



"To Know Jesus And To Make Him Known"

Good News

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Making Halloween Meaningful

We don't always know what to make of Halloween. For some, there is discomfort with the "celebration" conceptually. Others may think it's just for kids. For those of us who are looking for ways to build relationship so that we might mediate the presence of Jesus, it is an opportunity!

Jeff Mangum, pastor of Austin Stone Community Church in Austin, Texas, provides a helpful guide for making Halloween meaningful.

"There are many practical ways that might help us engage our neighbors and participate in our collective community. Here are a few to consider:

1. Host a costume party with your small group or Sunday School class and invite your friends and neighbors. This is a great way to practice gospel hospitality. This would serve as a non-threatening environment and an opportunity to remove unhealthy barriers for the purpose of connecting with those that you might not know very well, or even at all. This also invites your missionary community to be participants, together, in serving as one body.

2. Have dinner in the front lawn with neighbors as you give candy to trick-or-treaters. What a great opportunity to be creative to involve others in getting to know each other (not to mention, again, you getting to meet them). You can bring your grill to the driveway and cook hot dogs and hamburgers. You could have some fun with what you are cooking as well (ex. Breakfast for Dinner – waffles, pancakes, eggs, etc. A bunch of appetizers would be easy, even as simple as Hot Chocolate and or cupcakes). Meanwhile, as families come by, you can have candy available to give. You could even have some fun, quick activities in the front yard for the kids to play as they stop by your house (pinatas or a bean bag toss are great options).

3. Take your kids trick-or-treating with your neighbors. For families, you could invite your neighbors to join your family in the search for mass quantities of sugar! Again, this is a way to practice hospitality outside of your home."

Here's to a Halloween on mission.

Peace,

Welcome New Members!

A warm welcome to the newest members of our Aldersgate family, Chuck and Sarah Laubach, who come to us by transfer from another United Methodist church in San Angelo, Texas. Chuck and Sarah have two children: Charlie, born 12/29/09 and Robert, born 6/27/11.

Music Ministry



Baptist Health will be sponsoring “Joy—An Irish Christmas” with Keith and Kristyn Getty on Thursday, December 2 at 7:00 at the Montgomery Performing Arts Center. A dozen of our Aldersgate Choir members will be singing in the choir for the concert.

A group from Aldersgate will also be attending the concert. Please contact Steve Badskey at steve@aldersgatedumc.org or 334-272-6152 to get added to our group ticket list. The group seating rate will take \$5 off of the Theater Seats (\$35) and Balcony Seats (\$25).

Calling all Potential Saints!

If you enjoy singing favorite hymns and if you’ve ever sung, hummed or whistled in the tub or shower at some time in your life, your qualified to come! Come join the rest of us Senior Saints as we prepare to share a new musical program with nursing homes, retirement centers and rehab facilities in our city. (No Halo Required!)

Senior Saint Fall Schedule

Wed., Oct. 14	11:00	Rehearsal
Thurs., Oct. 28	11:00	Rehearsal

Prepare for the Holidays!



It is that time of year, when we start making our holiday plans. The United Methodist Women of Aldersgate can help you prepare! Once again we will have our annual casserole and bake sale.

We will begin taking orders on Sunday, October 18th. Mark your calendars, and look for our order tables around the church. You may also make your orders with any UMW lady. Bake sale and casserole pick up will be Saturday, November 14th.

October is Fair Trade Month!

Farmers in developing countries do not have powerful governments or lobbying organizations looking out for their best interests. As a result, they are often exploited (sometimes unintentionally) in a system that does not pay them market value for their goods. This has led to a cycle of poverty for these farmers. Coffee, tea, and cocoa are typical crops in these developing countries. *Fair Trade* is a way of doing business that allows small farmers to be an active part of the world marketplace, so they can feed their families, send their children to school, gain access to health care, and much more. You can support these hardworking farmers by shopping at the Aldersgate Fair Trade Store!

