



"To Know Jesus And To Make Him Known"

Good News

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"New Year Discipleship"

Paul told Timothy, "I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God." In other words, we have to work *with* the Spirit in order for us to grow in Christ-likeness. We are always seeking ways to encourage your discipleship. We do this by trying to provide opportunities that are relevant and interesting. Here is a list of what we have available in the coming weeks:

Conversation Crafting led by Dr. Brian Miller begins Wednesday, January 13 @ 6pm.

As cultural totems begin to shift, we need interpersonal communication and conversational skills now as much as ever. However, the art of conversation is being lost to digital diatribes. In this class, we will practice crafting real conversations around real issues about which we may feel real differently.

Heart Talk led by Rev. Allison Posell, begins Wednesday, January 13 @ 6pm.

This is a class geared toward strengthening relationships. We will learn about attitudes and actions in our own lives that lead to trouble in our relationships as well as ways in which we can strengthen our connection to one another.

Devotional Cooking led by Cindy Bradley begins Wednesday, January 13 @ 6 pm.

In this class you will not only learn to cook some delicious recipes from a former caterer, but you will also be nurtured through spiritual food as well.

Children of the Day led by Jill Murphy begins Wednesday, January 13 @ 6 pm.

An in-depth Bible study of 1 and 2 Thessalonians by Beth Moore. In this study, you'll face crises, afflictions, relationships, doubts, concerns, and fears. Find encouragement for living the Christian life now and hope for when Christ returns.

Continuing classes:

A Guide to Prayer led by Betty Cates, Mondays @ 10 am

The Letters of John led by Edith Snyder, Wednesdays @ 9:30 am

OneBook: The Gospel of Mark led by Rev. Michael Cobb, Wednesday nights @ 6pm

Grace and Peace,

Music Ministry

*Begin the New Year
with a Song in Your Heart*

Join us for a choir rehearsal soon. Our **Chancel Choir** will resume rehearsals at 7:00 on Wednesday nights on January 6, our **Junior Bells, Carol Choir and Joyful Bells** will resume rehearsal on January 10.

Music Opportunities at Aldersgate

Listed below is just a glimpse of some of the musical opportunities offered here at Aldersgate:

Sunday Schedule

Carol Choir (grades 1-6) - 4:30 p.m.

Youth Choir (grades 7-12) - 4:30 p.m.

Joyful Bells (adult) - 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday Schedule

Chancel Choir (adult) - 7:00 p.m.

Angel Choir (ages 3-5) - 6:00 p.m.

Senior Saints (sr. adult) - TBA Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.

Aldersgate Orchestra (adults and youth) -
Wednesdays and Sundays as needed TBA

Plus all of our ensembles for voices and instruments.

Visitors are always welcome at any of our rehearsals.
Come join us!!

Our Sound Tech Multi-Media Team Needs You!

We're seeking new members to fill out our roster. Training is fast and commitment can be as little as one Sunday a month. Email Steve Badskey steve@aldersgateumc.org or call him at 272-6152 if you're interested.

Senior Saints Winter Schedule

Thurs., Jan. 14 2:00 Sing at Elmcroft

Renascence Rummage Sale

Renascence is having a giant rummage sale, featuring furniture, antiques, household goods, toys, games, books, tools, clothing, and more!! Come and have cookies and cider with us, meet some of our residents, and know that your purchase support the only fully-supervised re-entry center in Alabama.

It will be held Saturday, January 16, 2016, from 7:00 a.m. until noon at Capitol Heights United Methodist Church at 2000 Winona Ave.

A sampling of the items for sale can be found on our website (www.halfway-home.net) under "Events"

Personal Endowment Fund Committee Meeting

There will be a Permanent Endowment Fund Committee Meeting on Thursday, January 14, at 6:00 pm in room 26.

River Region Readers

Like to read? Join our Book Club at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, January 10, in room 119 as we discuss *A Farewell to Arms*, by Ernest Hemingway. All are welcome. We will complete our list of books to read for 2016, so now is the time to join!

