

Good News

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*Merry Christmas from the
Aldersgate United Methodist Church Staff!*

*"The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it." - John 1:5*

*Eliza Brian Michael Brittney
Steve Bill Linda Jimmy Dottie
Sara Lana Allison Dory Katie*

Welcome New Members!

A warm welcome to the newest members of our Aldersgate family, Stephan and Joyce Turnipseed, who come to us by transfer from another local church.

Music Ministry

*Begin the New Year
with a Song in Your Heart*

Join us for a choir rehearsal soon. Our Chancel Choir will resume rehearsals at 7:00 on Wednesday nights on January 6, our Junior Bells, Carol Choir and Joyful Bells will resume rehearsal on January 10.

Music Opportunities at Aldersgate
Listed below is just a glimpse of some of the musical opportunities offered here at Aldersgate:

Sunday Schedule

Carol Choir (grades 1-6) - 4:30 p.m.

Youth Choir (grades 7-12) - 4:30 p.m.

Joyful Bells (adult) - 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday Schedule

Chancel Choir (adult) - 7:00 p.m.

Angel Choir (ages 3-5) - 6:00 p.m.

Senior Saints (sr. adult) - TBA Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.

Aldersgate Orchestra (adults and youth) -
Wednesdays and Sundays as needed TBA

Plus all of our ensembles for voices and instruments.

Visitors are always welcome at any of our rehearsals.
Come join us!!

*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. Email Steve Badskey steve@aldersgateumc.org or call him at 272-6152 if you're interested.

Senior Saint Winter Schedule

Thurs., Jan. 14 2:00 Sing at Elmcroft



In Memoriam

*Ruby Roper
December 21, 2015*



In Memoriam

*Virginia Murphy
December 21, 2015*

First Newsletter of 2016

Look for your first 2016 "Good News" Newsletter, dated January 10, around January 6-9.

Financial Contributions for 2015



All financial contributions made to Aldersgate for the 2015 calendar year must be received in the church office by noon OR postmarked by December 31, 2015. Please be mindful of that deadline for your tax purposes. Thank you for your generosity to Aldersgate UMC!

Pastoral Care—544-0168

While we hope all are well during this Christmas season, we know that difficulties and emergency health situations arise in all seasons. As always, the ministerial staff of Aldersgate will be on call to offer support. If the church office is not open when an emergency arises, call 544-0168. One of the ministers will be scheduled to answer. Have a safe and healthy Christmas and New Year!

Fair Trade Holiday Chocolates

These delicious bite-sized chocolates are beautifully packaged, making them perfect for a Christmas gift. Adorned with snowflakes, each box includes 20 minis for \$6. Available in Dark or Milk Chocolate while supplies last. Support farmers in developing countries by buying from the Aldersgate Fair Trade store!



Missions

Our annual cookie project was a great success. We packaged over 1600 cookies! We sent 250 festive packages to MACOA to add to their Christmas gift bags for the neediest Meals on Wheels recipients and left goody bags for all of our WCM and church staff. We also provided several larger packages of cookies for our food pantry recipients.



Our third annual Global Impact Celebration will be April 15-17, 2016. Our previous GICs were a blessing to all who attended, including our missionary guests. We are looking forward to another exciting weekend of worship, testimonies, fellowship, and wonderful blessings. Mark your calendar now and save the dates. There will be plenty of volunteer opportunities; pray about how you can be involved. You don't want to miss being a part of GIC 2016!

Children's Ministry



Our Mission:

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

Children ages kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to join us for 3D Kids worship in the chapel at 10:30 on Sunday. Parents can sign their children in beginning at 10:20. This week we will continue our Bethlehem in a bubble series and discover just whose birthday it really is.

The WCM would like to thank all who assisted with the preschool Christmas program. We had a full house and a wonderful time listening to the children present the good news of Christ's birth. The WCM is grateful for the ongoing support of the United Methodist Women and the many others who assist in ministering to our families each and every day.

