



# Good News

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

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## **We Are Making A Difference Together**

Last weekend, we sent our first Hurricane Recovery team to Panama City, and I got to be a part of it. While there, we connected with Rev. Craig Carter, Lead Pastor of Lynn Haven United Methodist Church, who was a member at Aldersgate as he discerned his call to ministry. It was so encouraging to see Craig's excitement for ministry. Yes, everything around them is in shambles. Their church building is uninhabitable. Every member had damage and many significant damage from the storm. Still, they are joining together to do ministry. The congregation is as focused on ministry to the community as ever. In fact, while we were in Lynn Haven, they boxed up 10 thousand pounds of food to give to over 150 families in need.

The food distribution required dozens of volunteers. These volunteers were members of Lynn Haven UMC (some of whom had their homes severely damaged in the storm), several Naval Joint Diving Officers, and three team members from Aldersgate. As the 10 thousand pounds were unloaded from the truck, boxed, and distributed in about two hours, I was once again struck by the importance of working together. Craig wanted me to let you know how much it means to him and to the Lynn Haven church that we are joining them in the recovery process.

Our walk through the first four chapters of Ecclesiastes ends this week. The movement from chapter one to chapter four is interesting. We move from nothing matters to God is present to all of it matters to the importance of life together. "A threefold cord is not quickly broken," says Ecclesiastes 4:12.

Life is filled with ups and downs. There are twists and turns that could throw us off track. However, if we walk together, we can help one another along the way. We can pick up the debris when the storms of life come. We can lift one another up when we fall. We can celebrate each others' successes. We cannot do it alone.

Recently, Rev. Richard Williams, Minister of Discipleship, shared the different plans that our Sunday School classes have for providing care. It is great to know that within those groups, you are caring for one another and doing life together. If you are ready to get connected to a Sunday School or small group who will walk with you, contact Richard. We don't want you to walk through life alone.

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*



This year's Chapel Chat during the Sunday School hour on GIC Sunday, February 24, will feature two of our mission partners. Last year we heard from one of our local partners and one of our national partners. This year we are featuring one of our long-time international partners and our newest partner, Hurricane Michael Recovery.

Rev. Neal Hicks and his first wife Mari served as missionaries with TMS Global in Japan for over 20 years before returning to the US in 2011 for her to receive cancer treatment in Nashville, TN. Sadly, Mari died in March of 2012, but during that time in the Nashville area, Neal discovered a mission field ripe for harvest among the many Japanese families who had relocated there to work for Bridgestone, Nissan, and other Japanese-owned manufacturing plants. Today, Crossroads of the Nations, the multi-cultural church Neal founded in Brentwood, TN, is thriving. He has some exciting stories of God's work there to share with us.

Rev. Chris Ackerman, a pastor from Lynn Haven UMC, is directing Hurricane Michael recovery efforts for the Alabama-West Florida Conference. His church was one of many damaged in the storm. Chris will share with us some of the damage caused by this devastating storm and give us insight into what life is like for many on the coast four months down the road, the obstacles being faced, and the many recovery opportunities ahead. One way that Aldersgate will be helping is by sending five work teams to the area this year. Come join us at 9:15, February 24, in the chapel.

### Memory Verse of the Week

"For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."  
- Romans 8:38-39

## Announcements

### 1. Ministering to Federal Employees

The United Methodist Credit Union is offering 0% APR loans for those affected by the government shutdown. Employees that may need paycheck replacement during the current shutdown should contact TUMCU at 866-657-0004 for details.

### 2. Music Opportunities:

#### Senior Saint Spring Schedule

Fri., March 1 | 10 a.m. | Crowne Nursing Home  
Sun., March 3 | 6 p.m. | Aldersgate Old Fashioned Hymn Sing

Tues., March 12 | 2 p.m. | Sing at Wesley Garden

### Chancel Choir

Our upcoming Palm Sunday Easter Musical, "The Risen Christ," retells the story of Christ's life, crucifixion and resurrection as told through the characters of John the disciple, Peter, and Mary Magdalene, using narrations that are literally adapted from Scripture. Set in the format of a reader's theater, these three characters retell their encounters with Christ, whose words are delivered by a fourth actor, as if you were sitting in their living room. Our congregation will relive their days together visually through footage from the MATTHEW film that will run through portions of our presentation. Now would be a great time to join us in the Chancel Choir as we begin rehearsing this work featuring the music of contemporary Irish hymn writers, Keith and Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend.

