



"To Know Jesus And To Make Him Known"

Good News

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Leadership Is Crucial to the Mission

There are many roles to play within the life of the Church. All are important to accomplishing God's mission. Without you who rock babies in the nursery, we would not be welcoming to families. Without you who visit hospitals and nursing homes, we would not care for the ill and aging. Without you who work in the Food Pantry or with Reality and Truth, we would not be reminded of our need to care for the poor and participate in offering fullness of life.

Along with these task-related works of the Church, though, there are also leadership roles that we depend upon. The Church Council is a group of people who provide leadership of areas that we have discerned to be necessary for the accomplishing of God's mission. While most of the members of the Church Council have specific roles in leading specific ministry groups within the life of the church. However, when gathered as a whole, the Church Council is a directional body, discerning the best courses of action to accomplish the mission.

On Sunday, January 24, the 2016 Church Council will be installed during both of the 10:30 worship experiences. Then, during the afternoon, the Church Council will meet with ministry team leaders to identify near-term goals as we seek "To Know Jesus & To Make Him Known." Pray for us, that God would grant us wisdom and vision and that our time would be fruitful.

This is your Church Council lay leadership for 2016:

- Wyvonne Johnson—Chairperson
- Tom Tribble—Vice-Chairperson
- George Mingledorff—Lay Leader
- Harold Adair, Jennifer Lancaster, George Mingledorff, Barbara Boland—Lay Members of Annual Conference
- Pete Moore—Chairperson, Trustees
- Moe Deason—Chairperson, Finance
- Tom Tribble—Chairperson, Pastor-Parish Relations
- David Herring—Chairperson, Personnel
- Lisa Free—Chairperson, Endowment Fund
- Judy Loughridge—Coordinator of Nurturing Ministries
- Sarah Mingledorff—Coordinator of Outreach Ministries
- JoAnn Waters—Coordinator of Witness Ministries
- Debbie Daniel—Coordinator of Age-Level Ministries
- Robin Rawls—Coordinator of Communications
- Frances Whitaker—Recording Secretary
- Chappell Chancey—Church Treasurer
- Alyssa Tinch, Michael Murphy—Youth Representatives
- Rebecca Gilbert, Keith Johnson, Shirley Jordan, Ian Turnipseed, Ronnie Elmore, Vince Stephenson—Members at Large

Peace,

Music Ministry

Never Thirst Again

Our spring Easter musical, "Never Thirst Again," will present the life-changing story of Jesus' death and resurrection through the eyes of the Samaritan woman at the well. Everyone is invited to join our Chancel Choir at our 7:00 Wednesday night rehearsals as we begin learning this intimate and compelling work, "Never Thirst Again." Three simple words—and our past is forgiven, our present is fulfilled, and our future is eternally secured. That's the promise of Easter!



Knitters and Crocheters

Would you like to learn or are you accomplished? Come join us in room 25 on Wednesdays and 3:00 p.m. We'll keep you in stitches!

UMW Place Mats

It is place mat order time again. The place mats are used in the Christian Activity Center for Aldersgate Cafe and other meals served throughout the year. The United Methodist Women use profits from the sale of the ads for local mission projects. The use of these also saves the church money. The cut-off time for renewal (\$40), major changes (\$45), and new ads (\$45) will be February 22. Please call Judy Powell at 277-4504 for questions or information. Thanks for your support!

Prayer and Praise Email

All members are encouraged to join our Aldersgate Prayer and Praise email list. Prayer requests and notes of praise are sent out several times a week to our more than 140 different current and former Aldersgate members. You can join our email list by sending an email aumcprayerandpraise@gmail.com or call the church office at 272-6152.

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 this last week 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!



In Memoriam

Mary Ellis
January 12, 2016

Mission Study on "Latin America: People and Faith,"

February 27, 2016

Interested in learning about Latin America, especially about the history of Christianity in Latin America, and hearing about some of the ministries and missionaries we partner with in Latin America, as well as about the growth and vitality of the Hispanic Ministries we support in the Alabama/West Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church?

MARK FEBRUARY 27 ON YOUR CALENDAR AND PLAN TO ATTEND THIS INFORMATIVE FOUR HOUR STUDY AT ALDERSGATE. Further details about the Study will be announced in upcoming issues of GOOD NEWS.

Lunch With the Pastor

Guests and new members are invited to "Lunch with the Pastor" immediately following the 10:30 am worship hour on January 31 in the parlor. During the time, Dr. Brian Miller and Rev. Michael Cobb will share about the people of God at Aldersgate and ways that we are fulfilling the mission. If you would like to join "Lunch with the Pastor," please call 272-6152 or email office@aldersgateumc.org.

Young at Heart...

...will return soon! As we navigate leadership change, keep your eyes open for the next time together!

Missions

Can you imagine Africa without the deadly disease of malaria? The United Methodist Church has such a vision. The Alabama-West Florida Conference recently announced that we have reached our goal of saving 100,000 lives by raising over \$1 million for Imagine No Malaria, an initiative of people of The United Methodist Church. Imagine No Malaria, part of a global partnership to eliminate this disease, is a comprehensive effort that includes prevention and treatment of malaria.