Youth Announcements

As of right now if you are going to Colombia, you should have paid \$350 to date. A payment of \$250 was due on Sunday, December 13. I know that it is really close to Christmas and things are tight right now, but we desperately need to buy the airline tickets and to do that, we need some money. If you have any questions regarding payment, travel, well anything really, please do not hesitate to contact me. Remember that ALL meetings are mandatory as well as fundraising. Our next meeting will be on February 21 at 3:00 p.m.



Winter Retreat is literally a month away!! It is so crazy to think about. January 15-17, we will leave the church at 5:00 to travel to Camp Alamisco. It is \$85 a person or \$135 for families. There will be other churches going with us including Lucas Tribble's youth. Lucas and I have been working on the weekend and we have an awesome theme planned for you all "Love Joy" - stay tuned for what that

means to us. It will be a great weekend of worship, games, and lots of food. Y'all invite your friends. If you have a friend come with you, we will count that person as part of your family and you can have the family discount. Please start signing up NOW and bringing your form and money. We need to start planning on how many supplies and how much food we will need.

Youth Talent Night is February 7. This is the event that will take place of the Silent Auction. It will look very similar in that there will still be dinner, entertainment and a chance to buy cool stuff. There will not be a silent auction though. Instead, we will have several "big ticket" items that will hopefully bring in lots of money. If you have something of great value that you could donate such as football tickets, let us know. There will be more information about this soon after Christmas. If you have any questions, feel free to ask.

Bible Study Resources

Bible Study resources in the Aldersgate Library are located on the shelves to the left of the door in room 21. Check them out to enrich your personal study.

Reminder...

If you haven't already, add your Estimate of Giving Card to an already strong response! So far, we have received 162 cards for a total commitment of \$883,338. You can find blank Estimate of Giving Cards and a box in which to place it in the Atrium and Christian Activity Center. You may also choose to mail yours to the church.

Empty Pill Bottles?



If anyone has any empty pill bottles to recycle, please bring them to the church. There will be a box outside the Program Staff Office to put them in. If you have any questions, please contact Ronnie Watkins at 272-2212.

Calendar Items for 2016

Please be sure to contact Linda in the church office (office@aldersgateumc.org or 272-6152) if you need to schedule rooms for meetings or events in 2016.



Please note: meetings do not carry over from year to year, they need to be rescheduled at the beginning of each year.

Aldersgate Food Pantry



TIS THE SEASON OF GIVING

PLEASE "MEAT" THE NEED

December Food of the Month



CANNED MEATS



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

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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
Luke 2:41-52

“That Time Mary & Joseph Lost Jesus”

Our gifts to God!

December 20, 2015

Morning Worship—320 Sunday School—220

September, 2015

Budget for 2015	\$1,200,181
Operating Budget Requirement to Date	1,104,166
Operating Budget Income Received to Date	1,129,557
Operating Budget Expenses to Date	1,071,515
Total Pledges to Capital Campaign	1,419,823
Total Received to date	1,360,994

Aldersgate Weekly Calendar of Events
December 27, 2015—January 2, 2016

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

- 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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

- 11:00 a.m. Women’s Study/Room 25
- 1:00 p.m. Clergy Team Meeting
Administrative Office Conference Room
- 5:30 p.m. Grief Support Group/Room 25
- 7:15 p.m. Men’s Rec. Basketball/CAC

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

- 9:30 a.m. Administrative Staff Meeting/Room 26
- 3:00 p.m. Discipleship Team Meeting
Administrative Office Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

- 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study/Room 26
- 3:00 p.m. Knitting & Crocheting Group/Room 28

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

- 6:30 a.m. Men’s Emmaus Reunion Group Meeting
Parlor
- 8:00 a.m. Newsletter, Bulletin Preparation/Room 26
- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Group/Room 20
- 2:30 p.m. WCM New Year’s Eve PJ Party/CAC

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1

- 6:00 p.m. Scout Lock-in, Training, OA Banquet/CAC

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

- 7:00 a.m. Scout Lock-in, Training, OA Banquet/CAC

