



"To Know Jesus And To Make Him Known"

# Good News

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## Rabbis

I try to make it a practice to pray over Grant every night before he goes to sleep. Typically I will start with thanksgiving, rejoicing over the pleasures of him in our lives. Increasingly more common, my moments of thanksgiving are becoming interrupted by the awareness of the fact that this is a life that I am responsible to shape and mold as best I can in the ways that lead to life in Christ. I desire that God capture and captivate him so deeply that Grant will trust his life to Him as early as possible. I pray that he might be able to avoid the pitfalls that I have encountered in my walk. I long for him to walk closer to God than I have ever experienced. I pray that in whatever path of life he chooses, God and His Kingdom will be grown and made known through him. I pray for the very best life in Christ that is available to him.

As a pastor and even more so as a member of the body of Christ here at Aldersgate, I recognize that it is my responsibility to feel this way, not just about my own son, but about all of the children in our church. Each one of us should yearn for our children to know God and experience Him in ways that will lead to lives saturated with His love. Our hope and work in their lives should lead them to learn an obedience to God that is world changing. This is the very best that we can hope and do for them.

Disciples are learners. They are followers. They observe their rabbis and mimic their actions. Our children are disciples of each one of us, not just their parents. It is not a task for which we volunteer, it simply is the reality. If we are pursuing the knowledge of the love of Christ in our own lives, if we are growing in obedience to Him, if we are making a difference in the world, they see it. They learn it. They mimic it. Rabbis, what way of life are we modeling?

Grace and Peace to you,

*Michael*



## Welcome New Members!

A warm welcome to the newest members of our Aldersgate family, David and Amanda Edwards who come to us by transfer from another local church. David and Amanda have two children: Casey, age 15, and Logan, age 11.

## Music Ministry

# The Silence AND THE SOUND

**COME JOIN US!** You've probably noticed some new faces in our choir loft lately. Is God calling you to a new opportunity in music? If so, then respond with joy. Now would be a great time to visit our Chancel Choir as we prepare for our upcoming "The Silence And The Sound" Christmas Musical on Sunday, December 13 at 10:30. We rehearse at 7:00 on Wednesday nights and at 10:15 in the choir room on Sunday mornings.



Baptist Health will be sponsoring "Joy—An Irish Christmas" with Keith and Kristyn Getty on Thursday, December 3 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](mailto: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).

### Senior Saint Fall Schedule

Thurs., Oct. 28	11:00	Rehearsal
Thurs., Nov. 12	10:15	Sing at John Knox Nursing Home
Thurs., Nov. 19	1:00	Sing at Elmcroft

### Casserole Sales

This Sunday, the United Methodist Women of Aldersgate, will begin taking orders for our annual casserole sale. This year's selection will include:

- Chicken & Dressing,
- Poppy Seed Chicken
- Sweet Potato
- Broccoli
- Frozen Cranberry Salad
- Vegetable Beef Soup



You may place your order with any UMW member, or at our order tables, located in the atrium, CAC, and by the parlor on the next 3 Sundays.

## Fair Trade Coffee Spotlight— Las Colinas Co-op, El Salvador



In a country once torn apart by civil war, the farmers of Las Colinas have grown coffee against all odds. In 1980, government land reform gave many poor Salvadorans their own land. But without technical assistance or access to bank credit, most of these farmers went bankrupt.

And yet the farmers of Las Colinas co-op persevered. They learned how to run a farm successfully. Now, they collectively farm (through their co-op) on land once owned by a wealthy plantation owner. And, they all share in the profits of the coffee harvest. You can support these hardworking farmers by buying coffee at the Aldersgate Fair Trade Store! \$7 regular/\$9 decaf/\$8 single serve pods.



United  
Methodist  
Women  
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ALDERSGATE UNIT OF  
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN WILL MEET

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2015  
At 10:00 a.m. in Room 22

All women of the church are welcome. Katie Blair, Director of the Weekday |children's Ministry, will update us on ways we can continue to serve the WCM again this year. There will be a salad potluck luncheon following the meeting. Let's start our 2015-2016 year with a big turnout of members and guests.

## Missions



Our third annual Global Impact Celebration will be April 15-17, 2016. Our previous GICs were a blessing to all who attended, including our missionary guests. We have an outstanding keynote speaker and worship leader lined up, and you'll finally get to meet our missionary

partner in India along with several other local, national and international missionaries.

Mark your calendar now and save the dates for this exciting weekend. There will be plenty of volunteer opportunities; pray about how you can be involved. You don't want to miss being a part of GIC 2016!

## 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. Pre-school 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, October 18 is All Together Night.

**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.

**Your \$100 deposit for Colombia is due now!** This goes for our college folks that are going as well. If you have not made your decision if you are going or not, I encourage you to think on this. Please don't hesitate to talk with me about the trip if you have any concerns or questions. We will have a meeting in November, so be ready for this. Remember that ALL meetings are mandatory as well as fundraising.

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](mailto:office@aldersgateumc.org) or call 272-6152.

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Dee and Kylie McBrayer upon the birth of their son, "Tripp" on September 29, 2015. Proud grandparents are Ray and Patricia McBrayer.

## Blood Drive



There will be a LIFESouth Blood Drive at Aldersgate in the bloodmobile on Sunday, October 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

## 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 21, 2015, 5:15-6:00 p.m.

**Serving & Clean-up:  
Explorers/TimeOut Classes**

**Adults & Children:**  
Poppyseed Chicken/White Rice,  
Broccoli, Rolls, Strawberry Dessert  
(Kid's Option—Pizza)

**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—Rev. Michael Cobb

10:30 Contemporary—Dr. Brian Miller

10:30 Traditional—Rev. Michael Cobb

Matthew 28:16-20

*“Reverb: A Life That Echoes—Fruit Production”*

**Our gifts to God!**

**October 11, 2015**  
 Morning Worship—310 Sunday School—205

**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 Capital Campaign	1,419,823
Total Received to Date	1,358,704

## Aldersgate Weekly Calendar of Events

### October 18-24, 2015

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18**

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

11:30 a.m. “Lunch With the Pastor”/Parlor

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. Ecuador Team Meeting/Room 27

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 19**

11:00 a.m. Women’s Study/Room 28

1:00 p.m. Clergy Team Meeting/Administrative Office Conference Room

3:30 p.m. St. James Dance Team/CAC

6:55 p.m. BSF/Chapel, Parlor, All Rooms including 114, excluding 22, 25

7:00 p.m. Career Christians Circle/Room 22

7:00 p.m. Praise Singers’ Rehearsal/Choir Room

7:15 p.m. Men’s Rec. Basketball/CAC

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20**

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

9:30 a.m. Set-up for UMW Unit Meeting/Room 22

10:00 a.m. Christian Outreach Circle/Room 22

10:00 a.m. UMW Unit Meeting/Room 22

11:00 a.m. UMW Unit Meeting Lunch/CAC

3:00 p.m. Discipleship Team Meeting/Admin. Office Conf. Rm.

6:00 p.m. Boy/Cub Scouts/Rooms 15-29, CAC

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21**

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

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

7:00 p.m. Worship Team/CAC

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22**

6:30 a.m. Men’s Emmaus Reunion Group/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 24

6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts/Room 28

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23**

5:15 p.m. BSF Leaders/Room 25