



Good News

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

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LIVING GENEROUSLY

Here are three reasons why we don't shy away from talking about money or serving.

1. Jesus talked about money. Of 38 parables of Jesus in the gospels, 16 of them were about money. Further, in the gospels, 1 out of 10 versus is about possessions. Any effort to know Jesus and make Him known would be incomplete without these personal conversations.

2. Your discipleship is at stake. When Jesus talks about serving and use of resources, he ties them to ethics and expectations of his followers. How we handle the resources God gives us says a lot about our desire to live the life to which Jesus calls us.

3. Our shared mission matters. Providing inspiring times of worship. Discipling teenagers. Providing a safe and encouraging nursery for young families. Partnering with community organizations who need a place to meet. Providing for the spiritual care of those who are unable to be at church. Aldersgate matters. How each of us participates in the shared ministry of the church is critical.

This Sunday, October 28, I invite you to bring the service commitment form as well as the financial stewardship card. These will be representative of our lives being given for God's use through his church.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Brian".

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.



In 2014, Ted and Joetta Davis spearheaded the launching of Aldersgate's Backpack Ministry for Chisholm Elementary School. Many of the children attending this school are from low income families that struggle with providing basic necessities. Each year, the administration identifies for us those children at greatest risk for lack of adequate nutrition. Weekly backpack drop-offs are made to the school for these children to take home on Friday. Each bag contains two breakfast items, two lunch items, two vegetable servings, two fruit servings, and two snack servings.

When the Davises moved to Huntsville recently, Elaine Britt, Kate Evans, and Susan Hargrave stepped up to lead this ministry. For the 2018-19 school year, a whopping 47 children have been identified to benefit from this program. The Backpack Team holds monthly packing parties open to any interested persons. If you would like to get involved in packing, shopping (expenses are reimbursed), or delivering backpacks, please contact Susan Hargrave at srhargrave@charter.net or 334-590-7883.

Special Announcements

1. Sincere Appreciation to Our Pastors from the Laity at Aldersgate: October has traditionally been the month in our denomination to specifically recognize our pastors for their dedication and hard work in their ministry. We see every day how our pastors at Aldersgate give themselves to be the hands and feet of Christ to each of us. We are blessed beyond words for the gifts that they are. On behalf of all the laity at Aldersgate, I want to say a sincere thank you to all our pastors for their dedicated ministry and service to our Lord. I especially want to encourage all of our members to show their appreciation with everything from a heartfelt thank you, to a personal note or card. Your affirmation of their leadership and dedication goes a long way in making our pastors feel appreciated.

- George Mingledorff, Lay Leader

2. The annual United Methodist Women Casserole Sales are in full swing! Order forms are located inside your bulletin. You may mail, email or call in your order to:

Wyvonne Johnson

555 Lake Cameron Drive
Pike Road, Alabama 36064

Phone: 334-315-8685

Email: wyvonne.johnson@gmail.com

For more information call or text Wyvonne Johnson.

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.

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 (Atlanta 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.*

Outward + Inward Vision Support Group

Nov. 8 | 1 - 2:30 p.m. | Rm. 22
During this support group event for the vision impaired, special guest speaker Lilly Henderson Harold will share stories from her life written in her two books, [Memories to Cling](#) and [Aydenland](#). Mrs. Harold will also talk about accessibility issues that she was involved with when working with the State and the Governor's Office on Disability.

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 Hope](#) 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.*

Night of Gratitude

Nov. 14 | 5 p.m. | Rm. 119

Join us in celebrating the works of our ministries in 2018, giving thanks to God for his work among us. The entire church is invited! The program highlights include testimonies, videos and presentations!

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.*

Family Picnic in the Park

Nov. 18 | 10:50 a.m. | Ida Bell Young Park

After 10:30 a.m. worship service, bring a picnic for your family, chairs, and a blanket as we enjoy a time of fellowship together with families and friends of all ages. All are welcome!

Christmas Tree Trimming Luncheon

Nov. 25 | 11:35 a.m. | CAC

Join us for our annual Tree Trimming luncheon as we decorate our Sanctuary, Atrium, Chapel, CAC and outside of our church for Advent and Christmas. *Please let us know if you will be coming to eat lunch with us by emailing Rev. Steve Badskey at steve@aldersgateumc.org.*

Parents Night Out

Dec. 7 | 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. | Aldersgate UMC

Parents! Drop your children off and enjoy a nice evening of parents night out! Children 6 weeks of age through 5th grade will enjoy special Christmas themed activities including: pizza for dinner, snacks, crafts, games, and a movie. Cost of attendance is \$15/child. *Please register online at aldersgateumc.org.* There is limited space so register early for a fun night without the kids!

The Christmas Song and Live Nativity

Dec. 9 | 10:30 a.m. | Sanctuary

The Christmas Song, featuring the Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Drama Team, will be a combined 10:30 Worship Service. Hot chocolate and doughnuts will be served in the Atrium, and a Live Nativity with the Actors and Animals will be on the front lawn of the church after the worship service.

Contemporary Christmas Eve Service

Dec. 23 | 5 p.m. | CAC

Contemporary Christmas expressions through Music, Candlelight and Communion

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Dec. 24 | 5 p.m. | Sanctuary

Communion, Carols and Candlelight

5th Sunday Fun-Sunday

Dec. 30 | Sunday School Classes | Aldersgate

Wear your craziest Christmas sweater and join us in Sunday School for Christmas Carol karaoke.

Not So Late New Year's Eve Party

Dec. 31 | 10:30 a.m. - Noon | CAC

All children K3-Fifth grade are invited to celebrate New Year's Eve with a countdown to noon instead of midnight! We will sing, work on a mission project, play games and eat lunch. There is no cost, but registration is required. *Please register online at aldersgateumc.org.*

Youth Winter Retreat

Jan. 25- 27, 2019 | Shocco Springs

Youth! Kickoff 2019 with Winter Retreat! This will be a high energy and reflective weekend spending time in scripture, worship, outdoor activities, small groups, and games. We will start our new year in a place of the Bible full of new beginnings: Genesis. Come grow closer to God and closer to one another while being immersed in Creation at Shocco Springs. *For more info. contact Miles Barnhardt at miles@aldersgateumc.org.*

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.*

Midweek Gathering

Oct. 31 | No Midweek Gathering this Wednesday.

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. 28

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. 21, 2018

Morning Worship—222 Sunday School—134

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
Building Fund Drive Goal	110,000 by <u>Dec. 31, 2018</u>
Pledges	77
Commitment to giving	61,195
Total Received	59,895.25

Aldersgate Weekly Calendar of Events Sun., Oct. 28 — Sat., Nov. 3, 2018

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

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 | *Choir Room*
4:00 p.m. Fall Festival | *CAC and back parking lot*
4:30 p.m. Joyful Bells | *Rm. 29*

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

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 30

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31

8:00 a.m. WCM Halloween Games | *CAC*
9:30 a.m. The Covenant Bible study | *Rm. 26*
2:00 p.m. Knitting and Crochet Ministry | *Rm. 25*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

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*
5:30 p.m. PEF Committee Mtg. | *Rm. 119*
6:30 p.m. Personnel Committee Mtg. | *Rm. 26*

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

None