



# Good News

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

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The logo for "Living Generously" features a green leaf icon to the left of the word "LIVING" in a light green, sans-serif font. Below "LIVING" is the word "GENEROUSLY" in a larger, bold, dark green, sans-serif font.

What did Jesus mean when he said, "Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it?" How often do we stop to consider the commitment Christ expects? He's not talking about writing a check or checking a box, but living a life that is completely focused on giving to others that which he has so graciously given to us.

In the coming weeks, I hope to address some of these questions and ideas as we begin a new series entitled Living Generously. This series is different than others we have done. It includes a series of films that tells the story of the Donovan family as they seek to understand what it means to live the words of Jesus. Each week we will see a glimpse of their journey as they take risks, experience suffering and joy, and find themselves transformed by the call of Christ. You won't want to miss a single Sunday!

Life is busy, and it is easy for our hearts to be distracted by the demands we face. Each of us has so many blessings, but often our attitudes are less than grateful. It is my sincere hope that this series prompt us to take an inventory of the blessings God has entrusted to each of us. As we do, I hope we will be inspired with a new awareness of the goodness of God.

At the end of the series, we will give you the opportunity to share how you have been impacted. What an opportunity for our church family to celebrate God's generosity! Will you join me in praying that God will prepare our hearts to hear His message of transforming generosity? And will you commit to coming each week?

Peace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "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.*



From our missionary partners Ed and Linda Baker: We just got back from a water project kickoff trip to the Yucatan. It is our first project there, and it looks like it will be a good one. We were recently asked to fulfill another assignment - covering for a missionary couple who have started an English-speaking international church in Kiel, Germany. They asked us to come at the end of August so we can meet them, and become acquainted with their congregation before they leave for a month in the States.

We agreed, but since we have requested that most of our donations go to our water project account, we were concerned about how to fund the travel. Jim Ramsey (VP for Global Operations at TMS Global) said not to worry; if God wants it to happen He will make it work. And then we got the email from Aldersgate about the Faith Promise donation coming our way which will cover one of our tickets. Praise the Lord! You folks at Aldersgate have been so faithful over the years. Thanks again for all your support. We love you guys.

## Special Announcements

1. **\$5 on the 5th:** Every fifth Sunday of a month is a special opportunity for you to give \$5 to provide hope, help and healing to local homeless women and children through Mary Ellen's Hearth. Checks can be made to Mary Ellen's Hearth and placed in the offering this Sun., Sept. 30.

2. **Date Correction:** The Building Fund Drive's goal is to raise \$110,000 by Dec. 31, 2018 instead of the previously listed date of Dec. 31, 2019. Thank you though for a great initial response to the Building Fund Drive. You are investing in vital renovations that will make the building welcoming and safer. 50 pledges have committed to giving \$42,225, and \$6,005 has already

been given. What a great start! 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](mailto:dory@aldersgateumc.org) or turn in a commitment card.

## Events

### **McKee Middle School Choir Special Performance** **Sept. 30 | 10:30 a.m. | Sanctuary**

Anita Roberson will be directing the award winning McKee Middle School Choir in a special performance during the Traditional service. Join us for this musical presentation!

### **Jaeda Grant Special Solo Performance** **Sept. 30 | 10:30 a.m. | CAC**

Jaeda Grant, from the award winning McKee Middle School Choir directed by Anita Roberson, will perform a special solo during the Contemporary service. Come listen to this beautiful performance!

### **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 optional and is \$6/person. To make reservations, *please contact Margaret Watkins at 334-272-2212.*

### **Youth Worship Arts**

#### **Sundays starting Oct. 7 | 4:30 p.m. | Youth Area**

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

### **Senior Saints Rehearsal**

#### **Oct. 10 | 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.

#### **Upcoming Rehearsal Dates**

Wed., Oct. 24 | 11 a.m.