"It was humbling to see United Methodists of all ages participate in this challenge of saving 100,000 lives," said Bishop Paul L. Leeland. "We celebrate reaching this milestone and give thanks to God that our denomination places an emphasis on helping those in areas of the World that need it most." Aldersgate exceeded the goal set for us by AWFC by raising \$6,454 for Imagine No Malaria.

Children's Ministry



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

Children ages kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to join us for 3D Kids worship in the chapel at 10:30 on Sunday. Parents can sign their children in beginning at 10:20. This week we will begin a new series: Kids in the Bible. Come join us and find out that God can use us, no matter the age.

Youth Announcements

HUB-Wednesdays nights are back on as we looked toward our summer missions and see what God has in store for us. We begin at 5:30 with dinner; if you want to join for an awesome meal, bring \$5. We will gather for hangout at 6 and then have worship, prayer, and scripture. We will read all how the scriptures guide us for missions.

Sunday Nights—from 3:30-4 there will be youth handbells. From 4-5:30 there will be choir practice as we prepare for our fundraiser. This Sunday, January 24, we will have an all together small group from 5:30-7 to reflect on our winter retreat weekend. Small Groups will begin on January 31, 5:30-7. Jr. High will be here at the church and Sr. High will be in homes. Sign up begins now to host our Sr. High girls and/or guys.

Sunday Mornings are moving right along with the new schedule. Come and join us at 9:15 for fellowship and Jesus. Be in prayer for our confirmation class as they are learning about their faith and the church.

Fundraiser—due to scheduling conflict, Lent being really early this year, and giving the youth more time to practice, our fundraiser has been postponed and rescheduled for April 3.

Let me know what I can do for each of you all and keep me posted as to what is going on.

Baby Recognition Sunday

January 24, 2016

The following list of babies were born into our church family in 2015 and will be recognized this January 24, 2016, for Baby Recognition Sunday. We look forward to celebrating with these little ones and their families.

- Levi Barkhurst, son of Ragan and Heather Barkhurst (8/27/15)
- Evelyn Butram, daughter of Emma (Swayne) and Garland Butram (3/19/15)
- Ian Cobb, son of Rev. Michael and Sara Cobb (9/3/15)
- Henry, Ava, and Rachel Daniel—son and daughters of Allen and Casey Daniel (8/9/15)
- Addison Drew—daughter of John and Katie Drew (8/22/15)
- Charlotte Maccia—daughter of Mike and Melissa Maccia (8/10/15)
- Tripp McBrayer—son of Dee and Kylie McBrayer (9/29/15)
- Joshua Morgan—son of Dwayne and Jennifer Morgan (4/8/15)
- August Reed—son of Todd & Lindsey Reed (3/29/15)
- JoAnna Jocelyn—daughter of Christina Mingledorff and Matthew Jocelyn (9/10/15)

The following babies, also being recognized this Sunday, were born to Weekday Children's Ministry (WCM) families in 2015:

- Jordyn Lea Searight (5/27/15)
- Oliver Havard (7/20/15)

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 27, 2016 5:15-6:00 p.m.

Serving & Clean-up:
Crosswalk Class

Adults & Children:
Pot Roast w/Carrots & Potatoes,
Baby Lima Beans, Rolls, Lemon Cake

Kid's Option: Chicken Nuggets

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).

Join us for worship this Sunday!

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

10:30 Contemporary—Rev. Michael Cobb

10:30 Traditional—Dr. Brian Miller
 Luke 12:4-7

#Fearless 2016—“The Fear of God”

Our gifts to God!

January 17, 2016

Morning Worship—314 Sunday School—205

November, 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 Faith Promise	82,260
Total Received 4/15/15—12/31/15	62,370

Aldersgate Weekly Calendar of Events

January 24-30, 2016

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

- 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
- 2:30 p.m. Church Council/Ministry Teams/Room 22
- 3:30 p.m. Jr. Bells/Room 29
- 4:00 p.m. Carol Choir/Room 25
- 4:00 p.m. Joyful Bells/Room 29
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Choir/Choir Room
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Small Group/Upstairs CAC
- 5:30 p.m. Ecuador Team Meeting/Room 25

MONDAY, JANUARY 25

- 11:00 a.m. Women’s Bible Study/Room 25
- 1:30 p.m. Clergy Team Meeting/Administrative Office Conference Room
- 5:30 p.m. WCM Faculty Meeting/Room 22
- 6:55 p.m. BSF/Chapel, Parlor, All Rooms including 114, excluding 22, 25
- 7:00 p.m. Praise Singers

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

- 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. DeColores Emmaus Cluster/CAC
- 6:00 p.m. Cub/Boy Scout Den Meetings/Rooms 15-29
- 6:00 p.m. Lay Leadership Committee Meeting/Parlor

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

- 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
- 3:30 p.m. St. James School Dance Team/CAC
- 6:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting/Room 119

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

- 5:15 a.m. BSF Leaders Meeting/Room 25
- 5:00 p.m. Scout Pinewood Derby Registration & Qualifying/CAC

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

- 7:00 a.m. Scout Pinewood Derby/CAC
- 10:00 a.m. Organ Transplant Group/Room 22
- 2:00 p.m. Set-up for Sunday Shower/Room 22, CAC Kitchen