



Good News

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

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"No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money." Matthew 6:24

This week we continue in our journey for Living Generously. We are guided by the above scripture in our daily actions. This life we live belongs to God and is a gift. I believe prayer is a foundational principal that can assist us in this process.

If you are finding yourself guilty of serving another master besides God, confess to Him this week that you need help with your way of thinking about worldly idols - money, status, power, food, yourself. Ask for His forgiveness if you have ever put your love of anything else before Him.

"Dear God, I submit to you today that my service may sometimes be linked to another god in my life. Show me the clear difference between an idol in my life and true service to you. Forgive me for loving some things more than you at times. Be with me as I change the trajectory of my life."

Give God thanks for your material blessings. Pray over your checkbook or your wallet. Ask God to help you examine your spending, your giving, and your savings habits to reveal the condition of your heart.

"God, thank you for the blessings in my life. I live comfortably and I recognize your ultimate role in that. Lord, be the leader over my life, including the financial part. Lead my heart, my checkbook, and my wallet to serve you with gratefulness for all I have. Build in me the discipline I need to align my financial generosity to your will."

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.



Through our Faith Promise giving, Aldersgate was able to help our missionary partner Kristin Fisher launch transformation groups in Myanmar last year. There are now six groups where women meet weekly, build community with each other, learn how to care for their families better, and hear about a God who loves them. These groups give women the opportunity to better themselves and their families by learning a vocational skill and forming a savings pool out of which members can apply for, receive and repay loans.

We have seen the concept of savings and loan groups used successfully by some of our other missionary partners. In Tanzania these are called pamoja groups. Davis Rhodes has been working to help each Methodist church in the Mwanza, Mara, and Geita regions (22 in all) to have at least one pamoja group. Some churches already have more than one and are seeing great success as members utilize the loans to expand business opportunities or to make their homes safer.

Special Announcements

1. Thank you for a great initial response to the Building Fund Drive. You are investing in vital renovations that will make the building welcoming and safer. 50 pledges have committed to giving \$42,225, and \$6,005 has already been given. What a great start! As a reminder, we are hoping to reach our goal of paying the entire \$110,000 by Dec. 31, 2018. To make a pledge email *Dory Hector* at dory@aldersgateumc.org or turn in a commitment card.

Events

Youth Worship Arts

Sundays starting Oct. 7 | 4:30 p.m. | Youth Area

All 6th - 12th graders are invited to join the Youth Worship Arts to share the word of God through music, drama and other worship arts to serve in mission settings and lead worship.

Youth Small Groups

Oct. 7 | 5 - 7 p.m. | Youth Area

All 6th - 12th graders are invited to come to Youth Small Groups every 2nd and 3rd Sundays for dinner, games, and deeper discussions in a more intimate group. *Contact Miles Barnhardt for more info. at 334-356-6197 or miles@aldersgateumc.org.*

Senior Saints Rehearsal

Oct. 10 | 11 a.m. | Choir Room

All potential saints are welcome as we fellowship together and learn a music program to sing in our community throughout this next year.

Upcoming Rehearsal Dates

Wed., Oct. 24 | 11 a.m.

DayCamp for the Visually Impaired

Oct. 10-11 | 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. | Aldersgate UMC

Learn about independent living skills, technology training, medical awareness and everyday tips taught by experts! \$10 registration fee and form are due by Oct. 5. *For more info. contact Betty Cates at bamcates@charter.net.*

Book Club: River Region Readers

Oct. 14 | 6 p.m. | Rm. 119

Join the Book Club River Region Readers in reading Wonder by R.J. Palacio suggested by Carla Pugh in the month of October. Save the date, Nov. 11, for November's book Madison Park, A Place of Love by Eric L. Motely, suggested by Nancy Dennis. *For more info. contact Nancy Dennis at ndennis@alabamaretail.org, 334-868-2195 or visit aldersgateumc.org/river-region-readers.*

Night of Worship

Oct. 19 | 6 p.m. | CAC

Save the date and prepare your hearts for an evening of contemporary worship performed by our very own praise and worship team. Be sure to invite your friends and family!

Aldersgate United Methodist Men BBQ

Oct. 20 | 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. | The Pavilion

Save the date! The 2018 Men's BBQ will begin cooking and preparing on Fri., Oct. 19. The event will kick off at

9 a.m. on Sat., Oct. 20. As always, there will be plenty of opportunities to volunteer with cooking, plating, and selling. *For more info. contact Jimmy Dennis at dennisfamily@charter.net.*

Ministry Fair

Oct. 21 | After Sunday Worship | CAC

The Ministry Fair is an opportunity for attendees to see how God is working in these ministries by setting up tables and speaking with leaders. The Ministry Fair is hosted by the discipleship team, focusing on AIM (All In Ministry). We believe that there is a ministry for everyone. *Ministry table setup will be on Oct 20 at 5 p.m. Ministry leaders may sign up for a table by contacting the church office at 334-272-6152.*

Aldersgate Fall Festival

Oct. 28 | 4 - 6 p.m. | CAC and back parking lot

Save the date! The Aldersgate's Fall Festival theme this year will be: treasure hunt. Wear your costumes and join us for this free family festive event full of games, activities and dinner! *For more info. contact Director of Children's Ministries Katie Blair at 334-356-5979.*

Old Fashioned Hymn Sing

Nov. 18 | 5 p.m. | Chapel

Join us for an Old Fashioned Hymn Sing with special music by our Chancel Choir and Adult Ensemble. Our congregation will have the opportunity to pick their favorite hymns from our Cokesbury and United Methodist Hymnals!

