



Good News

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

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**"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you." -
Isaiah 43:2**

As the images of the panhandle of Florida come streaming through social media and on the television, my mind returns to 2005 and the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina's devastation of the Louisiana and Mississippi coast. We lived in Mobile at the time and noticed opportunities to respond to need. Mobile became the new home for some as they lost everything in the storm. Then, there were those who were struggling to put things back together. The process of cleaning up, determining loss, and receiving insurance payments took months and, in some cases, years.

As we look today at those areas hit hardest by Katrina, we realize the progress that has been made. We see the rebuilding that has been done. We recognize the ways that we rebuilt smarter and better. Yet, we will never forget the devastation, the loss, and the trauma of Katrina.

The beautiful coastline of the panhandle will never be the same, but with time and the right support, communities will rebuild. Michael will never be forgotten.

Over the months and years ahead, our friends along the coast will struggle. Their hands will be dirty. Their backs will be sore. Their hearts will be heavy. We are close enough to provide important and significant support. Here are ways that we have identified to help in the cleanup and rebuilding after Hurricane Michael.

- 1. Pray.** The process of clean up and recovery is long. We want to do so much. Yet, we feel powerless. Through our prayers, we affect more than we can ever know.
- 2. Give to Aldersgate's Operation Relief.** As always, gifts to this fund will be used directly for the recovery efforts. Find the giving page on the website and choose Operation Relief from the dropdown.
- 3. Bring a Cleaning Kit to church on October 28.** This will be transferred to the affected area as they continue to clean up homes. For information on how to build a Cleaning Kit, search "Cleaning Kit" at UMCOR.org.
- 4. Join a recovery team.** We are currently working with our Annual Conference and the churches of the area to determine where and when these teams will be sent.

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.



This past week Living Generously focused on humbling ourselves and serving the poor. Aldersgate and our local ministry partners offer numerous opportunities for such service. Volunteers are needed to work in our food pantry and to help with packing and delivering backpacks for needy children at Chisholm Elementary School; both ministries need buyers and gladly accept food donations. Volunteers from Sunday school classes and small groups, as well as individual volunteers, are needed to help cook and serve a meal to the homeless the second Friday of each month. Volunteers are also needed to serve as hosts for the families we serve quarterly through Family Promise.

In addition to volunteers, our local partners need the following:

Communities of Transformation – meals

Let God Arise Ministries – Bibles, plastic reading glasses and golf pencils

Mary Ellen's Hearth – paper products, toiletries, hygiene products, laundry supplies, and garbage bags

Medical Outreach Ministries – office supplies, toothpaste, toothbrushes, paper lunch bags, and disinfecting wipes

Reality and Truth Ministries – clothing, hygiene products, and meals

Renascence – meals, visitors, and bicycles

SKIP – school supplies and special treats for the kids

For additional information contact Patsy Eiland at pce047@gmail.com or go to the To Make Him Known/ Mission Partners/Aldersgate's Local Ministry Partners section of the church's website (www.aldersgateumc.org).

Special Announcements

1. Thank you for a giving to the Building Fund Drive. 71 pledges have committed to giving \$58,620, and \$40,535.25 has already been given. 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.

2. The Backpack Ministry packing party on Oct. 24 will now take place at 11:30 a.m. instead of 11 a.m.

3. Wed., Oct. 24 will be the last official midweek gathering and the final study of the year. Stay tuned for upcoming events!

Events

Youth Worship Team and Youth Worship Arts Sundays | 4 p.m. | Youth Area – Worship Team | 4:30 p.m. | Choir Room – Worship Arts

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

No Rehearsals on October 21.

UMW Casserole Sale

Oct. 21 | Before and after Sunday worship | Atrium, CAC, by the parlor

The United Methodist Women are kicking off their annual casserole sale. The following casseroles will be available for purchase and pickup: Chicken and Dressing; Poppseed Chicken; Breakfast; Cranberry Salad; and lastly Vegetable Soup. Don't want a casserole? Buy one for a friend or family! *Order forms will be located in the Sunday bulletin.*

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.*

Youth Small Groups

Oct. 21 | 5 - 7 p.m. | Youth Area

Dinner will be served at 5 p.m. After dinner we will break off in to small groups and discuss a unified curriculum. Small groups create a more individualized setting within our communities that allow the Youth to hear and be heard with a group of their closest peers. *Contact Miles Barnhardt for more info. at miles@aldersgateumc.org.*

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.

