



Good News

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

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All The Saints

All Saints Sunday is a time when we celebrate the lives of those faithful who have departed in the past year and celebrate them as gifts from God. While a funeral offers comfort, support, and celebration for an individual's life, All Saints Sunday focuses us on the collective memory of the church and provides a worshipful environment for us to give thanks.

Therefore, on Sunday, November 4, we will give thanks. We will give thanks for those who have died, enlivening and informing our life together. We will give thanks for the impact of their contributions within Aldersgate and the world. We will give thanks for their witness, that even in death, there is victory in Christ Jesus.

We will remember:

John David Bass

Mary Pryor Byrd

Adele 'Tudi' W. Deason

Walter Roy Gamblin

Charles Louis Griffith

Berniece 'Marie' Harry

Frances Barnes Johnson

Betty Shell Mathers

Veda Nicole Pelham

Annie Lois Noland Snider

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"They were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God helping, to be one too."

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.



Szabolcs Kerekes, our missionary partner in Hungary, reports that his very busy summer started with leading a six-day Christian youth camp at the juvenile detention facility where he has been in ministry for the past few years. They had small group programs and special guest speakers in the mornings and English, choir, graphic arts, creative prayer, and a variety of sports in the afternoons; evenings were for praise and worship. Six girls received Christ during the week.

In August he directed a youth camp with 200 participants. Szabolcs was the morning speaker and led the small group program and a creative prayer time. He writes, "You can hardly put into words the presence of God in this camp. During free time you could see here and there groups praying for each other. There were so many testimonies in the evenings that we could hardly fit the preaching into the time frame. I was able to take three girls from the detention center; two of them received Christ and were baptized along with eight others at the end of the camp. Please pray that the girls who received Christ would grow to be able to stand in the world when they go back." Szabolcs will be at Aldersgate in March to share more about his fruitful ministry.

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. Sun., Nov. 4 is the last Sunday the United Methodist Women will be taking casserole orders. This is our main fundraiser for our unit, and many ministries are counting on us. When you purchase a casserole you help us and others in our community. Thanks for your support. Stop by and place your orders today.

3. All Aldersgate women are invited to a baby shower for Hillary Eckstein (Pugh) Saturday, November 10, from 1-3 p.m. at Carla Pugh's home:

7312 Pine Top Court | Montgomery, AL | 36117
Hillary is registered at Target.

Events

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 | 5:30 p.m. | CAC

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! Dinner will be served, no cost.

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.*

Family ADVENTure Night

Dec. 2 | 4 - 6 p.m. | Rm. 22, Chapel, CAC, Courtyard

Families of all ages are invited to come and participate in our Family ADVENTure Night journeying through the Christmas story in an evening designed especially for children, parents, grandparents, friends, and neighbors. We will experience Christmas from the past to the present, with special music, crafts, and a chili supper. *There is no cost to attend, but registration is required by Monday, November 26. You may register online at aldersgateumc.org, contact the church at 272-6152 or contact Katie Blair at Katie@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 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

UMW Quilting Ministry: Hurricane Relief

Join the United Methodist Women Quilting Ministry in sewing easy quilt blocks to provide for children and youth affected by Hurricane Michael. Have a sewing machine? Sew from home! Fabric and instructions are provided. *Please call Olive Parsons at 334-514-6949 for more information.*

Midweek Gathering

Nov. 7 | 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.

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Join us for worship this Sun. Nov. 4

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. 28, 2018

Morning Worship—231 Sunday School—129

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	68,195
Total Received	61,970.25

**Aldersgate Weekly Calendar of Events
Sun., Nov. 4 — Sat., Nov. 10, 2018**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

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. Aldersgate Leadership Council | *Rm. 26*
11:40 a.m. All Saints Reception | *Parlor*
2:00 p.m. Eagle Scout Ceremony | *Chapel and Parlor*
3:45 p.m. Drama Scene 6 | *Sanctuary*
4:00 p.m. Youth Worship Team | *Youth Area*
4:30 p.m. Joyful Bells | *Rm. 29*
Youth Worship Arts | *Youth Area*
4:45 p.m. Drama Scene 3 and 11 | *Sanctuary*
5:00 p.m. Drama Scene 9 | *Sanctuary*
5:00 p.m. Youth Fun Night | *Youth Area*
5:15 p.m. Drama Scene 8 | *Sanctuary*

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5

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, NOVEMBER 6

7:00 a.m. General Election | *CAC*
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting | *Rm. 26*
12:00 p.m. Cooking for Communities for Transformation | *CAC Kitchen*
6:00 p.m. Scout Den Meetings | *Rm.s 15-29, CAC*

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

9:30 a.m. The Covenant Bible study | *Rm. 26*
2:00 p.m. Knitting and Crochet Ministry | *Rm. 25*
6:30 p.m. Adult Ensemble | *Choir Room*
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal | *Choir Room*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

6:30 a.m. Men's Emmaus Reunion Group Mtg. | *Parlor*
9:00 a.m. BTW Vision Day | *Sanctuary, Rm.s 22, 25, 28*
10:00 a.m. Food Pantry Waiting Room | *Rm. 29*
Open Time of Prayer | *Rm. 28*
12:30 p.m. Vision Impaired Group | *Chapel and Parlor*

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

5:15 a.m. BSF Leaders Meeting | *Rm. 25*
9:00 a.m. Reality & Truth Dinner Preparation | *CAC Kitchen*
10:15 a.m. Senior Saints Concert | *John Knox Nursing Home*
11:00 a.m. Scouts, Popcorn Pickup | *CAC*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

None