



"To Know Jesus And To Make Him Known"

Good News

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Communion with the Saints

We celebrated "All Saints' Day" this past Sunday and I was reminded again how thankful I am that it always falls on the 1st Sunday of November. Why is that significant? For United Methodists, the 1st Sunday of the month typically means the celebration of Holy Communion. These two events on the same day could not be more appropriate, and as a matter of fact it would be a tragedy if they were not celebrated together. Let me try to explain why.

Our heritage as Methodists gives us a rich theology of Holy Communion. It is not merely a ritual that we celebrate in order to simply remember something that our Savior did with His disciples so many years ago. Rather, we believe and understand that when we come to the table of the Lord in faith, that there are mystical things that occur through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. For instance, "When we eat and drink at the Table, we become partakers of the divine nature in this life and for life eternal (John 6:47-58)." *** To say that another way, our prayer of consecration calls upon the Holy Spirit to make the bread and juice become for us the body and blood of Christ and if we believe that occurs then we take into ourselves this divine nature. This does for us something that is really neat, it removes for us the limitations of the here and now and makes way for us to "commune not only with the faithful who are physically present but with the saints of the past who join us in the sacrament."*** **The time stamp is removed and we eat at Jesus' table with all who, like us, have partaken of the divine nature through communion. So it might not be too far of a stretch to say that when we approach communion in faith we can close our eyes as we eat and imagine that our church fathers, mothers, sisters and brothers who have gone before us are right there with us sharing in the same meal!**

Understanding that gives us all the more hope, expectation and zeal for Jesus to return. Communion is in essence "a foretaste of the future, a pledge of heaven"* that soon we will be feasting at the "heavenly banquet celebrating God's [final and fulfilled] victory over sin, evil, and death"* in the very presence of Christ and those saints whom we love and miss here and now. You see? Doesn't that make it so appropriate that we celebrate "All Saints' Day" and Holy Communion together?

Grace and Peace,

Michael

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

United Methodist Women Annual Bake Sale and Casserole Pick Up

When: Saturday, November 14,
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Where: In our CAC

What: Cakes, Pies, and Breads.

Fair Trade coffee, teas, and chocolate. And a "choose your own cookie box!" Come pick up your casseroles and see all the treats we have for you! Some of the best cooks around will have their best baked goods for sale. Come and fill your freezer with sweets for the holidays. All proceeds go to support our mission projects. See you there!



BAKE SALE



In Memoriam

*Joel Roper
October 28, 2015*

Legacy Gift

Designating a Legacy Gift to Aldersgate's Permanent Endowment Program (PEP), such as a bequest in your Will or as a beneficiary designation in an insurance policy or annuity, is a testimony to your faith and confidence in our church's future. The PEP was established to provide you this opportunity and to aid you in advancing God's Kingdom well into the future. For further information, please go to the church's website and click on Permanent Endowment Fund (PEF), or contact the church office at 272-6152. The staff will put you in contact with an appropriate PEF Committee member.

Permanent Endowment Fund Committee Meeting

There will be a Permanent Endowment Fund Committee Meeting on Thursday, November 12, at 6:00 p.m. in room 26.



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 8—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

Since 1984, Aldersgate has had a ministry relationship with missionary Marion Woods, better known as Don Mario to many in Costa Rica. In 1993 Marion, twice widowed, married Mary Miller from Wetumpka. Her first trip to Costa Rica had been with an Aldersgate mission team in 1986. Marion will be 97 on November 15th; he continues to do quite well even though his memory is faulty now. Marion and Mary have been our missionary partners for several years now and are supported through our Faith Promise giving.

Mary wrote recently of their gratitude for our continued prayer and financial support for their *and our* mission work. "Without you and folks like you we could not even begin to do what God has called us to do. But because He *has* called us, He provides for what He wants done. Thank you for allowing Him to work through your efforts as you reach out to us. You are His hands and feet here with us."

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.

Mark your calendars for Parents' Night Out, Friday, November 13 from 5:30-9:00pm. The cost is \$15 per child and includes dinner and activities. Children ages infant through fifth grade are invited to attend. Registration is required by Thursday, November 12 and may be completed by visiting www.aldersgateumc.org or calling the WCM office at 277-0880.

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.

Confirmation retreat is this weekend—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

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 Mingledorff.

River Region Readers

At 6:00 p.m., Sunday, November 8, in room 119, the book club will discuss *Go Set a Watchman*, by Harper Lee. All are welcome! Come even if you haven't finished the book.

Backpack Ministry



Reminder—The **Berean Class** has signed up for the week of November 9 through November 13 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 11, 2015, 5:15-6:00 p.m.

**Serving & Clean-up:
New Creation Class**

Adults & Children:
Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Peas,
Rolls, Honeybun Cake
(Kid's Option: Fish Sticks)

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

Luke 5:1-11

“Stewardship: Engage”

Our gifts to God!

November 1, 2015

Morning Worship—328 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 Capital Campaign	1,419,823
Total Received to Date	1,359,764

Aldersgate Weekly Calendar of Events

November 8-14, 2015

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

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. Holy Land Trip Meeting/Room 24

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

6:00 p.m. River Region Readers/Room 119

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

8:30 a.m. UMW casserole Cooking/CAC Kitchen

11:00 a.m. Women's Study/Room 25

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

1:00 p.m. Mission Prayer Team/Room 19

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, NOVEMBER 10

6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast & Bible Study/Room 22

8:30 a.m. UMW Casserole Cooking/CAC Kitchen

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/Admin. Ofc. Conf. Rm.

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

6:00 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting/Parlor

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Church Office Closed for Veteran's Day

8:30 a.m. UMW Casserole Cooking/CAC Kitchen

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

11:00 a.m. Symphony League Board/Room 119

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 12

6:30 a.m. Men's Emmaus Reunion Group/Parlor

8:00 a.m. Newsletter/Bulletin Preparation/Room 26

8:30 a.m. UMW Casserole Cooking/CAC Kitchen

9:30 a.m. Food Pantry Waiting Room/Room 29

10:00 a.m. Prayer Group/Room 20

10:15 a.m. Senior Saints Sing at John Knox Nursing Home

1:00 p.m. Vision Impaired Group/Room 23

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

6:00 p.m. PEF Committee Meeting/Room 26

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

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

8:30 p.m. UMW Casserole Cooking/CAC Kitchen

12:00 p.m. Reality and Truth Ministry/CAC Kitchen

5:30 p.m. Parents' Night Out/Rooms 112, 114 & WCM Wing

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

9:00 A.M. UMW Casserole and Bake Sale/CAC