United Methodist Women’s Unit

to Meet on October 20

The fall meeting of Aldersgate's United Methodist Women will be on October 20 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 22. We will plan our mission activities and fund raisers for the coming year. Katie Blair, Director of Children's Ministries, and Lara Ward, Co-Director of Weekday Children's Ministry, will update us on ways we can continue to focus our outreach activities toward serving the WCM again this year. Women who are not currently involved with UMW are welcomed to come and find out what we do in mission together at Aldersgate, throughout the local community, and in support of programs in support of UMW around the world. There will be a potluck salad luncheon following the meeting.



31st Annual Barbecue

Sat., October 17, 8:30 am-2:00 pm

\$8.00 per box

(each box has BBO Pork & Chicken, Baked Beans, Slaw, BBQ Bread)



Get Tickets from one of the UMM Members OR Buy a Box on the Day of the Sale!

Missions

For several years the Aldersgate family has participated in Operation Christmas Child. When blessed by God, a small shoebox filled with school and hygiene supplies, toys and other goodies can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal. The mission of this Samaritan’s Purse ministry is to demonstrate God’s love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Empty boxes for you to fill will be available starting October 17 in the atrium and the CAC. They can be filled inexpensively with a trip to a dollar store. This is a wonderful project for families, especially for grandparents and their grandchildren. Children enjoy shopping for the gifts and filling their boxes. Won’t you fill a shoe box, or two, for Operation Christmas Child this year and be a part of changing children’s lives all over the world in Jesus’ Name?



Aldersgate United Methodist Church Blood Drive

In the bloodmobile

**Sunday, October 25th
9am to 1pm**

Donors must be 17 or older (16 with written parental consent), weigh 110 lbs. or more and show photo ID. For more information, call toll-free 888-795-2707 or visit lifesouth.org.



All blood donors will receive a T-shirt.

Children's Ministry



Children's Corner

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

All elementary students are invited to join us for **Wonderful Wednesday's** from 6:00-7:00 pm in room 114. Our theme this semester is Board Games. Just like there are rules for playing games, God has given us specific rules for life. We will explore and play a different game each week as we talk about living our life to please God. Preschool children are invited to go to Angel Choir in room 112 from 6-6:30 pm. After choir, they will be escorted to the nursery by a volunteer. Join us this Wednesday!

Mark your calendars NOW for our Fall Festival! Aldersgate United Methodist Church will hold their Fall Festival on Wednesday, October 28 from 5:30-7:30 pm in the church gym and parking lot. There will be games, face painting, prizes, and Trunk a Treat. A hot dog supper will be served. All are invited and family friendly costumes are encouraged. Admission is free, however, we will be taking donations of canned goods for our food pantry. Invite a friend and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship.

Youth Announcements

HUB—Wednesday nights 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. Join us this fall as we dive into the word and learn how we are to live as scriptural people. HUB will always wrap up around 7 (I apologize in advance for running late). Wednesday October 28th we will be helping with Fall Festival, so start planning your costumes and let me know if you will be there so that we can assign you an activity for the evening.

Sunday Nights—From 3:30-4 there will be youth handbells, from 4-5 there will be youth band and choir practice. At 5:00 we will gather every Sunday at the church for prayer, announcements, and fellowship and then at 5:30 split into our small groups. Sr. High will be going to homes and Jr. High will be staying at the church; small groups will wrap up around 7 with pick up at the small group sights. If Sr. High needs a ride back to the church for pick up, just let us know. There are still some later dates to host Sr. High guys, so let me know if you would like to do this.

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.

I was excited to see the turn out a few weeks ago for our Colombia mission trip meeting. This is going to be an awesome trip; a **reminder that your \$100 deposit is due this week**. If you are still in the deciding stage, just let me know so that I can keep you on the list to get info. I encourage you to make your decision soon though as we will begin having regular meetings. If you have any questions regarding this trip, please feel free to email me. Thank you!!!

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

Brittney Liebke, Director of Youth Ministries

Lunch with the Pastor

Guests and new members are invited to "Lunch with the Pastor" immediately following the 10:30am worship hour on October 18. During this 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 email office@aldersgateumc.org or call 272-6152.

River Region Readers

At 6:00 p.m. Sunday, October 11, in room 119, the book club will discuss *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee. All are welcome! Come even if you haven't finished the book. Plan to join us in November as we discuss *Go Set a Watchman* by Harper Lee.

Backpack Ministry

Reminder—The Ambassador Class has signed up for the weeks of October 5 through October 30 to serve in the Backpack Ministry.



