



"To Know Jesus And To Make Him Known"

Good News

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Discipleship

Discipleship is the most important thing we do as a church. Our budget may look great. Our facilities may be finely appointed and vast. Our rooms may be full. However, if we are not discipling one another in Jesus, all of those other pieces are worthless rubbish.

Discipleship is the very heart of who we are at Aldersgate. We are **"to know Jesus" in deeper, more fulfilling and challenging ways as well as "to make him known" to others. Every one of us is to be a disciple, and every one of us is to be a disciple maker.**

Mike Breen, an innovative pastor and author, equates discipleship with the engine in a car. The body can be shiny and nice. However, **if the engine is absent, you don't have a car; you have a hunk of metal. Breen goes so far as to say, "If you make disciples, you will always get the church; but if you try to build the church, you will rarely get disciples."**

What does your following of Jesus look like today? What do you have in place to keep you on the journey?

Who are you discipling? Are there people God has placed under your influence who could use some direction?

In other words, how well are you getting to know Jesus and in what ways are you making him known?

Peace,



Music Ministry



September is music participation month at Aldersgate. All of our choirs and ensembles are beginning their rehearsals this month. Our total music ministry includes over 140 different adults, youth and children who are actively involved, with a choir available for everyone from age 3 years old through senior adult. Come join us at a rehearsal soon!

Music Opportunities at Aldersgate

Below is just a glimpse of some of the musical opportunities offered here at Aldersgate:

(Sunday Schedule—September 13)

Joyful Bells	(children/youth)	4:00 p.m.
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Carol Choir	(grades 1-6)	4:30 p.m.

(Wednesday Schedule—September 16)

Angel Choir	(ages 3-5)	6:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir	(adult)	7:00 p.m.
Senior Saints	(senior adult)	2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.
Aldersgate Orchestra	(adults & youth)	Wednesdays and Sundays as needed

Plus all of our ensembles for voices and instruments.

*Visitors are always welcome at any of our rehearsals;
come join us!*

Calling All Potential Saints!

If you enjoy singing favorite hymns and if you've ever sung, hummed or whistled in the tub or shower at some time in your life, you're qualified to come! Come join the rest of us Senior Saints as we prepare to share a new musical program with nursing homes, retirement centers and rehab facilities in our city. We will kick off this year with a covered dish luncheon in room 22 at 11:00 on Wednesday, September 9. (No Halo Required!)

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study

Dr. Brian Miller will be our study leader through the month of September. Join us at 6:30 a.m. in room 22. We'll have breakfast and coffee ready. We are done by 7:30 a.m., but if you need to leave a little early to beat traffic, that is okay! Join us for fellowship, prayer, time in the Word, and a great breakfast!

Church-wide Missions Potluck Dinner

September 9 at 5:30 p.m.

Special guest: Lauren Sievers,
former missionary to China

Plus highlights from recent
youth and adult mission trips

Young in Heart

Rev. Michael Cobb will kick off the program of the Young in Heart Group on Tuesday, September 1 at 11:30 in the Christian Activity Center. Michael will present a "fireside chat" where he will talk about his life and ministry. A full lunch is available beginning at 11:30 for \$6.00 per person. Reservations are needed by Sunday, August 30. Please sign your name to the provided signup sheets in the Sunday School classrooms, the one located on the Young in Heart bulletin board, (located across from the program offices) or call Lynn Ray at 215-1232 or Martha Murphy at 286-5024. The program will begin around noon. All are invited to attend.

Prayer Room

During our Breakthrough sermon series on prayer, an experiential prayer room has been set up in room 20. It will be available during church hours to allow us to journey in prayer together. Feel free to utilize this room over the next several weeks as part of your personal prayer life for purposeful time and space to meet with God.

Missions

Five years ago, Red Bird Christian School with a K-12 enrollment of 152 students announced that they were closing their doors due to lack of funds. For 90 years, this private Christian school had been providing quality education to students from the impoverished areas of eastern Kentucky. School alumni, individuals, organizations and churches, including Aldersgate and some of our UMW circles, stepped in with enough donations to keep the school open. Annually we are able to continue our support of the school through your Faith Promise giving.

Today, 90% of student costs are covered by contributions from individuals and groups looking to brighten the future of a child through a Christ-centered education. Red Bird Christian School is thriving under a new administration; enrollment has climbed to well over 200 students. The dorms for non-resident high-school students have been reopened. (Our 2014 team helped to remodel the girls dorm.) Red Bird Mission is excited about raising up the next generation of Christian leaders. They ask us to join them in praying that in all they do God will be glorified.

Children's Ministry



Children's Corner

Our Mission:

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

Our children's department is growing and we need your help! We are looking for volunteers to serve as greeters and assistants for 3D Kids Children's Worship! We need adults age 19 and older to serve once a month in this exciting and interactive worship service. All adult volunteers will receive Safe Sanctuary training and a background check before serving. Please contact Katie Blair, Director of Children's Ministries to sign up (katie@aldersgateumc.org or 356-5979).