Youth Day of Service

Oct. 26 | 12 p.m. | Meet at Church

The youth are encouraged to come serve in the Montgomery community at two locations: E.A.T South and the Montgomery Zoo ZooBoo event. We will meet at the church at noon and drive together to the locations. Please register to attend this event at <http://www.aldersgateumc.org/youth>. Contact Miles Barnhardt for more info. at miles@aldersgateumc.org.

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.

Book Club: River Region Readers

Nov. 11 | 6 p.m. | Rm. 119

Join the Book Club: River Region Readers in reading 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.

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

"Trunk or Treat" Cars for Fall Festival

Sun., Oct. 28 | 4:30 - 6 p.m. | Back Parking Lot

25 cars are needed for Trunk a Treat at the Fall Festival! Trunk or Treating will begin at 5 p.m., but we ask that volunteers are there by 4:30 p.m. Please bring candy or small prizes to pass out (such as stickers, fun pencils, small bouncy balls, etc.) for approximately 200 children. Decorating your car is not necessary but is encouraged! For more info. contact Katie Blair or Libby Varnum.

"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 11:30 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

Final Midweek Gathering of the year

Oct. 24 | 5:30 - 6 p.m. | CAC

Menu: Chicken divan casserole, rice, green beans, rolls, key lime cake

Kid's Menu: Hot dogs

Volunteers Serving: Bereans 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.

Iron Bowl Food Pantry Food Drive

Oct. 28 - Nov. 18

Donations Needed: box of stuffing, canned green beans, canned yams/sweet potatoes, turkey gravy (packed/canned/jarred), box of brownie mix, box of instant potatoes, canned corn, canned chicken broth, jiffy corn muffin mix, canned cranberry sauce.

Please help the Aldersgate Food Pantry provide Christmas bags this year by shopping for the items listed above and placing them in the container for your favorite team: Auburn or Alabama. Containers are in the Atrium, CAC and outside staff offices. Thank you for your continued support!

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Join us for worship this Sun. Oct. 21

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. 14, 2018

Morning Worship—259 Sunday School—142

Our gifts to God | Sept. 30, 2018

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
Total Pledges to Faith Promise	90,335
Total Received through 9/30/18	27,481

Aldersgate Weekly Calendar of Events Sun., Oct. 21 — Sat., Oct. 27, 2018

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

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. Ministry Fair | *CAC*
11:35 a.m. Orchestra | *Choir Room*
3:00 p.m. Town Hall Mtg. | *Sanctuary*
4:00 p.m. Drama Team Scene 1, 2, 5 | *Chapel*
4:30 p.m. Drama Team Scene 3, 4 | *Chapel*
Joyful Bells | *Rm. 29*
Youth Worship Arts | *Youth Area*
4:45 p.m. Drama Team Scene 7, 10 | *Chapel*
5:00 p.m. Drama Team Scene, Herod, Wise Men | *Sanctuary*
Youth Small Groups | *Youth Area*

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22

9:00 a.m. UMW Quilting | *Rm. 22*
11:00 a.m. Women's Small Group | *Rm. 26*
6:45 p.m. BSF | *Chapel, Parlor, All rooms including 111-114, excluding 22, 25*

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23

9:00 a.m. History Group | *Rm. 119*
10:00 a.m. Food Pantry Waiting Room | *Rm. 29*
11:30 p.m. Hope Circle | *Noodles Cafe (Vaughn Rd.)*
6:00 p.m. Scout Den Mtgs. | *Rm. 15-29, CAC*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

9:30 a.m. The Covenant Bible Study | *Rm. 26*
11:00 a.m. Backpack Ministry | *Rm. 22*
Senior Saints Choir Rehearsal | *Choir Room*
2:00 p.m. Knitting and 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*
6:30 p.m. Men's Ensemble | *Choir Room*
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal | *Choir Room*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25

10:00 a.m. AWF Conference Church Satisfaction Mtg. | *Rm. 22*
Food Pantry Waiting Room | *Rm. 29*
Open Time of Prayer | *Rm. 28*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26

5:15 a.m. BSF Leaders Meeting | *Rm. 25*
12:00 p.m. Youth Day of Service | *Youth Area*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

None