



"To Know Jesus And To Make Him Known"

# Good News

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You have heard me say over and over again that discipleship is the engine of the church. With each of us deepening our journey with Jesus and our including new followers of Jesus, we become more and more useful for **God's mission. My hope is that each of us find ways to expand our understanding of Jesus, recognize where he is at work, and follow him daily. That is discipleship.**

Over the past 10 months, a discipleship process team from Aldersgate has been guided through a spiritual visioning process by coaches from Spiritual Leadership, Incorporated. During our time, we have discussed how intricately discipleship is tied to our mission as a church, the core values of discipleship at Aldersgate, and what an intentional process for discipleship might look like. Through prayer, study, and discussion, a process emerged that will help us to form disciples.

During worship over the next several weeks, we will be walking through SEED (Seek, Engage, Equip, Deploy). We will identify the clear biblical tie for each step, clarify the goal of each step, and point toward implementation of each step. This is not another program that we are adding to our discipleship ministries. This will be an intentional framework for discipleship. Current programming will be nested in appropriate spots, and new ministries will be created to fill out the framework.

This conversation about an intentional process of discipleship will provide you space to consider your own discipleship. How are you currently **engaged? For what part of God's mission do you need equipping? Where or how do you sense God deploying you as a part of his mission?**

On November 22, we will celebrate Reign of Christ Sunday. On that Sunday, we will have an opportunity to symbolically offer all of who we are to Jesus. I hope that even now you are considering what that looks like for you!

Peace,

## Music Ministry

# The Silence AND THE SOUND

### CHRISTMAS MUSICAL "The Silence and the Sound"

**10:30 a.m., Sunday, December 13**

*A heart stirring presentation featuring the Joyful Bells, Chancel Choir, Children and Youth Choirs and Orchestra*

### MISSION POSSIBLE:

### The Great Christmas Cookie Caper 4:00 p.m. Sunday, December 6

*Christmas Cookie Contest, Mission Projects and Concert*



We hope that everyone will plan to join us for our "Mission Possible: Christmas Cookie Contest – The Great Christmas Cookie Caper" event on Sunday, December 6 at 4:00 in our Christian Activity Center. Aldersgate is known for its vast number of talented cooks and 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" 1<sup>st</sup> Place, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:steve@aldersgateumc.org).

### Senior Saint Fall Schedule

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

### 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.

### Sign-up for Backpack Ministry

Now is the time for past, present, and future volunteers to sign-up to be a part of the Backpack Ministry. The new schedule for the Spring Semester will soon be available and if you would like to take part in this very rewarding ministry, please contact Ted Davis via email ([tndretired@gmail.com](mailto:tndretired@gmail.com)) or by phone/text at 334-354-7853. Thanks to you the most needy children at Chisholm Elementary will have much needed nutrition every weekend.

### Don't Miss Out!

This Sunday is your last chance to order your casseroles! Orders may be placed with UMW members or at our order tables located in the atrium, CAC, or by the parlor. Our last order date is Wednesday, November 4th.

### 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.



### Iron Bowl 2015

*Who Will Win this Year?*



### Alabama vs Auburn Thanksgiving Food Drive



The Food Pantry needs YOUR help to provide 100+ Thanksgiving bags this year. May the BEST Team Win! Sunday, November 1—Sunday, November 15th—Shop for the items listed below and place in the container for your favorite team. Containers will be in the Atrium, CAC, and outside staff offices.

Box of Stuffing	Box of Instant Potatoes
Canned Green Beans	Canned Corn
Canned Yams/Sweet Potatoes	Canned Chicken Broth
Turkey Gravy (Pack/Can/Jar)	Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix
Box of Brownie Mix	

## Missions

One group that supports missions in a big way at Aldersgate is our United Methodist Men Fellowship (UMM). They provide funds to support groups and missions like the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), Society of Saint Andrew, Montgomery Area Food Bank, Common Ground of Montgomery, Boy Scout Troop 307, and Cub Scout Pack 307. They help to underwrite our church's adult and youth mission trips, and award stipends to our seminary students, helping prepare future clergy for their "mission field". Funds are also provided for the Aldersgate Food Pantry and outreach events such as the Fall Festival and VBS.

