



"To Know Jesus And To Make Him Known"

# Good News

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## From Farmer to You

Making Jesus known requires different actions and choices in different situations. In some cases, we will share our experience with Christ verbally to **make Jesus known. In other cases, we'll roof a house, change a commode, or mow a lawn to make the love of Jesus known.**

This month, we will feature another way that we can make Jesus known. When our purchasing choices allow farmers and artisans around the world an opportunity for fair compensation based on the value of their commodity, we are participating in making the fullness of life Jesus offers known to **those we've never met. This Fair Trade concept has allowed small farmers in remote areas to continue to produce great products and participate in the global economy. Fair Trade items may be a bit more expensive. However, when you choose to buy them, you can be assured that you are directly affecting a small-scale farmer cooperative.**

At their best, the focus of Fair Trade organizations is providing sustainability for the farmer. Equal Exchange, which stocks our Fair Trade Store, located in the hallway between the sanctuary and the education hallway, deals directly with the farmers, provides skills and techniques to improve the farmers' product, and helps farmers join together to improve their community. When we purchase products from the Fair Trade Store, we are impacting lives.

**October is Fair Trade Month. It's an opportunity for you to try something new.** During this month, our fellowship coffee, which is provided every Sunday in the CAC, will feature some great Fair Trade coffees that can be purchased at our Fair Trade Store, located in the hallway between the sanctuary and the education hallway. Christina and I only drink coffee from the Fair Trade Store at our home. The taste and the knowledge of impact are worth a few extra dollars a month.

At the Fair Trade Store, you can also try some of the Fair Trade chocolates. When Halloween rolls around, you may consider purchasing Fair Trade products to share with the children who come by your house. When asked why your candy is different this year, you could share about the fullness of life Jesus offers and how the work of Fair Trade groups to benefit small farmers helps them experience fullness of life. In this way, our making Jesus known will be multiplied.

Peace,

## 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](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

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

## UMCOR Responds to Refugee and Migrant Crisis in Europe

Remembering Jesus' words, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me," we can express our concern for the tens of thousands of exhausted refugees and migrants from the Middle East entering Europe as strangers and hoping to find a safer place to live by making a donation to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). As the humanitarian relief and development agency of the United Methodist Church, UMCOR is dedicated to alleviating human suffering around the globe. To support UMCOR's response to the crisis in Europe, you may donate by placing a check made out to UMCOR Disaster Response, Advance #982450 in the offering plate or by calling 1-800-554-8583, or texting UMCOR(41444). To learn more about UMCOR's response to the refugee crisis in Europe, go to [umcor.org](http://umcor.org).

## Men's Breakfast

### and Bible Study—October



Dr. Brian Miller will be our study leader on October 6 and Rev. Michael Cobb will be our study leader from October 13 through November 3. Join us at 6:30 a.m. in room 22. We'll have breakfast and coffee ready. We are done by 7:30 a.m., but if you need to leave a little

early to beat traffic, that is okay! Join us for fellowship, prayer, time in the Word, and a great breakfast!

## Young in Heart



Smart911 is service that creates a safety profile on your household in case of an emergency. This allows first responders vital information. Representatives from Smart911 will present the Young in Heart program on Tuesday, Oct. 6 in the Christian Activity Center (CAC.) Anyone is welcome to attend.

Lunch will be served at 11:30 (\$6.00 per person) and the program will begin around 12:00. Please make reservations for lunch by signing the provided forms in the Sunday School classrooms, one located on the Young in Heart Bulletin Board, or call Lynn Ray at 215-1232 or Martha Murphy at 286-5024 by Sunday, Oct. 4. The Young in Heart group will also go to lunch together on Wed., Oct. 7, leaving church at 10:45 and returning by 1:00 to Pasta Pizzeria and Grill in downtown Prattville. Signup sheets are also available to make a bus seat reservation.

## DVD of Forum on Mass Incarceration and Prison Reform

A DVD of the Forum on Mass Incarceration and Prison Reform held at Aldersgate on September 24 is available. It includes the very informative presentations by Former Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court, Sue Bell Cobb; and Senior Attorney with the Equal Justice Initiative, Charlotte Morrison; and the inspirational and moving testimony by Anthony Ray Hinton, who was released in April after spending 30 years on death row for two murders that he did not commit. Anyone interested in seeing the DVD or showing it to a class or group in the church may contact Steve Badskey to arrange to borrow the DVD.