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

Our Tuesday morning Bible Study and Breakfast began January 5, but it's not too late to join us! Rev. Derek Frost (husband of our Program Assistant, Allison), brings the Word to us for the month of January. Derek is a gifted teacher/preacher of the Word and is Pastor of Highland Avenue Baptist church. He is a regular teacher for our group and always has great insights for us. We hope you will join us one or more weeks in January. We begin at 6:30 a.m. (in room 22) and are always done by 7:30 a.m., but will let you slip out early if needed!

UMW Sewing/Quilting Group Time Change

Beginning in 2016, the United Methodist Women's Sewing/Quilting Group will change their meeting time to the 1st Thursday of each month (9:00 a.m.—noon). This spring we will focus on making lap quilts for seniors and children's quilts for the Sunshine Center—also school bags for UMCOR. Come share your sewing talents in this ministry.

Missions

From Ted Davis: On a recent backpack food bag delivery to Chisholm Elementary we met a young man named Zaxton. He got very excited when he saw us delivering the bags and told us he was one of the recipients. He was a delightful young fellow, about 8 years old, and to see the delight in his eyes was heart-warming. As we left that day we couldn't help but be touched by the thought that Vance and 17 other young children would have some extra food for the weekend because of the wonderful mission work being done at Aldersgate UMC.

By the way, the program is growing so we are now providing weekend breakfast, lunch, and snacks for 21 children at Chisholm Elementary. These children were identified by their teachers as ones whose home situation appeared to be dire. That's where you come in. We are currently in need of volunteers that can buy the supplies needed to fill the bags, pack and deliver them. To volunteer or for more information please contact Ted Davis at 354-7853 or email at mdretired@gmail.com.

Children's Ministry



Our Mission:

*To know Jesus and to make Him known
in each child's HEART!*

Parents' Night Out is Friday, January 8 from 5:30-9:00 pm. The cost is \$15 per child and includes pizza, drinks and activities. Registration is required and must be done by Wednesday, January 6. Please visit www.aldersgateumc.org to reserve your child's spot today!

Youth Announcements

As of right now if you are going to Colombia, you should have paid \$350 to date. If you have any questions regarding payment, travel, well anything really, please do not hesitate to contact me. Remember that ALL meetings are mandatory as well as fundraising. Our next meeting will be on February 21 at 3:00 p.m.

Winter Retreat is literally 11 days away!! It is so crazy to think about. January 15-17, we will leave the church at 5:00 to travel to Camp Alamisco. It is \$85 a person or \$135 for families. There will be other churches going with us including Lucas Tribble's youth. Lucas and I have been working on the weekend and we have an awesome theme planned for you all "Love Joy" - stay tuned for what that means to us. It will be a great weekend of worship, games, and lots of food. Y'all invite your friends. If you have a friend come with you, we will count that person as part of your family and you can have the family discount. Please start signing up NOW and bringing your form and money. We need to start planning on how many supplies and how much food we will need.

Youth Talent Night is February 7. This is the event that will take place of the Silent Auction. It will look very similar in that there will still be dinner, entertainment and a chance to buy cool stuff. There will not be a silent auction though. Instead, we will have several "big ticket" items that will hopefully bring in lots of money. If you have something of great value that you could donate such as football tickets, let us know. There will be more information about this soon after Christmas. If you have any questions, feel free to ask.

District Lay Academy at Aldersgate UMC— Sunday, January 10, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

- 2:00 Check-in begins in the Atrium. Tables will be set up with information about a number of ministry opportunities.
- 2:15 Music gathering in the Sanctuary
- 2:30 District Conference in the Sanctuary
- 3:00—3:40 Session 1
- 3:40—3:50 Refreshments provided
- 3:50—4:30 Session 2

Participants will receive proposals for mission partnerships in the following classes: Alabama Rural Ministries, Auburn, Troy and Tuskegee Wesley Foundations, Mary Ellen's Hearth at Nellie Burge, Circles of Transformation, Red Bird Missionary Conference, Tanzania Mission.

Because the same classes will be offered at both sessions, participants can attend two classes. Each church is asked to send at least three participants who will attend two sessions each. Participants will then take the story of the six missions back to their congregations. Every church will be encouraged to partner with at least one of these great missions. Each mission will have a team of volunteers who will follow up with and assist local churches in their partnerships.

