

# Good News

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## Confirmation

On May 15, eight young people will be confirmed in the faith. Through the last 9 months, they have learned together, served together, re-treated together, and prayed together. In the process, they have grown in their understanding of the Triune God and his Church. Now, they come before us to profess their own faith being made firm. This is no small step. No longer simply on the constituent roll or members through Baptism only, they are full professing members of Christ's Holy Church, responsible for living into his mission and able to serve in any capacity.

Let us welcome these fellow missionaries and followers of Christ:

Sara Kathryn Barton  
Carissa Ann Gilbert  
Colton Curtis Jones  
Brasher Vann Miller III

Phoebe Hawkes Miller  
Madison Claire Morgan  
Parker Carl Stephens  
Preston Phillip Stephens



## Children's Ministry

**The countdown to Wonderful Wednesdays is ON!** Our kick-off is June 1 from 10:00 am-Noon in room 22. Join us as we take a road trip through the Bible and discover that no matter where we go, God is with us. We will meet each Wednesday in June and July, with the exception of July 13, due to VBS. This is a great opportunity to bring a friend, or invite a neighbor who is new to the area. All elementary children (grades K-5) are invited!

## Youth Announcements

**HUB**—May 4 was our last HUB night for the Spring. We will be having Summer HUB at the end of June.

**Sunday Nights**—This Sunday is our last night of activities for Spring. We will have an All Together Night where we will celebrate our Confirmands!

**Sunday Mornings**—Come and join us at 9:15 for fellowship and Jesus. This Sunday is Confirmation Sunday. I encourage everyone to come to worship to support them and celebrate this amazing time in their lives.

**I hope that you all have a great end to the school year!!!**

*Brittney*

## General Conference 2016

Every four years, United Methodist delegates from every conference around the world meet to celebrate what God has done and determine priorities and guidelines for the future of the United Methodist Church. This is the only body that speaks on important issues regarding the UMC. On May 10-20, nearly 900 delegates will converge on Portland, Oregon for this great purpose.

Please pray for our delegates from the Alabama-West Florida Annual Conference and for every delegate. Their work is long and sometimes difficult. Our church, of course, depends on guidance from God at all times.

If you would like to read more about General Conference or even watch proceedings online, visit [umc.org](http://umc.org).

## 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@aldersgateumc.org](mailto:steve@aldersgateumc.org) if you're interested.

THE GREAT COMMISSION: SENDING DISCIPLES

# SEND INFO

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2016

The annual conference planning team, directed by Bishop Paul Leeland, is pleased to announce that this year's missional giving recipient for the 2016 Annual Conference special offering is the AWF Disaster Response & Recovery Ministry.

This team is committed to providing the loving presence of Christ as we respond to natural disasters within our conference and across the connection. The ministry provides a framework of resources and training for the local church and district, thus strengthening response within our communities.

We invite you to give generously to this ministry that has helped thousands over the years. It's not if, it's when. Natural Disasters will always be present and we must be ready to appropriately respond. This offering will be collected at the opening worship service of Annual Conference on Sunday, June 12, 2016, at Frazer Memorial UMC. You may also donate online at [www.awfumc.org/disasteroffering](http://www.awfumc.org/disasteroffering). (See our bulletin insert for more information.)

## Altar Flowers

The Worship Committee would like to remind all church members that they can honor the life or memory of someone special by donating flowers on the altar in the sanctuary. If you want to designate a Sunday when you or your class would like to purchase the flowers, all you need to do is contact Allison Frost in the church office at [allison@aldersgateumc.org](mailto:allison@aldersgateumc.org) or 272-6152. The weekly cost for the flowers is \$50.00. We encourage you to remember this opportunity throughout the year and select a date that you would like to reserve.

Thank You,  
Aldersgate Worship Committee

## Backpack Ministry

Reminder—The **Alexander family** has signed up for the weeks of **May 15—May 22** to serve in the Backpack Ministry.



## Aldersgate Food Pantry



MAY FOOD OF THE  
MONTH



CANNED VEGETABLES  
(4 PER BAG)

In the first quarter of 2016, the Food Pantry disbursed 231 bags of food, serving almost 600 people. This was a total of 924 cans of vegetables!! Please help us continue meeting the needs of our community.

## Music Ministry



**Praise Singers Spring Concert**  
**Sunday, May 15**  
**Christian Activity Center**  
**6:00 Covered Dish Supper**  
**(Meat and drinks are provided)**  
**6:30 Concert**

*Bring a canned good for our Church Pantry*

### Senior Saints Spring Schedule

Fri., May 20                      1:00 p.m.                      Sing at Cara Vita

## Hosts Needed for Family Promise

Aldersgate will be hosting families for Family Promise May 15-21. We need volunteers who would be willing to serve as dinner hosts and overnight hosts so that the families may experience the love Christ during their stay with us. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Michael Cobb at [michael@aldersgateumc.org](mailto:michael@aldersgateumc.org) or 334)356-3698.