Our first Parents' Night Out of the year is just around the corner, so mark your calendars for Friday, September 11! We will meet the second Friday of each month from 5:30-9:00 pm September through May. Children ages infant through 5th grade are invited to attend. Registration is required and can be done online at www.aldersgateumc.org, or by calling the WCM office at 277-0880. The cost is \$15 per child with a family maximum rate of \$40. The price includes dinner, activities, and a snack. September's theme is all about apples! We will have apple art, apple games, eat an apple snack, and hear a story about Johnny Appleseed. Pizza will be served for dinner. Don't miss out on the fun!

Youth Announcements

Hello All!!

I hope that everyone is settling in nicely to the school routine once again. I am excited for fall and getting things kicked off with you guys. HUB is back in action and you can join us on Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00. We will adjust that time a little bit once the adult small groups start back up. Small groups will begin on September 13th. Yes, originally it was scheduled to start on the 6th however, with that being labor day weekend, we will push it back a week. I will be emailing parents to volunteer their homes and cooking skills for small groups so if you would like to take part in this, please go ahead and contact me. I am praying for each of you and look forward to seeing you at our next gathering.

Brittney Liebke, Director of Youth Ministries

31st Annual UMM BBQ October 16th and 17th

Our 31st annual UMM BBQ will be Friday, October 16th and Saturday, October 17th. We will be selling plates on Saturday the 17th, but work starts the morning of the 16th. Come on out and have some fun while we do what men do best – cook over fire! Oh, and we will also raise funds for missions and ministry while we are at it!

Ticket Sales

We need lots of help selling tickets to family, friends, and co-workers. If you run a business (or know someone that does) that would like to treat its workers to lunch on Saturday, we'll even deliver large orders. Tickets are available now. You will need to see Jim Snyder to get tickets to sell (at the greeter station in the Christian Activity Center for the early service, call 272-3548 or e-mail jos@charter.net). We also need some men to volunteer to sit at tables before and after both worship services as well as Wednesday night suppers for a couple of weeks before the BBQ.

Volunteer to Work

We will begin around 8 am on Friday morning and cooking will continue around the clock until Saturday morning. Pork pulling and assembling plates begins early Saturday and continues until we are done in the afternoon. We need plenty of volunteers to work all shifts Friday and Saturday. To volunteer to work any shift, call Robert Thompson (396-1174; 850-2794) or aldersgateumm@gmail.com to sign up.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Kathy and Terry Zahul on the birth of their son, Houston Allan Zahul, born August 14, 2015. Houston Allan is the great-grandson of Mary Virginia Stanford.

Backpack Ministry



Reminder—The Maranatha Class has signed up for the week of August 31 through September 4 to serve in the Backpack Ministry.

War Room

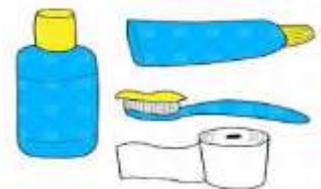
The upcoming film, *War Room*, from the creators of *Fireproof*, *Courageous*, and *Facing the Giants*, is a powerful film about the importance and significance of prayer that reminds us that life...marriage, family, work, etc...is lived out on a spiritual battlefield, not a fairytale storybook or romantic balcony. The characters are realistic and these life situations mirror many of our own daily struggles.

As we, as a congregation pursuing breakthrough in this area of prayer over the next 5 weeks, a group from our church will attend the movie Sunday, August 30 at the 4:00 showing at the Carmike Theaters. We have purchased a block of 70 tickets to sell on a first-come basis. Please contact Jill Murphy (bjmurf6@yahoo.com) or 271-2532 or see her at the church to reserve and pay for your tickets. If unable to go at this timeframe with the group, we encourage you to go see this movie and offer to take a friend.

Aldersgate Food Pantry

September is Stock a Bathroom Cabinet Month

TOILET PAPER &
SMALL SIZE TOILETRIES



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

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

Romans 8:26

Breakthrough: What If I Don't Feel Like Praying?

Our gifts to God!

August 23, 2015

Morning Worship—329 Sunday School—209

July, 2015

Budget for 2015	\$1,200,181
Operating Budget Requirement to Date	696,105
Operating Budget Income Received to Date	689,740
Operating Budget Expenses to Date	680,740
Total Pledges to Capital Campaign	1,419,823
Total Received to Date	1,357,224

Aldersgate Weekly Calendar of Events
August 30—September 5, 2015

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

- 8:15 a.m. Chapel Service with Weekly Communion
Chapel
- 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
- 11:45 a.m. Ecuador Interest Meeting/Parlor
- 3:30 p.m. Meet at Carmike Theater to Watch
War Room Movie
- 4:30 p.m. Joyful Bells/Room 29
- 6:00 p.m. *War Room* Movie Discussion/Room 22

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

- 11:00 a.m. Women's Study/Room 28
- 1:00 p.m. Clergy Team Meeting/Administrative
Office Conference Room
- 5:30 p.m. Jazzercise/CAC
- 7:15 p.m. Men's Rec. Basketball/CAC

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

- 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 22, 25, 26, CAC

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

- 2:00 p.m. Art Class/Room 25
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

- 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
- 5:30 p.m. Jazzercise/CAC
- 6:00 p.m. PPR Committee Meeting/Parlor,
Room 27
- 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry/Rooms 26, 119
- 7:15 p.m. Worship Team/CAC