### **DayCamp for the Visually Impaired**

#### **Oct. 10-11 | 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. | Aldersgate UMC**

Learn about independent living skills, technology training, medical awareness and everyday tips taught by experts! \$10 registration fee and form are due by Oct. 5. *For more info. contact Betty Cates at [bamcates@charter.net](mailto:bamcates@charter.net).*

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

**Oct. 14 | 6 p.m. | Rm. 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. *For more info. contact Nancy Dennis at [ndennis@alabamaretail.org](mailto:ndennis@alabamaretail.org), 334-868-2195 or visit [aldersgateumc.org/river-region-readers](http://aldersgateumc.org/river-region-readers).*

## **Night of Worship**

**Oct. 19 | 6 p.m. | CAC**

Save the date and prepare your hearts for an evening of contemporary worship preformed by our very own praise and worship team. Be sure to invite your friends and family!

## **Aldersgate United Methodist Men BBQ**

**Oct. 20 | 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. | The Pavilion**

Save the date! The 2018 Men's BBQ will begin cooking and preparing on Fri., Oct. 19. The event will kick off at 9 a.m. on Sat., Oct. 20. As always, there will be plenty of opportunities to volunteer with cooking, plating, and selling. *For more info. contact Jimmy Dennis at [dennisfamily@charter.net](mailto:dennisfamily@charter.net).*

## **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.*

## **Hymn Sing**

**Nov. 18 | 5 p.m. | Chapel**

Grab your hymnals and join us for an evening of traditional worship lead by the traditional service worship team!

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

### **The Christmas Song Musical**

Volunteer actors/actresses, adult choir members, set designers and costume/makeup designers are needed for the annual Christmas production to be performed on Sun., Dec. 9! Adult choir rehearsals will be on Wed. evenings at 7 p.m. *For more info. and opportunities contact Steve Badskey at 334-356-1575 or Cheryl Davitz at 334-300-1162.*

### **Meal Provider Volunteers**

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

*Nov. 25, Dec. 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@aldersgateumc.org](mailto:miles@aldersgateumc.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. visit [aldersgateumc.org/aldersgate-food-pantry](http://aldersgateumc.org/aldersgate-food-pantry) or contact Marcia Wheat at [morewheat@aol.com](mailto:morewheat@aol.com) or 334-213-0853.*

### **Knitting and Crochet Ministry Volunteers**

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

The Knitting and Crochet Ministry provides for several community outreaches. Volunteers, monetary donations, or donations of yarn are always greatly appreciated!

## **Midweek Gathering**

**Oct. 3 | 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. | CAC**

**Menu:** Chicken and dumplings, cabbage, black-eyed peas, cornbread, brownies

**Kid's Menu:** Pizza

**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.*

## **Aldersgate Food Pantry | October**

**Donations Needed:** Spaghetti and Sauce

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.

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

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**Join us for worship this Sun. Sept. 30**

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. 23, 2018**

Morning Worship—431      Sunday School—180

**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	23,217

**Aldersgate Weekly Calendar of Events  
Sun., Sept. 30 — Sat., Oct. 6, 2018**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

*\$5 on the 5th: Special Offering for Mary Ellen's Hearth*  
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*  
Jaeda Grant Special Solo Performance | *CAC*  
McKee Middle School Choir Special Performance |  
*Sanctuary*  
Traditional Worship Service | *Sanctuary*  
11:30 a.m. McKee Middle School Luncheon | *CAC*  
11:45 a.m. Children's Ministry | *Rm. 114*  
4:00 p.m. Youth Worship Team | *Youth Area*  
4:30 p.m. Joyful Bells | *Rm. 29*

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 1**

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

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2**

9:30 a.m. Staff Mtg. | *Rm. 26*  
10:00 a.m. Food Pantry Waiting Room | *Rm. 29*  
11:30 a.m. Young In Heart | *CAC*  
12:00 p.m. Cooking for Communities for Transformation |  
*CAC Kitchen*  
6:00 p.m. Scout Den Mtgs. | *Rm. 15-29, CAC*

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3**

9:30 a.m. The Covenant Bible Study | *Rm. 26*  
2:00 p.m. Knitting & Crochet 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, 112*  
The Call | *Rm. 24*  
5:30 p.m. Midweek Gathering | *CAC*  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal | *Choir Room*

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4**

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*  
6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry | *Rm. 26*

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5**

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

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6**

2:00 p.m. Dance Recital Practice | *CAC*  
3:00 p.m. Dance Recital | *CAC*