Empty Pill Bottles?

If anyone has any empty pill bottles to recycle, please bring them to the church. There will be a box outside the Program Staff Office to put them in. If you have any questions, please contact Ronnie Watkins at 272-2212. **(Don't forget to remove all labels before turning these in!)**



Aldersgate Food Pantry

JANUARY FOOD OF THE MONTH



CANNED FRUIT
(2 cans per bag)



"Do my donations really help??" YES!!

In 2015 the Food Pantry donated 959 bags of groceries. (+ 102 Thanksgiving Bags) The Food Pantry distributes, on average, 80 bags per month; monthly average of total # of people served is 217!

The Food Pantry thanks you all for your generous support in food donations, money, and time given to support this wonderful ministry of Aldersgate.

Please place in collection baskets located in the Atrium, Christian Activity Center and outside the Program Staff Offices.

Aldersgate Café

January 13, 2016 5:15-6:00 p.m.

Serving & Clean-up: UMW, UMM

Adults & Children:

Baked Chicken,
Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Green Beans,
Rolls, Honeybun Cake

Kid's Option: Corndogs

Or:

Entrée Salad

(Cost is Adults/\$6.00,
Youth & College/\$5.00,
Children/\$3.00,
Family/\$25.00 maximum)

To register, please sign up on the sheet provided in the attendance pads or call the church office by Monday noon (272-6152).

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 8:15 Chapel Service with
 Holy Communion—Dr. Brian Miller

10:30 Contemporary—Rev. Michael Cobb

 10:30 Traditional—Dr. Brian Miller
 Luke 2:41-52

“That Time Mary & Joseph Lost Jesus”
Our gifts to God!
January 3, 2016

Morning Worship—309 Sunday School—203

September, 2015

Budget for 2015	\$1,200,181
Operating Budget Requirement to Date	1,104,166
Operating Budget Income Received to Date	1,129,557
Operating Budget Expenses to Date	1,071,515
Total Pledges to Capital Campaign	1,419,823
Total Received to date	1,360,994

Aldersgate Weekly Calendar of Events

January 10-16, 2016

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

- 8:15 a.m. Chapel Service with Weekly Communion
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School for Adults, Youth, Children
- 9:15 a.m. Confirmation Class/Room 29
- 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service/Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service/CAC
- 2:00 p.m. District Lay Academy/Sanctuary
All Rooms
- 6:00 p.m. River Region Readers/Room 119

MONDAY, JANUARY 11

- 11:00 a.m. Women’s Study/Room 25
- 1:00 p.m. Clergy Team Meeting
Administrative Office Conference Room
- 6:00 p.m. Career Christians Circle/Room 25
- 6:55 p.m. BSF/Chapel, Parlor
All Rooms including 114, excluding 22, 25

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

- 6:30 a.m. Men’s Breakfast & Bible Study
Room 22
- 9:30 a.m. Administrative Staff Meeting/Room 26
- 9:30 a.m. Food Pantry Waiting Room/Room 29
- 3:00 p.m. Discipleship Team Meeting
Administrative Office Conference Room

- 6:00 p.m. Cub/Boy Scout Den Meetings
Rooms 15-29, CAC

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

- 9:30 a.m. The Covenant Bible Study/Room 26
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 5:15 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper/CAC
- 6:00 p.m. Weds. Night Bible Studies and Small Groups

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

- 6:30 a.m. Men’s Emmaus Reunion Group Meeting
Parlor
- 8:00 a.m. Newsletter, Bulletin Preparation/Room 26
- 9:30 a.m. Food Pantry Waiting Room/Room 29
- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Group/Room 20
- 1:00 p.m. Vision Impaired Group/Room 23
- 2:00 p.m. Senior Saints Sing at Elmcroft
- 6:00 p.m. PEF Committee Meeting/Room 26

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

- 5:15 a.m. BSF Leaders Meeting/Room 25
- 3:30 p.m. St. James Dance Team/CAC

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

- 7:30 a.m. Chrysalis/Rooms 22, 25, 26, Chapel