Volunteer Opportunities

The Christmas Song Musical

Volunteer actors/actresses, adult choir members, set designers and costume/makeup designers are needed for the annual Christmas production to be performed on Sun., Dec. 9! Adult choir rehearsals will be on Wed. evenings at 7 p.m. *For more info. and opportunities contact Steve Badskey at 334-356-1575 or Cheryl Davitz at 334-300-1162.*

Backpack Packers

The Backpack ministry will have a packing party on Oct. 24 at 11 a.m. in room 22. Volunteers are needed to form an assembly line and place specific items in bags. Plastic grocery bags are also needed and can be placed in the cloth-cube receptacles. *For more information contact Susan Hargrave at 334-590-7883 or srhargrave@charter.net*

Meal Provider Volunteers

Meal providers are needed for the youth and youth volunteers on the following Sunday evenings:

Nov. 25, Dec. 9. Dinner will be served in the CAC for roughly 30 people. Any individuals, small groups or Sunday school classes interested in providing meals *please contact Miles Barnhardt for more info. at 334-356-6197 or miles@aldersgateumc.org.*

Food Pantry Volunteers

You can volunteer in one or two ways to help the food pantry:

1. Work the food pantry at least once a month on Tues. or Thurs. 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Responsibilities include setting up the host room, intake table and check collection boxes. Two volunteers are needed for each shift. Training is provided.

2. Unload food bank items once a month for an hour or less, days vary. Must be able to lift 25+ lbs.

For more info. visit aldersgateumc.org/aldersgate-food-pantry or contact Marcia Wheat at morewheat@aol.com or 334-213-0853.

Knitting and Crochet Ministry Volunteers

Every Wed. | 2 - 3 p.m. | Rm. 25

The Knitting and Crochet Ministry provides for several community outreaches. Volunteers, monetary donations, or donations of yarn are always greatly appreciated!

Midweek Gathering

Oct. 10 | 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. | CAC

Menu: BBQ Chicken, cole slaw, corn, black-eyed peas, rolls, bread pudding

Kid's Menu: Corn dogs

Family - \$25

Adults - \$6

Youth - \$5

Children - \$3

College Students - Free

Register on the sheets provided in the attendance pads, online at <https://aldersgateumcmontgomery.wufoo.com/forms/midweek-gathering-dinner-reservation/> or call the church office by Mon. afternoons at 334-272-6152.

Aldersgate Food Pantry | October

Donations Needed: Spaghetti and Sauce

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.

Thank you for your continued support of the Food Pantry Ministry!

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Join us for worship this Sun. Oct. 7

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

Attendance | Sun., Sept. 30, 2018

Morning Worship—369 Sunday School—175

Our gifts to God | Aug. 31, 2018

Budget for 2018	1,274,545
Operating Budget Requirement to Date	850,122
Operating Budget Income Received to Date	794,317
Operating Budget Expenses to Date	834,588
Total Pledges to Faith Promise	90,335
Total Received through 9/30/18	

Aldersgate Weekly Calendar of Events Sun., Oct. 7 — Sat., Oct. 13, 2018

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

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*
11:35 a.m. Orchestra Rehearsal | *Choir Room*
4:00 p.m. Youth Worship Team | *Youth Area*
4:30 p.m. Joyful Bells | *Rm. 29*
Youth Choir | *Youth Area*
5:00 p.m. Youth Small Groups (2nd and 3rd Sundays) | *Youth Area*
Drama Team Scene, 1, 2, 5 Mary, Ruth, Joseph and
Angel | *Sanctuary*
5:30 p.m. Drama Team Scene 3, 4 Mary, Joseph, Innkeeper
| *Sanctuary*
5:45 p.m. Drama Team Scene 7, 10 Mary, Joseph | *Sanctuary*
6:00 p.m. Drama Team Scene 8 & 9 Herod, Wise Men | *Sanctuary*

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8

11:00 a.m. Women's Small Group/Bible study | *Rm. 26*
1:30 p.m. Missions Prayer Team | *Rm. 28*
6:45 p.m. BSF | *Chapel, Parlor, All rooms including 111-114,*
excluding 22, 25

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9

10:00 a.m. Food Pantry Waiting Room | *Rm. 29*
6:00 p.m. Scout Den Mtgs. | *Rm. 15-29, CAC*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

9:30 a.m. The Covenant Bible Study | *Rm. 26*

10:00 a.m. Day Camp for the Visually Impaired | *CAC,*
CAC Kitchen, Rm. 22, 23, 119 and courtyard
11:00 a.m. Senior Saint Chior Rehearsal | *Choir Room*
2:00 p.m. Knitting & Crochet Ministry | *Rm. 25*
5:30 p.m. Midweek Gathering | *CAC*
6:00 p.m. Bible Basics with Brian | *Rm. 119*
Coffee House | *Rm. 113*
Heartworks Lab | *Rm. 114*
Letter to Hebrews | *Rm. 26*
Teeny Tykes and Tunes | *Rm. 111, 112*
The Call | *Rm. 24*
Youth Group | *Youth Area*
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal | *Choir Room*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

6:30 a.m. Men's Emmaus Reunion Group Mtg. | *Parlor*
10:00 a.m. Day Camp for the Visually Impaired | *CAC,*
CAC Kitchen, Rm. 22, 23, 119 and courtyard
Food Pantry Waiting Room | *Rm. 29*
Open Time of Prayer | *Rm. 28*
1:00 p.m. Vision Impaired Group | *Rm. 23*
6:00 p.m. Nominations Committee Mtg. | *Rm. 26*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

5:15 a.m. BSF Leaders Mtg. | *Rm. 25*
9:00 a.m. Reality and Truth Dinner Preparation | *CAC Kitchen*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

12:00 p.m. Alabama Arise 30th anniversary | *Retirement Banquet,*
CAC and CAC Kitchen