The UMM want to thank all of you who support their BBQ each year. Two great days of fellowship were had by all the men that worked the event. This year they sold 800 plates plus 36 quarts of pork and 40 chickens, enabling them to provide \$4,000 to the groups above and other, local, national and international projects. After the bulk sales, there were just enough chickens left for the CrossWalk Class to debone and have enough meat to make BBQ chicken sandwiches to serve in the future at Reality and Truth. Thank you all for another great BBQ!

## Children's Ministry

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

Many thanks to those who gave of their time and talents to the families of our community at this year's Fall Festival! Don't forget to join us on Wednesday's for our children's series: Board Games. Each week we hear a new Bible story and play a game that relates to our lesson. Invite a friend and join us at 6:00 in room 114.



## 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).

**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. **I have November 15 and 22 left to fill for hosting Sr. High 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.

**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 on November 15 from 3:30-4, so be ready for this. Remember that ALL meetings are mandatory as well as fund-raising.

**Confirmation retreat is just around the corner—November 6-8.** We will depart from the church at 4:30 on Friday and travel just a short distance to the lake where we will retreat and worship together. We will return around 12 on Sunday afternoon. Look for an email with packing list and further details.

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*

## Backpack Ministry



Reminder—The **Maranatha Class** has signed up for the week of November 2 through November 6 to serve in the Backpack Ministry.

## Aldersgate Food Pantry



### GIVE THANKS—GIVE FOOD

#### November Food of the Month

#### EVERYTHING

Canned—Vegetables, Fruit, Meats, Soups, Baked Beans; Spaghetti & Sauce, Peanut Butter and jelly, macaroni & cheese, crackers, rice, dried beans, cereal, pancake mix & syrup, grits, oatmeal, toilet paper, small sized toiletries.

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

## Fair Trade Chocolate Spotlight

*- Fortaleza del Valle Co-op, Ecuador*

The Fortaleza del Valle Cooperative was founded in 2005 to improve living conditions for small-scale cacao producers in the Manabí Province of Ecuador. This co-op has over 630 farmers as members. The average size of each farm is 2.5 - 12.5 acres, and the farms are diversified to include fruit and timber trees. Fortaleza del Valle works to raise family incomes by improving the yield and quality of its members' cacao. Fair Trade premiums have been used to invest in pre-harvest financing, pruning and replanting of trees to rehabilitate the farms, education and training, and infrastructure for local organizations. Come by the Aldersgate Fair Trade Store to purchase an Ecuador Dark Chocolate Bar for \$3! (Who knew mission work could be so easy!?!)

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## Aldersgate Café

November 4, 2015, 5:15-6:00 p.m.

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

#### Adults & Children:

Spaghetti, Side Salad, Garlic Bread,  
Devils Food Cake

#### 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 17:16-34

*“Stewardship: Seek”*
**Our gifts to God!**
**October 25, 2015**

Morning Worship—322      Sunday School—214

**September, 2015**

Budget for 2015	\$1,200,181
Operating Budget Requirement to Date	900,136
Operating Budget Income Received to Date	899,759
Operating Budget Expenses to Date	872,025
Total Pledges to Capital Campaign	1,419,823
Total Received to Date	1,359,764

## Aldersgate Weekly Calendar of Events

November 1-7, 2015

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

- 8:15 a.m. Chapel Service with Weekly Communion
- 9:15 a.m. All Saints Day Reception/Parlor
- 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

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

- 11:00 a.m. Women's Study/Room 28
- 1:00 p.m. Clergy Team Meeting
- Administrative Office Conference Room
- 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, NOVEMBER 3**

- 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, CAC

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

- 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study/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, NOVEMBER 5**

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry/Rooms 26, 119

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

- 5:15 p.m. BSF Leaders/Room 25
- 8:30 p.m. UMW Casserole Cooking/CAC Kitchen
- 12:00 p.m. Boy Scout Popcorn Pickup & Space Derby/CAC