Aldersgate Food Pantry

**October is "TREAT"
Your Neighbor Right Month**



BREAKFAST FOOD
(Cereal, Grits, Oatmeal,
Pancake Mix and Syrup)



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

Aldersgate Café

October 14, 2015, 5:15-6:00 p.m.

Serving & Clean-up: CrossWalkClass

Adults & Children:

Country Steak, Yellow Rice, Green Beans, Rolls, Brownies
(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

Philippians 2:5-11

“Reverb: A Life That Echoes—Powerlessness”
Our gifts to God!
October 4, 2015

Morning Worship—324 Sunday School—222

August, 2015

Budget for 2015	\$1,200,181
Operating Budget Requirement to Date	800,521
Operating Budget Income Received to Date	793,951
Operating Budget Expenses to Date	775,550
Total Pledges to Faith Promise	82,260
Total Received 4/15/15—9/30/15	42,747

Aldersgate Weekly Calendar of Events

October 11-17, 2015

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11—SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

Family Promise/Rooms 23, 24, 27, 28, 29

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

 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
 11:35 a.m. Orchestra Rehearsal/Choir Room
 4:00 p.m. Financial Peace University
 3:30 p.m. Jr. Bells/Room 29
 4:00 p.m. Carol Choir (grades 1-6)/Room 25
 4:00 p.m. Joyful Bells/Room 29
 4:00 p.m. Youth Choir (grades 7-12)/Choir Room
 6:00 p.m. River Region Readers/Room 119

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

 11:00 a.m. Women's Study/Room 28
 1:00 p.m. Clergy Team Meeting/Administrative Office Conf. Rm.
 1:00 p.m. Mission Prayer Team/Room 19
 5:30 p.m. Grief Support Group/Room 25
 6:55 p.m. BSF/Chapel, Parlor, All Rooms including 114, excluding 22, 25
 7:00 p.m. Praise Singers' Rehearsal/Choir Room
 7:15 p.m. Men's Rec. Basketball/CAC

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

 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
 10:00 a.m. Conference Board of Trustees/Room 119
 11:00 a.m. Conference Board of Trustees/Room 26
 3:00 p.m. Discipleship Team Meeting/Admini. Ofc. Conf. Rm.
 6:00 p.m. Boy/Cub Scouts/Rooms 22, 25, 26, CAC

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study/Room 26

 11:00 a.m. Senior Saints Rehearsal
 1:00 p.m. Art Class/Room 26
 3:00 p.m. Knitting & Crocheting Group/Room 28
 4:00 p.m. Bible Study—Hebrews: The Book of Better Things
 5:15 p.m. Aldersgate Café/CAC
 5:30 p.m. HUB (Youth)/CAC Upstairs
 6:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays (Elementary Children)/Room 114
 6:00 p.m. Angel Choir (ages 3-5)
 6:00 p.m. Small Group—Scream-Free Parenting
 6:00 p.m. Women's Small Group
 6:00 p.m. Bible Study—OneBook: The Gospel of Mark
 6:00 p.m. Small Group—“What Is Going On At Aldersgate?”
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

 6:30 a.m. Men's Emmaus Reunion Group/Parlor
 8:00 a.m. Newsletter/Bulletin Preparation/Room 26
 9:00 a.m. UMW Quilting Group/Room 25
 9:00 a.m. Pathfinder Class Set-up/Room 22
 12:00 p.m. Pathfinder Class Lunch/Room 22
 9:30 a.m. Food Pantry Waiting Room/Room 29
 10:00 a.m. Prayer Group/Room 24
 6:30 p.m. Embroidery Guild of America/Room 27
 7:15 p.m. Worship Team/CAC

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

 5:15 p.m. BSF Leaders/Room 25
 12:00 p.m. Set-up for Anniversary Celebration/Room 22
 3:30 p.m. St. James Dance Team/CAC
 8:00 p.m. UMW BBQ Cooking, Preparation/CAC

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

 8:00 a.m. Boy Scouts/East Parking Lot
 8:30 a.m. UMM BBQ
 3:00 p.m. Anniversary Celebration/Room 22, Old Kitchen, UMW Kitchen