## Events

### 6th Annual Global Impact Celebration

**Sun., Feb. 24**

This year's keynote speaker for the combined worship service will be Rev. Lisa Ausley. Come early for the Chapel Chat at 9:15 featuring Chris Ackerman, Director of Hurricane Michael Recovery for our conference and our missionary partner Neal Hicks. Everyone is invited to stay for the Celebration Luncheon in the CAC.

### Old Fashioned Hymn Sing

**March 3 | 6 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 and sing many of their favorite hymns from our Cokesbury and United Methodist Hymnals.

### Young in Heart

**Tuesday, March 5 | CAC | 11:30 a.m.**

It's Fashion Show time! Looking for ways to enhance your wardrobe? You won't want to miss this opportunity for great ideas! Sign up today. Reservations are required by March 3, 2019 (*contact Margaret Watkins-272-2212*). *Sign up sheets are located in the CAC and in the atrium on the desks.*

### Shrove "Fat" Tuesday Pancake Dinner

**Tuesday, March 5 | 5 - 7 p.m. | CAC**

Come enjoy pancakes (all you can eat!), sausage, coffee, hot chocolate, and juice for only \$7/person (kids 3 and under free with paid adult). All proceeds will go to benefit Aldersgate's 2019 Mexico Mission Team. No reservation needed!

### Discovery: Youth Weekend Lock In

**March 8-10 | Aldersgate UMC**

This March we'll be hosting Discovery, a weekend lock in aimed to help middle schoolers experience the life-changing love of God through the church and to encourage high schoolers to grow as spiritual leaders in our church. This weekend will provide a unique opportunity for youth as well as adult volunteers to experience God's love. Sign-ups for Youth are available now. The cost of the weekend is \$30 (this includes curriculum, food, various activities and another awesome shirt). There are numerous opportunities for Youth

parents and other adults to serve in various roles. *If you might be interested in volunteering for the weekend or have questions about the event contact Miles at miles@aldersgateumc.org.*

**Church Wide Sunday School Study  
Sundays Beginning March 10 | 9:15 a.m.**

"Made for a Miracle" by Mike Slaughter

**Family Experiential Prayer Room  
Weds. Beginning March 12 | 5 - 6 p.m. | Rm. 114**

Families are invited to come before or after dinner and use the interactive prayer stations especially geared towards children.

**Lent Around the Table:  
Wednesdays Beginning March 13**

This adult midweek gathering study will be focused upon lent with a time for discussion and communion weekly.

**Youth Small Groups  
March 17 | 5 p.m. | CAC**

**Aldersgate 's Got Talent  
March 31 | 5:30 p.m.**

Youth Talent Show and Dinner by Youth Choir and other special guests. All proceeds from our Banquet will go towards Youth Missions. *Dinner is \$15/adult and \$5/child.*

**Awaken  
April 7 | 6:00 p.m. | Riverwalk Stadium**

Community Wide River Region Worship Service at the Riverwalk Stadium

**Children's Easter Egg Hunt  
April 13 | 9 a.m. | CAC**

All children from birth - 5th grade are invited to the Children's Easter Egg Hunt! Please bring your own Easter basket.

**The Risen Christ: Palm Sunday Musical  
April 14 | 10:30 a.m. | Combined Service in Sanctuary**

Easter Musical by the Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Drama Team featuring the music of contemporary Irish hymn writers, Keith and Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend. Church-wide Covered Dish Luncheon after the Service.

**Maundy Thursday Holy Communion Service  
April 18 | 7:00 p.m. | Sanctuary**

A worship experience filled with reflection, drama and communion.

**Good Friday Tenebrae Worship Service  
April 19 | 7:00 p.m. | Sanctuary**

Our Chancel Choir, Joyful Bells, Adult Ensemble, soloists and instrumentalists will be presenting a Good Friday Tenebrae Service on Friday, April 19 at 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae comes from a Latin word meaning "Shadows," The service of Tenebrae presents the story of Jesus' Passion from scripture, and as it unfolds, the symbolic candles are extinguished and the Sanctuary is darkened to dramatize the death of our Lord.