## Ecuador Mission Team

Many of us are often moved to help others at home or across the world when a natural disaster strikes. The recent earthquakes in Japan and Ecuador are two recent events where we may be called to help out. While the city of Quito where our Ecuador Team will be working was not damaged, the country is still reeling from the devastation to the coastal areas. At this time the Team does not foresee a change in their work plans when they arrive in late June, but they will be collecting some specific relief items such as food, medicine, and health kits before they go. Here are the ways that those that feel called to help now can do so:

1. Pray for Ecuador & Japan, especially the towns of Manta, Portoviejo and Pedernales in Ecuador.
2. Send items with the Ecuador team in late June. There will be specific instructions on what will be collected and when within the coming few weeks.
3. Support the work of United Methodist Committee on Relief. Donations should be made to the Disaster Response, International (#982450) project.

Giving can be done on-line at: [https://secure3.convio.net/gbgm/site/SPageNavigator/umcor\\_donate.html?type=1002&project=982450](https://secure3.convio.net/gbgm/site/SPageNavigator/umcor_donate.html?type=1002&project=982450)

## River Region Readers

(Please Note Changes which are Underlined)



Join the book club at 5:00 p.m. Sunday, May 15, in room 119 as we discuss *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls. All are welcome! Come even if you haven't finished the book. We will be discussing *The Boston Girl* by Anita Diamant at 6:00 p.m., June 19.

## Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study & Breakfast

Rev. Michael Beale, Pastor of WellSpring Church in Prattville/Wetumpka and former Associate Pastor of Aldersgate is bringing us the Word for the month of May. As always, a great breakfast is ready at 6:30 a.m. We will be finished by 7:30 a.m. We meet in room 22—hope to see you—and bring a friend!

## Missions

Recently, we participated in the Baby Bottle Boomerang Project with Sav-A-Life, a ministry that helps women in our community with pregnancy needs such as: testing, ultrasound confirmation, counseling and emotional support, nurse consultation, post-abortion recovery and support, parenting education, and material support of baby items. Through their ministry lives are saved, families are created and futures are made possible and brighter. They bring hope out of despair, love out of fear and grace from condemnation.

Through your generous efforts, Aldersgate collected \$1,084.20! To put that in perspective, we are one of 10 churches that have participated in this project so far this year, and we collected more than 15% of the total raised. Thank you for your generosity and for the love that it displays.



*Georgia Moon*  
*May 5, 2016*

*In Memoriam*

**Join us for worship this Sunday!**

**Our gifts to God!**

8:15 Chapel Service with  
Holy Communion—Dr. Brian Miller

10:30 Contemporary—Rev. Michael Cobb

10:30 Traditional—Dr. Brian Miller

Acts 2:1-21

*“What Does This Mean”*

<b>May 1, 2016</b>	
Morning Worship—342	Sunday School—196
<b>April, 2016</b>	
Budget for 2016	\$1,232,669
Operating Budget Requirement to Date	410,479
Operating Budget Income Received to Date	406,299
Operating Budget Expenses to Date	401,592
Total Pledges to Capital Campaign	1,419,823
Total Received to Date	1,365,709

*Aldersgate Weekly Calendar of Events*  
May 15-21, 2016

<p><b>SUNDAY, MAY 15</b></p> <p>8:15 a.m. Chapel Service with Weekly Communion</p> <p>9:15 a.m. Sunday School for Adults, Youth, Children</p> <p>9:15 a.m. Confirmation Class/Room 29</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service/Sanctuary</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service/CAC</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Adult Scouts/Rooms 19, 22, 23, 26, 119</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Joyful Bells/Room 29</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Youth Choir/Choir Room</p> <p>5:00 p.m. River Region Readers/Room 119</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Praise Singers Concert/CAC</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Red Bird Mission Team Meeting/Room 22</p> <p><b>MONDAY, MAY 16</b></p> <p>11:00 a.m. Women’s Bible Study/Room 25</p> <p>1:30 p.m. Clergy Team Meeting Administrative Office Conference Room</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Career Christians Circle/Room 25</p> <p><b>TUESDAY, MAY 17</b></p> <p>6:30 a.m. Men’s Breakfast &amp; Bible Study/Room 22</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Administrative Staff Meeting/Room 26</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Food Pantry Waiting Room/Room 29</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Christian Outreach Circle &amp; Lester Spencer Circle/Home of Mamie Sellers</p> <p>3:00 p.m. Discipleship Team Meeting Administrative Office Conference Room</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Cub/Boy Scouts—Rooms 22, 25, 26, CAC,</p>	<p>Pavilion</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Piano Recital/Choir Room</p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY, MAY 18</b></p> <p>9:30 a.m. The Covenant Bible Study/Room 26</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p> <p><b>THURSDAY, MAY 19</b></p> <p>6:30 a.m. Men’s Emmaus Reunion Group Meeting/Parlor</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Newsletter, Bulletin Preparation/Room 26</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Set-up for Pathfinder Class Lunch/Room 22</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Food Pantry Waiting Room/Room 29</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting/Room 20</p> <p>11:30 a.m. Pathfinder Class Lunch/Room 22</p> <p><b>FRIDAY, MAY 20</b></p> <p>1:00 p.m. Senior Saints Sing at Cara Vita</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Preparation for Dance Class/CAC</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Dance Classes/CAC</p> <p><b>SATURDAY, MAY 21</b></p> <p>3:00 p.m. Preparation for Dance Class Recital/CAC</p> <p>3:00 p.m. Dulcimer Group Picnic/Pavilion</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Dance Class Recital/CAC</p>
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