



Good News

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

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Do We WANT To Be Healed?

The future of Montgomery may hinge on the ability of its people breaking out of personal in-terests and tribal interests in order to address pressing issues together. That's a tall task. How-ever, the Church actually provides an encouraging image.

On Pentecost, people from very diverse backgrounds, speaking different languages, gathered together. When the Holy Spirit fell on them, those gathered were miraculously able to under-stand one another. This is just the first of many ways that the early church began to bring very different groups of people together. They may have been differentiated by their tribes, but they were willing to put that aside for the good of other and for the sake of Christ.

We know that the power to do this important work exists. We know that we can set aside our tribal preferences for a common good.

Last weekend, several staff members and I attended an event on Cultural Competency offered by our annual conference. Our speaker for the event was Dr. Maria Dixon Hall, a brilliant pre-senter and a Senior Advisor to the Provost at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. Dr. Dixon Hall recounted the story from the Gospel of John where a lame man asked Jesus to be healed. Jesus responds with a question, "Do you want to be made well?" She said that any work to cross cultural boundaries has to begin with asking if we really WANT to be made well.

Do we want to be made well in ways that may challenge us and prove our presumptions wrong? Do we want to be made well in ways that challenge status quo of educational segrega-tion? Do we want to be made well in ways that create the atmosphere for our churches to re-flect the beauty of Pentecost over the self-satisfaction of tribalism?

For the sake of Montgomery and for the sake of the church, I want to be made well. Who's with me?

Peace,

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.



For several years the Aldersgate family has participated in Operation Christmas Child. When blessed by God, a small shoebox filled with school and hygiene supplies, toys and other goodies can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal. The mission of this Samaritan's Purse ministry is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Empty boxes for you to fill will be available starting October 20 in the atrium and the CAC. They can be filled inexpensively with a trip to a dollar store. This is a wonderful project for families, especially for grandparents and their grandchildren. Children enjoy shopping for the gifts and filling their boxes. Won't you fill a shoe box, or two, for Operation Christmas Child this year and be part of changing children's lives all over the world in Jesus' Name? Boxes must be returned by Sunday morning, November 18, when they will be dedicated before delivery to the citywide collection point.

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. 71 pledges have committed to giving \$58,070, and \$35,660.25 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 | 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.

United Methodist Women Meeting

Oct. 14 | After 10:30 a.m. worship | CAC

All women of the church are welcome to come to the 2018 fall UMW meeting. This is the main business meeting of our Unit where plans are made for our work and projects for the coming year. A potluck luncheon will be provided!

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. Motley, suggested by Nancy Dennis. For more info, contact Nancy Dennis at ndennis@alabamaretail.org, 334-868-2195 or visit aldersgateumc.org/river-region-readers.

Winshape Meeting

Oct. 15 | 6 p.m. | Rm. 22

All Aldersgate members and volunteers are invited to attend the Winshape meeting to give feedback about this past event and provide input for next year's event. Come share your experience with us so we can start preparing for another great Winshape! Please contact Richard for more info. at richard@aldersgateumc.org.

Night of Worship

Oct. 19 | 6 p.m. | CAC

Save the date and prepare your hearts for an evening of contemporary worship preformed 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. | CAC

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.*

Senior Saints Rehearsal

Oct. 24 | 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.

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.*

Children's Costume Parade

Oct. 31 | 8:50 a.m. | Aldersgate Hallways

The children in the WCM will have a costume parade through the halls of Aldersgate following their morning chapel service. Parents, grandparents, and community members are invited to come and watch the parade in the church atrium.

Young In Heart

Nov. 6 | 11 a.m. | Country's BBQ (Atlanata Hwy)

Young In Heart invites adults 55 years of age and older to attend monthly meetings and lunches held every first Tues. Lunch is dutch. *Please make reservations by Nov. 4, by contacting Margaret Watkins at 334-272-2212.*

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! *Contact Rev. Steve Badskey at steve@aldersgateumc.org or 356-1575 to get on the bus pickup list for this service.*

Volunteer Opportunities

"Christmas Song" Choir

Now is a great time to join our Chancel Choir as we practice the music for our gorgeously cinematic "Christmas Song" musical. Adults and youth are invited to join us at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays. *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 for the next three months 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 miles@aldersgateumc.org.*

Midweek Gathering

Oct. 17 | 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. | CAC

Menu: Country steak, yellow rice, green beans, rolls, banana pudding

Kid's Menu: Chicken sandwich

Volunteers Serving: Crosswalk Class

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. 14

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

Attendance | Sun., Oct. 7, 2018

Morning Worship—204 Sunday School—115

Our gifts to God | Sept. 30, 2018

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| Budget for 2018 | 1,274,545 |
| Operating Budget Requirement to Date | 955,909 |
| Operating Budget Income Received to Date | 894,306 |
| Operating Budget Expenses to Date | 914,092 |
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| Total Pledges to Faith Promise | 90,335 |
| Total Received through 9/30/18 | 27,481 |

**Aldersgate Weekly Calendar of Events
Sun., Oct. 14 — Sat., Oct. 20, 2018**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

Family Promise

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*

11:30 a.m. Worship Arts Team Mtg. | *Rm. 26*
12:00 a.m. UMW Mtg. | *CAC*
3:45 p.m. Drama Team 6 | *Sanctuary*
4:00 p.m. Children's Ministry Event | *Newtopia Fun Park*
Youth Worship Team | *Youth Area*
4:30 p.m. Joyful Bells | *Rm. 29*
Youth Worship Arts | *Youth Area*
4:45 p.m. Drama Team Scene 3, 11 | *Sanctuary*
5:00 p.m. Drama Team Scene 9 | *Sanctuary*
Youth Small Groups | *Youth Area*
Drama Team Scene 8 | *Sanctuary*
5:15 p.m. Pastor Parish Relations Committee Mtg | *Rm. 26*
6:00 p.m. River Region Readers | *Rm. 119*

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15

Family Promise

11:00 a.m. Women's Small Group | *Rm. 26*
6:00 p.m. Nominations Committee Mtg. | *Rm. 26*
6:45 p.m. BSF | *Chapel, Parlor, All rooms including 111-114, excluding 22, 25*
7:00 p.m. Career Christians Circle | *Rm. 25*

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

Family Promise

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

Family Promise

9:30 a.m. The Covenant Bible Study | *Rm. 26*
2:00 p.m. Knitting & Crochet Ministry | *Rm. 25*
5:30 p.m. Midweek Gathering | *CAC*
6:00 p.m. Heartworks Lab | *Rm. 114*
Teeny Tykes and Tunes | *Rm. 111, 112*
Adult Ensemble | *Choir Room*
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal | *Choir Room*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

Family Promise

6:30 a.m. Men's Emmaus Reunion Group Mtg. | *Parlor*
10:00 a.m. Food Pantry Waiting Room | *Rm. 29*
Open Time of Prayer | *Rm. 28*
6:30 p.m. Embroidery Guild of America | *Rm. 26*
7:00 p.m. Sierra Club - Montgomery | *Rm. 25*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

Family Promise

Men's BBQ Preparation

5:15 a.m. BSF Leaders Meeting | *Rm. 25*
6:00 p.m. Night of Worship | *CAC*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

Family Promise

Men's BBQ

8:00 a.m. Cub Scouts | *Pavillion and Baseball field*
9:00 a.m. Communities of Transformation | *Library*
5:00 p.m. Ministry Fair Setup | *CAC*