**Easter Celebration Services  
Sunday, April 21**

6 a.m. | Sun Rise Service | Blount Cultural Park  
8:15 a.m. | Chapel Worship  
10:30 a.m. | Traditional Worship  
10:30 a.m. | Contemporary Worship

**Volunteer Opportunities**

**Meal Providers for the Youth Group  
Sunday Evenings | 5 p.m. | CAC**

We are in search of Youth parents, people in the church or Sunday School classes to provide meals for Youth gatherings on Sunday evenings. We ask that you prepare food for about 20-25 people. We have the following dates available:

**February:** 24

**March:** 3, 17, 24

**April:** 7, 14

**May:** 5, 12, 19

If you might be interested in serving please contact Miles Barnhardt at (334)-356-6197 or by email at miles@aldersgateumc.org

**Knitting and Crocheting Ministry  
Wednesdays | 2 - 3:30 p.m. | Rm. 25**

Thank you to everyone who gave to the Knitting and Crochet ministry. We have donated 237 shawls/lap throws for the patients at the cancer center; a baby blanket to babies born into the Aldersgate Church family; and prayer shawls for those in distress. Numerous prayer shawls were taken by our members to the people in Ecuador. We are knitting and crocheting throws and shawls with a goal of 75- for the hurricane victims in Florida. Come join us.

**Mid Week Gathering  
Wednesday, February 20**

**Dinner: 5:15 - 6 p.m. | Bible Studies: 6 - 6:45 p.m.**

**Menu:** Hamburger steaks with gravy and onions, mashed potatoes, squash casserole, rolls, red velvet cake.

**Kids Menu:** Pizza

**Served by:** Explorers, Marantha

**Family-** \$25

**Adults-** \$6

**Youth-** \$5

**Children-** \$3

**College Students-** Free

**Food Pantry  
Month of February**

**Donations Needed:** Soup and Crackers

The Food Pantry Ministry could not continue to serve others without the wonderful help and support from the members of Aldersgate. You are the hands of feet of Christ! Thank you!

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.

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## Join us for worship this Sun. Feb. 17

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

## Attendance | Sun., Feb. 10, 2019

Morning Worship—339      Sunday School—185

## Our gifts to God | Dec. 31, 2018

Budget for 2018	1,274,545
Operating Budget Requirement to Date	1,274,545
Operating Budget Income Received to Date	1,185,691
Operating Budget Expenses to Date	1,221,773
Total Pledges to Faith Promise	90,335
Total Received through 1/31/19	53,005
Building Fund Total Received	\$99,490.25/\$110,000

## Aldersgate Weekly Calendar of Events Sun., Feb. 17 — Sat., Feb. 23, 2019

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

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 (2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays) | Chapel  
Contemporary Worship Service | CAC  
Traditional Worship Service | Sanctuary  
11:30 a.m. GIC Meeting | Rm. 26  
Lunch with the Pastors | Rm. 22  
4:00 p.m. Joyful Bells | Rm. 29  
Youth Choir | Choir Room  
5:00 p.m. Youth Small Groups | CAC

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

11:00 a.m. Monday Women's Bible Study | Rm. 119  
6:45 p.m. BSF | Chapel, Parlor, All rooms including 111-114, excluding 22, 25  
7:00 p.m. Career Christian Circle | Rm. 22

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

10:00 a.m. Food Pantry Waiting Room | Rm. 29  
4:00 p.m. Young Meadows Basketball | CAC  
6:00 p.m. Scout Den Meetings | Rooms 15-29, CAC

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

11:00 a.m. Senior Saints Rehearsal | Choir Room  
2:00 p.m. Knitting & Crocheting Group | Rm. 25  
5:15 p.m. Midweek Gathering Dinner | CAC  
6:00 p.m. Heartworks Lab  
Midweek Gathering Studies | CAC  
Teeny Tykes and Tunes | Rm. 111 & 112  
Youth Track: RE:FORM | Youth Area  
6:30 p.m. Men's Ensemble | Choir Room  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir | Choir Room

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

10:00 a.m. Food Pantry Waiting Room | Rm. 29  
Open Time of Prayer | Rm. 28  
5:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting | Rm. 119  
6:30 p.m. Embroidery Guild of America | Rm. 26

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

5:15 a.m. BSF Leaders Meeting | Rm. 25  
6:00 p.m. Cub Scout Blue Gold Banquet Setup | CAC

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

9:00 a.m. Cub Scout blue Gold Banquet | CAC