## Missions

Once again one of our missionary partners is living in the midst of a major news story – the refugee crisis in Europe. You have probably seen the scenes from Hungary as thousands of Syrian refugees have attempted to cross through Hungary trying to get to a better life in western Europe. The images from the train station and the shelters in Budapest, as well as from other areas, have been heart-breaking.

Szabolcs Kerekes, who shared with us at our last GIC, writes from Budapest, “There is a full chaos in this area in Hungary. All churches have different opinions and try to do something. We are trying to bring together different Missions and the Evangelical Alliance in these weeks to form a common Christian vision and work. Please pray that the Government and Church would find proper ways to help the refugees and also protect our people.” Please join us in praying for Szabolcs as he works to make a difference during this crisis, for the nearly 4 million refugees who have fled Syria, and for the European nations faced with this huge influx of people.

## Children's Ministry



### Children's Corner

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

**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.

**Parents' Night Out is scheduled Friday, October 9!** Children ages infant through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend. Registration is required and can be done online at [www.aldersgateumc.org](http://www.aldersgateumc.org), or by calling the WCM office at 277-0880. The cost is \$15 per child with a family maximum rate of \$40. The price includes dinner, activities, and a snack. Don't miss out on the fun!

## Youth Announcements

**October is here!** As midterms are approaching and the weather is getting cooler, I am praying for each of you as you are in the heat of school stuff. I hope that everyone is doing well.

**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.

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*

### *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. Contact Steve Badskey at 272-6152 or email [steve@aldersgaeumc.org](mailto:steve@aldersgaeumc.org) if you're interested.

### *UMW Sewing and Quilting Group—Correction*

**CORRECTION!** The United Methodist Women's Sewing and Quilting Group will have their first meeting of the fall on Thursday, **October 15** from 9:00 to 12:00 in room 25. Anyone interested in sewing for mission projects is invited to attend. For more information, contact Olive Parsons at 514-6949.

## Thank You...

"I would like to thank all of my Aldersgate family for their support during the recent illness and death of my father, Jack Honaker. The love, prayers, visits and kind words were so very much appreciated.

*Debbie Daniel*

"Judy Pugh would like to thank Dr. Brian Miller and Rev. Steve Badskey for their loving and earnest prayers and visits while I was at Baptist South recently. I'm grateful for all prayers of healing and mercy by the Aldersgate Family."

## Backpack Ministry

Reminder—The Ambassador Class has signed up for the week of October 5-9 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 7, 2015, 5:15-6:00 p.m.

**Serving & Clean-up: Ambassadors Class**

### **Adults & Children:**

BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Macaroni  
& Cheese, Rolls, Peach Cobbler  
(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).

**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

Acts 5:12-17

*“Reverb: A Life That Echoes—Frequency”*
**Our gifts to God!**
**September 27, 2015**

Morning Worship—310      Sunday School—218

**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 4-10, 2015

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4**

- 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. Christian Education/Formation Team/Room 22
- 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

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 5**

- 11:00 a.m. Women's Study/Room 28
- 1:00 p.m. Clergy Team Meeting/Administrative Office Conf. Rm.
- 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 6**

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast & Bible Study/Room 22
- 9:30 a.m. All Staff Meeting/Room 26
- 9:30 a.m. Food Pantry Waiting Room/Room 29
- 11:30 a.m. Young in Heart/CAC
- 6:00 p.m. Boy/Cub Scouts/Rooms 15-29 (not Room 22), CAC
- 6:30 p.m. GO Lead Team/Room 119

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7**

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

- 1:00 p.m. Art Class/Room 25
- 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 8**

- 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
- 1:00 p.m. Vision Impaired Group/Room 23
- 6:00 p.m. East Montgomery Neighborhood Alliance/Chapel
- 7:15 p.m. Worship Team/CAC

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9**

- 5:15 p.m. BSF Leaders/Room 25
- 12:00 p.m. Reality & Truth Ministry/CAC Kitchen
- 5:30 p.m. Parents' Night Out, CAC, Rooms 112, 114 and WCM Wing

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10**

- 3:00 p.m. Ezekiel Academy Set-up/CAC
- 7:00 p.m. Ezekiel Academy/CAC