



"To Know Jesus And To Make Him Known"

Good News

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Beginning & Ending with Jesus

Reflection on the life of the church is critically important. Understanding why and how we are organized can go a long way toward evaluating how closely we match what we believe that God is calling us to be. There are many ways that we can accomplish this reflection. However, I believe that Alan Hirsch provides one of the most helpful paradigms.

Christology -----> Missiology -----> Ecclesiology

Now, those are big words, but the concepts are simple. Christology is the study of Christ, from the person to the role Christ plays in the world. Missiology is the study of how we understand our purpose, God's mission through us. Ecclesiology is the study of the Church, its organization and life together. In other words, the only way to be church is to understand our life together as emerging out of our understanding of purpose. The only ways we have an understanding of purpose is to deepen our understanding of who Jesus, the head of the Church, has been, came to be, is, and forever will be.

If we start with anything other than Christ, we will miss the target. We will be something other than the body of Christ, the Church, no matter what our signs say.

This practice of returning to Christology to find our way forward is one of the most rewarding and challenging parts of being a leader in the local church. It's rewarding because I get to see you all live out the life of Christ before one another every day. It's challenging because the pragmatic and popular are appealing but may not align with who Christ is.

Early in Paul's letter to the church in Colossus, Paul lays out an almost creedal Christology, creating a platform from which to encourage the Colossians in their lives of faith. He says that Christ was the revelation of the entire message from God, including the uncovering of a secret. "And this is the secret: Christ lives in you." Paul says (Colossians 1:27). "This gives you assurance of sharing his glory."

So, with the assurance of sharing in Christ's glory, let us at Aldersgate be the body of Christ, informed by God's mission because of our understanding of who Jesus was, is, and evermore will be.

Peace,

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.



MISSION POSSIBLE:

The Great Christmas Cookie Caper
Christmas Cookie Contest and Concert
Sunday, December 6—4:00 p.m., in the CAC

Aldersgate is known for its vast number of talented cooks. We hope that many of the members of your class will provide cookies for everyone to enjoy during our special music and mission project beginning at 4:00. Our mission will be to bake and decorate homemade Christmas cookies, cards and ornaments for us to give to our homebound and food pantry ministries. Many of our choirs and ensembles will be singing for us at the beginning and closing of our activities. "Best of Show", 1st Place, 2nd Place and 3rd Place Cookies will receive an award certificate (and bragging rights of course!) You can sign up to bring cookies by calling Steve Badskey at 272-6152 or email at steve@aldersgateumc.org.

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

Welcome Sara!

The Personnel Committee welcomes Sara Cobb to the staff of Aldersgate as the Contemporary Worship Leader. Sara holds a Master's of Arts with a concentration on Worship Leadership from Asbury Theological Seminary. Sara will begin immediately in this part-time position.

Journey Through the Bible With a Holy Land Pilgrimage

Dr. Jason Borders, Chair of the Department of Religion and Professor of Religion at Huntingdon College, has crafted an experience that allows pilgrims to grow in faith as they walk where Jesus walked. Rev. Jay Cooper will also be a host. The experience is planned for May 30 through June 12, 2016. An informational meeting will be held on November 8 at 3:30 pm in room 24 where Dr. Borders will share about the pilgrimage and provide opportunity for questions.

Fair Trade Tea Spotlight— Wupperthal Original Rooibos Co-op, South Africa

In 1998 against all odds, the Wupperthal Original Rooibos Cooperative was established. It is a group of small-scale farmers who have grown rooibos tea in South Africa for generations. The Wupperthal farmers were pushed off the most fertile land in the 1800's and later endured the apartheid era. They now grow food in the very dry, rocky soil of the Cedarberg Mountains which presents a big challenge for most of their crops. With rooibos, however, the slower growth and lower production has resulted in notably higher quality tea compared to plantation rooibos which is grown on the most fertile lands. Today, 98% of rooibos production is grown on plantations with white landowners, making the Wupperthal co-op a true gem in a rocky landscape. Wupperthal's Rooibos Tea is available at the Aldersgate Fair Trade Store for \$5/box.

