Ministry

Thank you to everyone who gave to the Knitting and Crochet ministry. We have donated 237 shawls/lap throws for the patients at the cancer center; a baby blanket to babies born into the Aldersgate Church family; and prayer shawls for those in distress. Numerous prayer shawls were taken by our members to the people in Ecuador. We are knitting and crocheting throws and shawls with a goal of 75- for the hurricane victims in Florida. Come join us. We met every Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in room 25.

Mid Week Gathering

Wednesday, January 16

Dinner: 5:15 - 6 p.m. | Bible Studies: 6 - 6:45 p.m.

Menu: Poppysed Chicken, rice, steamed broccoli, rolls, banana pudding

Kids Menu: pizza

Served by: Ambassadors

Family- \$25

Adults- \$6

Youth- \$5

Children- \$3

College Students- Free

Adult Bible Studies

Why by Adam Hamilton

Led by Mitizi Whittington

Book of Job

Led by Richard Williams

Marriage Life

Led by Brian and Christina Miller

James: Guidelines for a Happy Christian Life

Led by Tom Babington and David Mease

Youth and Children Bible Studies

Youth Track: Re:Form

Led by Miles Barnhardt

Children's Track: Heart Works Lab

Led by Katie Blair

Infant and Toddler Track: Teeny Tykes, & Tunes

Led by Steve Badskey and Rebekah Bye

Food Pantry

Month of January

Donations Needed: Peanut Butter and Jelly

The Food Pantry Ministry could not continue to serve others without the wonderful help and support from the members of Aldersgate. You are the hands and feet of Christ! Thank you!

Please place all donations in the containers throughout the church. All monetary donations may be placed in the offering plate, mark "food pantry" on your check.

In December the Food Pantry distributed over 70 Christmas Meal Bags. A big round of applause goes to:

All who donated to the Iron Bowl Challenge

The Youth who helped pack all the bags

Those that helped setup and worked distribution day

As many clients told us "Thank you and God Bless you all!!"

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Join us for worship this Sun. Jan. 13

8:15 a.m. | Chapel Service with Holy Communion
10:30 a.m. | Contemporary Worship
10:30 a.m. | Traditional Worship Service

Attendance | Sun., Jan. 6, 2019

Morning Worship—259 Sunday School—145

Our gifts to God | Nov. 30, 2018

Budget for 2018	1,274,545
Operating Budget Requirement to Date	1,168,758
Operating Budget Income Received to Date	1,068,143.58
Operating Budget Expenses to Date	1,122,465.03
Total Pledges to Faith Promise	90,335
Total Received through 11/30/2018	41,541
Building Fund Total Recieved	93,950.00

Aldersgate Weekly Calendar of Events Sun., Jan. 13 — Sat., Jan. 12, 2018

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

8:15 a.m. Chapel Service with Weekly Communion
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for Adults, Youth, Children
10:30 a.m. 3D Kid's Worship (2nd, 3rd, 4th Sundays) | *Chapel*
Contemporary Worship Service | *CAC*
Traditional Worship Service | *Sanctuary*
4:00 p.m. Youth Worship Arts Choir | *Choir Room*
4:30 p.m. Joyful Bells | *Rm. 29*
6:00 p.m. River Region Book Club | *Room 119*

MONDAY, JANUARY 14

9:00 a.m. Quilting Group | *Rm. 22*
6:45 p.m. BSF | *Chapel, Parlor, All rooms including 111-114, excluding 22, 25*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

6:00 p.m. Scout Den Meetings | *Rooms 15-29, CAC*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

9:30 a.m. The Covenant Bible Study | *Rm. 26*
6:00 p.m. Heartworks Lab
Tenny Tykes and Tunes | *Rm. 111 & 112*
6:30 p.m. Adult Ensemble | *Choir Room*
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir | *Choir Room*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

10:00 a.m. Open Time of Prayer | *Rm. 28*
6:30 p.m. Embroidery Guild of America | *Rm. 26*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

5:15 a.m. BSF Leaders Meeting | *Rm. 25*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

None