



# Good News

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

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Clearing The Path | Building Fund Drive 2018

Over the next few weeks, you will notice some important work being done throughout the campus. The buildings in which we worship, grow in faith, gather in fellowship, and celebrate the lives of faithful loved ones who have departed occasionally need attention and repair. It's our responsibility to take good care of that which has been passed down to us. It's also crucial to our hospitality toward guests and one another that we maintain the attractiveness and safety of the facilities.

The Trustees, under the leadership of Pete Moore, have done a great job to find a solution to a flooring concern that we have had for quite some time. Moisture has been coming up through the foundation throughout the church. Among the results of this problem are water spots on the carpet throughout the hallways. Armed with a new system for sealing the moisture, the Trustees will be overseeing a project that will correct the problem throughout much of the building.

New flooring will be installed in hallways and in classrooms down the education hallway. Due to cost and practical project management, the most heavily trafficked areas will be addressed in this phase. Other phases will be necessary in the future.

In addition to the flooring project, a very important unseen project will be completed. Because of the different construction phases of our facility, we have been kept safe by three separate fire alarm systems. The systems have very limited communication with one another, making it difficult to pinpoint the trouble. At the suggestion of the Montgomery Fire Department, the Trustees decided the best way to protect lives and steward the facilities is to install a single fire alarm system.

While the Trustees, in cooperation with the Finance Committee, have taken out a loan of \$110,000 to begin and accomplish this necessary and important work, we will pay off that amount through a Building Fund Drive. The Building Fund is an ongoing account that is used for building maintenance. Some of you have already been consistent givers to this fund. On September 23, all of us will be given the opportunity to support the Building Fund and this important project.

We invite you to invest in creating a safe and attractive pathway for people of all ages.

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.*



From Laura Hughes (Part 3): On the evening of August 7, Rev. Richard Williams, discipleship intern Libby Varnum, my husband Steve, and I attended the Neighborhood National Night Out for the Greater Bell Road Neighborhood Association, representing Fairfield, Brewbaker Estates, and Bellmont Downs subdivisions. There was a great turnout for games, fellowship, and grilled hotdogs with all the fixings! The Aldersgate family donated at least 40 back-to-school bags, featuring needed supplies for the school-age children of these neighborhoods. These were distributed during the picnic. Libby brought lawn games and provided entertainment for the children. The Montgomery Fire Department (Bell Road Station) and members of the Montgomery Police Department also joined in the festivities. The entire event was well attended and brought together many different aspects of what really makes a neighborhood a "home." Aldersgate was honored to be a part of this evening. If you'd like to join in the fun at some of our future community SEEK events, please *contact Rev. Richard Williams or me, Laura Hughes, at 334-657-6938.*

## Events

### Grief Group Interest

**4-6 week program | Starting after Labor day**

If you are interested in a grief group program, *contact Nita Ausbon at 334-277-0163 or [nausbon@yahoo.com](mailto:nausbon@yahoo.com).*

### Knitting and Crochet Ministry Display

**Sept. 16 | All day | The Atrium**

Come see the works of the Knitting and Crochet Ministry before or after service this Sunday!

### Small Group Leaders Meeting

**Sept. 16 | 11:40 a.m.**

Sunday after worship, a meeting will be held for all who are leading a small group this year. *Contact Miles Barnhardt for more info. at [miles@gateumc.org](mailto:miles@gateumc.org)*

### Jessica Evans Baby Shower

**Sept. 16 | 2 - 4 p.m. | The Parlor**

All ladies are invited to attend Jessica baby's shower!

### HOPE Circle

**Sept. 25 | Zelda Rd. Chicken Salad Chick**

**The HOPE Circle meets once a month over a dutch meal to discuss upcoming events. *For more info, contact Lynn Ray at 334-215-1232.***

### Senior Saints

**Sept. 26 | 11 a.m. Rehearsal**

All potential saints are welcome as we fellowship together and learn a music program to sing in our community throughout this next year. *For more info, or to make a reservation contact Mamie at 334-279-9313.*

### Upcoming Dates

Wed., Oct. 10 | 11:00 Rehearsal

Wed., Oct. 24 | 11:00 Rehearsal

### 6th Annual White Cane Safety Day

**Sept. 29 | State Capitol & Montgomery Riverwalk Stadium | 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

Come out and support Aldersgate's Outward Vision + Inward Vision Support Group at this free event! Outward Vision + Inward Vision Support Group will be a vendor exhibiting at the Riverwalk Stadium helping to spotlight the accomplishments and abilities of our blind citizens living a full, independent and successful life. The opening ceremony will be on the front steps of the state capital followed by a symbolic walk from the Capital to the Montgomery Riverwalk. Food, games and fun activities, such as learning to write your name in braille and soccer beeper ball played blindfolded, will take place! *For more info, visit [www.aidb.org/domain/3356](http://www.aidb.org/domain/3356) or contact Betty Cates at [bamcates@charter.net](mailto:bamcates@charter.net).*

### Young In Heart

**Oct. 2 | 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. | CAC**

Young In Heart invites adults 55 years of age and older to attend our monthly meetings and lunches held every first Tues. Lunch is \$6/person if you'd like to have lunch. To make reservations, forms are provided in Sunday School classrooms and on the church office door. *For more info, contact Rev. Richard Williams at [richard@aldersgateumc.org](mailto:richard@aldersgateumc.org).*

## **DayCamp for the Visually Impaired**

**Oct. 10-11 | \$10 & registration form due Oct. 5**

Learn about independent living skills, technology training, medical awareness and everyday tips taught by experts! Our Day Camp for the visually impaired will be October 10 and 11 from 10am to 3pm. Cost for the 2-day event is \$10. *For more info. contact Betty Cates at [bamcates@charter.net](mailto:bamcates@charter.net).*

## **Book Club: River Region Readers**

**Oct. 14 | 6 p.m. | Room 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. Motely, suggested by Nancy Dennis.

## **Aldersgate United Methodist Men BBQ**

**Oct. 19 & 20 | The Pavilion**

Save the date! The 2018 Men's BBQ will be Friday and Saturday, October 19 and 20. As always, plenty of opportunities to pitch in with cooking, plating, and selling. Stay tuned for more!