Young in Heart

Wayne Nicholson will present a special program to our Young in Heart on Tuesday, November 3 beginning at 11:30. Wayne is a local dance instructor and will show the group some dance moves such as line dancing, square dancing and such. Lunch is available for \$6.00 per person and reservations are needed by Sunday, November 1. Please make reservations by signing up on the provided sheets in the Sunday School classrooms, the Young in Heart bulletin board or call Lynn Ray at 215-1232 or Martha Murphy at 286-5024. The program will be begin around 12:00.

Missions

A big thank-you goes to coordinator Lynn Champion and all of those who helped with this year's EastChase Farmers Market gleaning project. A total of 77 volunteers from Aldersgate and First UMC collected 4,048 pounds of fruits, vegetables, and meats on the 18 Saturdays between June 6 and October 10. Lynn reports that all those who served worked joyfully despite less than ideal weather conditions, such as heat indices well over 100 degrees in July and occasional downpours.

Volunteers distributed collection bags to the participating vendors to be filled with donated produce and other goods, and then picked up the bags, weighed and sorted the items collected, and recorded each donation. Friendship Mission staff and volunteers delivered the gleaned produce to their ladies' and men's shelters for daily meals. The process was a very simple way to gather food, that otherwise would have been discarded, in order to help a vital local ministry feed the homeless.

Children's Ministry



Children's Corner

Our Mission:

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

Calling all cars! We need YOU to participate in Trunk-A-Treat at this year's Fall Festival! This has become a beloved tradition that the children in our community look forward to each year. It's easy to participate: just bring your car, candy, and creativity as we welcome our neighbors to Aldersgate. Parking lot attendants will direct you to the Trunk-A-Treat area when you arrive. All cars will need to be in place no later than 6:30 pm. Trunk-a-Treat will begin at 7:00 pm.

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.

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

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, and 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 2 Sundays.



Aldersgate
United Methodist Church
Blood Drive
In the bloodmobile

Sunday, October 25th
9am to 1pm



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.

No Aldersgate Café



Come to Fall Festival!

There will be no Aldersgate Café or Bible studies on Wednesday, October 28. Everyone is invited to come to our Fall Festival instead. There will be a wide variety of activities and a Hot Dog supper will be served. 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!

Join us for worship this Sunday!

8:15 Chapel Service with
Holy Communion—Rev. Michael Cobb
10:30 Contemporary—Rev. Michael Cobb
Matthew 15:10-20
“Heart Matters”
10:30 Traditional—Dr. Jeremy Pridgeon
Mark 10:46-52
“The Cries of Faith”

Our gifts to God!

October 18, 2015
Morning Worship—322 Sunday School—211

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 25-31, 2015

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

8:15 a.m. Chapel Service with Weekly Communion
9:00 a.m. LifeSouth Blood Drive/Bloodmobile /Parking Lot
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
3:30 p.m. Jr. Bells/Room 29
4:00 p.m. Financial Peace University
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
5:30 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting/Room 26

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

11:00 a.m. Women’s Study/Room 28
1:00 p.m. Clergy Team Meeting
Administrative Office Conference Room
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 27

6:30 a.m. Men’s Breakfast & Bible Study/Room 22
9:00 a.m. History Committee/Room 119

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. Boy/Cub Scouts/Rooms 15-29
6:00 p.m. DeColores Emmaus Cluster Meeting/CAC

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study/Room 26
11:00 a.m. Senior Saints Rehearsal
12:00 p.m. Set-up for Fall Festival/CAC, CAC Kitchen,
Parking Lot
1:00 p.m. Art Class/Room 26
3:00 p.m. Knitting & Crocheting Group/Room 28
5:30 p.m. Fall Festival/CAC, Parking Lot
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Worship Team/CAC



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

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. Finance Committee Meeting/Room 119

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

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