



"To Know Jesus And To Make Him Known"

Good News

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On Gratitude

Gratitude isn't always easy to conjure. There are times in all of our lives when our circumstances are not our preferences. Things aren't fitting together as well as we would like. We more easily see what is wrong than what is right. We needed sunshine and got rain, or we needed rain and got sunshine.

Dr. Jason Borders, Chairperson of the Department of Religion at Huntingdon College, reminds us that Scripture is a living word. It isn't simply a list of precepts to obey. Instead, it is a story into which we are invited to live. This is a helpful perspective when we read Scripture and just don't feel what it's actually saying.

For example, reading Psalm 105:1, "Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim his greatness," as an invitation to a new outlook on life, presents great possibilities. The psalmist isn't giving a command. He isn't seeking our agreement with his claim. He's inviting us into a life of practicing gratitude. In the context of the entire Psalm, we see that this life of gratitude recognizes the goodness of God throughout history, not only in the here and now.

Here's the amazing beauty of practicing gratitude: It can actually change your life.

Robert Emmons, Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of California at Davis, "Attitude change often follows behavior change. By living the gratitude that we do not necessarily feel, we can begin to feel that gratitude that we live."

So, accepting the psalmist's invitation to a life of thanksgiving builds our gratitude muscles, allowing us to experience more and more of life with thanksgiving.

On November 18, our last Aldersgate Café of 2015 will be a full Thanksgiving meal. During the meal, you'll have a chance for fellowship with other thankful souls. We'll also talk about ways to practice gratitude every day. I hope to see you there!

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
One Combined 10:30 Worship Service with Church-wide Covered Dish Dinner at 11:30*

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 3:30 in our Christian Activity Center. Aldersgate is known for its vast number of talented cooks and we hope that many of our members will provide cookies for everyone to enjoy during our special music and mission project beginning at 3:30. 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.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Thursday, December 24
3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Communion, Carols and Candlelight

Senior Saint Winter Schedule

Sun., Dec. 6	3:30	Sing for Great Christmas Cookie Caper
Thurs., Jan. 14	2:00	Sing at Elmcroft

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 15th is the final day—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	



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CELEBRATING

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SUNDAY

For over a hundred years United Methodist Women (UMW) has been active in our church and worked to support missions at home and abroad, especially on behalf of women, children, and youth. This past year has been very rewarding as our primary focus has been on establishing a relationship and providing support for the mission of the Weekday Children's Ministry (WCM) at Aldersgate where 40 teachers and staff nurture and teach 130 children, nursery through 4K. A highlight of the year was the brunch we had in May to honor the WCM teachers and staff. We also invited the mothers and children from Mary Ellen's Hearth, another ministry supported by UMW.

Over 85 women belong to one of the six Circles that make up the Aldersgate Unit of UMW. Within our Circles we experience the joy of Christian fellowship in the process of realizing the vision of UMW:

"Turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth at home and around the world."

We welcome all women of the church to become part of the UMW Unit at Aldersgate. See UMW Bulletin Board or the insert in this week's bulletin for further information.

Missions

Aldersgate's United Methodist Women strive to be a group of women who know Jesus and make him known. Their mission focus is women, children and youth. These women work diligently to be involved with different types of mission projects locally and internationally, such as our Weekday Children's Ministry, Mary Ellen's Hearth (our local ministry partner that provides transitional housing for women and children), the Family Sunshine Center (a local organization that serves victims of family violence), and the Operation Christmas Child shoebox project.

UMW members plan and promote studies that increase the congregation's awareness of the needs of others and promote ways to serve these individuals. There are six circles meeting at different times and locations each month. There is a circle to fit every woman, and we hope you will consider joining one if you are not already a member. November 15 is UMW Sunday at Aldersgate; look for information about joining a circle and becoming a part of UMW.

Children's Ministry

Our Mission:

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

The Weekday Children's Ministry will hold their annual Thanksgiving Feast on Thursday, November 19 at 5:30 pm in the CAC. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy an evening of fun, food, and fellowship. Turkey, rolls, beverages, and dessert will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share.

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 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

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) 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.

What Is 5 on the 5th?

On the next fifth Sunday (November 29) you will have the opportunity to give \$5.00 or more to help the mothers and children at Mary Ellen's Hearth (MEH) @ Nellie Burge. The mothers and children that call MEH home were once homeless. God is doing a mighty work in this vital ministry, but your help is greatly needed. There will be 5 on the 5th envelopes in the 11/29 bulletin for you to put your gift in and place in the offering plate. Checks should be made to Mary Ellen's Hearth. Thank you for making a difference in these precious ones lives. For more info contact Joetta Davis or George Minglefordff.

Aldersgate's Library

Our Aldersgate library has new Christian fiction books. Some of the best loved authors are: Karen Kingsbury, Lori Wick, Terri Blackstock, Lauraine Snelling and Thomas Kinkade.

Backpack Ministry



Reminder—The **Pathfinders Class** has signed up for the weeks of November 16 through December 18 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.

Aldersgate Café

November 18, 2015, 5:15-6:00 p.m.

Serving & Clean-up:
New Creation Class

Thanksgiving Meal

Adults & Children:

Turkey with Dressing, Candied Yams, Green Beans, Rolls, Banana Pudding
(Kid's Option: Hamburger)

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

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

“Stewardship: Equip”
Our gifts to God!
November 8, 2015

Morning Worship—288 Sunday School—218

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 Faith Promise	82,260
Total Received 4/1/15—10/31/15	47,565

Aldersgate Weekly Calendar of Events

November 15-21, 2015

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

- 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
- 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. Ecuador Team Meeting/Room 25

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

- 11:00 a.m. Women's Study/Room 25
- 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. Career Christians Circle/Room 22
- 7:00 p.m. Praise Singers' Rehearsal/Choir Room
- 7:15 p.m. Men's Rec. Basketball/CAC

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast & Bible Study/Room 22
- 9:00 a.m. Set-up for Christian Outreach Circle/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. Christian Outreach Circle/Room 22
- 10:00 a.m. Lester Spencer Circle/Room 119
- 3:00 p.m. Discipleship Team Meeting
Administrative Office Conference Room
- 6:00 p.m. Boy/Cub Scouts/Rooms 15-29, CAC

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

- 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study/Room 26
- 3:00 p.m. Knitting & Crocheting Group/Room 28
- 5:15 p.m. Aldersgate Café—Thanksgiving Meal/CAC
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Team/CAC

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Emmaus Reunion Group/Parlor
- 8:00 a.m. Newsletter/Bulletin Preparation/Room 26
- 9:00 a.m. Set up for Pathfinder Class Luncheon/Room 22
- 9:30 a.m. Food Pantry Waiting Room/Room 29
- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Group/Room 20
- 11:30 a.m. Pathfinder Class Luncheon/Room 22
- 3:00 p.m. Memorial Service/Chapel
- 3:00 p.m. Set-up for WCM Thanksgiving Feast/CAC
- 4:00 p.m. Refreshments for Memorial Service/Parlor
- 5:30 p.m. WCM Thanksgiving Feast
- 6:00 p.m. Embroidery Guild of America/Room 27
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts/Room 28

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

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