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

### **Music and Worship Arts**

September is Music and Worship Arts Participation month! Serve as a choir/ensemble member, orchestra member, youth and children's choir director, banner makers, dancers, hand bell ringers, soloists, actors, pianists, painters or clerical helpers! *For more opportunities contact Steve Badskey at [steve@aldersgateumc.org](mailto:steve@aldersgateumc.org).* No matter your age or talent we hope that you'll prayerfully consider joining us!

### **Youth Boys Small Group Leader Volunteers**

Small group leaders are needed for high school and middle school boys. Interested in leading these groups of boys? *Come to the small group leaders meeting mentioned above or contact Miles Barnhardt for more info. at [miles@gateumc.org](mailto:miles@gateumc.org)*

### **Meal Provider Volunteers**

Meal providers are needed for the youth and youth volunteers for the next three months on the following Sunday evenings:

**Sept. 23 & 30**

**Oct. 21, & 28**

**Nov. 4 & 25**

**Dec. 2 & 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@gateumc.org](mailto:miles@gateumc.org)*

## **Food Pantry Volunteers**

You can volunteer in one or two ways to help the food pantry:

1. Work the food pantry at least once a month on Tues. or Thurs. 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Responsibilities include setting up the host room, intake table and check collection boxes. Two volunteers are needed for each shift. Training is provided.

2. Unload food bank items once a month for an hour or less, days vary. Must be able to lift 25+ lbs.

*For more info. contact Marcia Wheat for more info. at [morewheat@aol.com](mailto:morewheat@aol.com) or 334-213-0853*

## **Knitting and Crochet Ministry Volunteers**

**Every Wed. | 2 - 3 p.m. | Room 25**

The Knitting and Crochet Ministry provides for several community outreaches including the Aldersgate Nursing Home, Meals on Wheels, the Montgomery Sunshine Center, the Cancer Center, and Congregational Care. Volunteers, monetary donations, or donations of yarn are always greatly appreciated! *For more info. contact Dorris Cox at 334-396-9611; Susan Haupt or Olivia Paesous.*

## **Midweek Gathering**

**Sept. 19 | 5:30-6:30 p.m. | The Gym**

**Menu:** Baked ham with yams, rolls, squash casserole, green beans, yellow cake with chocolate icing

**Kid's Menu:** Chicken nuggets

Family - \$25

Adults - \$6

Youth - \$5

Children - \$3

College Students - Free

*Register on the sheets provided in the attendance pads or call the church office by Mon. afternoons at 334-272-6152.*

## **Aldersgate Food Pantry Month of Sept.**

Canned Tuna or Chicken and Baked Beans

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.

"Love your neighbor as yourself." - Matthew 22:39  
23% of the Aldersgate Food Pantry Clients live in zip code 36116. They ARE our neighbors.

Thank you for your continued support of the Food Pantry Ministry!

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## Join us for worship this Sun. Sept. 16

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

## Attendance | Sun., Sept. 9, 2018

Morning Worship—273      Sunday School—168

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

Budget for 2018	1,274,545
Operating Budget Requirement to Date	850,122
Operating Budget Income Received to Date	794,317
Operating Budget Expenses to Date	834,588
Total Pledges to Faith Promise	90,335
Total Received through 8/31/18	

## Aldersgate Weekly Calendar of Events Sun., Sept. 16 — Sat., Sept. 22, 2018

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

8:15 a.m. Chapel Service with Weekly/Communion  
Knitting and Crochet Ministry display/The Atrium  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for Adults, Youth, Children  
9:45 a.m. Adult Ensemble Rehearsal  
10:30 a.m. 3D Kid's Worship/Chapel (every 2nd, 3rd, 4th Sunday)  
Contemporary Worship Service/CAC  
Traditional Worship Service/Sanctuary  
11:40 a.m. Small Group Leaders Meeting  
2:00 p.m. Jessica Evans Baby Shower/The Parlor  
4:00 p.m. Joyful Bells/Rm. 29  
5:00 p.m. Youth Small Groups

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

9:00 a.m. UMW Quilting/Room 22  
11:00 a.m. Monday Women's Bible Study/Rm. 26  
Women's Small Group/Rm. 26  
6:45 p.m. BSF/Chapel, Parlor, All rooms excluding 22, 25  
7:00 p.m. Career Christians Circle/Rm. 25

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

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

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

9:30 a.m. The Covenant Bible Study/Rm. 26  
2:00 p.m. Knitting & Crocheting Ministry/Rm. 25  
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 and 112  
The Call/Rm. 24  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

6:30 a.m. Men's Emmaus Reunion Group Mtg/Parlor  
9:30 a.m. All Staff Worship/Chapel  
10:00 a.m. Food Pantry Waiting Room/Rm. 29  
10:00 a.m. Open Time of Prayer/Rm. 28  
7:00 p.m. Sierra Club - Montgomery/Rm. 25

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

5:15 a.m. BSF Leaders Meeting/Rm. 25

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22